



## Dear Parents and Friends

It is hard to believe that it is the end of Term 1 already. As always it has been a busy and productive first term.

The holidays are a chance to rest up and recharge for the next Term.

Term 2 is always very busy, with winter sport starting and many co-curricular activities really getting underway. It is also when senior students will have a lot of internal assessments so it is important to be rested and organised to take on the challenges of next term.

Congratulations to all our Merit Award winners it is recognition of all your hard work and commitment. Enjoy the holiday.

### Late start : 10am Thursday 3 May

School will start at 10am on this day to allow staff to engage with a new professional development programme that is being implemented at Birkenhead College. When students arrive at school, they need to go straight to Period 2 (Day 3) on their timetable.

## Congratulations!

**Madeline Pastor-Pasi** traveled to Brisbane, Australia to compete as part of the North Harbour team, in the Australian National Synchronised Swimming Championships over the Easter break.

This competition attracted 17 clubs from 6 countries and competition was of a very high standard, as a selection event for Australian national teams.

Maddy won a bronze medal for her performance in the Junior Tech Solo and achieved her personal best. North Harbour is very proud of her attitude, effort and performance - Well done Maddy!

Maddy has also been selected by Synchro Swim NZ to compete in the National NZ team and will be traveling to Argentina and Brazil to compete in 2 competitions, and attend a training camp in Rio at the end of this year.



## Squash at BC

Beach Haven Squash Club have been holding coaching sessions for our PE classes this week. They brought along their portable

squash courts and students were able to give the sport a go. Any students wanting to take the sport further are welcome to join the club or attend the holiday programme 16-19 April. Contact Paul Cornish [president@sheperdsparksquash.org.nz](mailto:president@sheperdsparksquash.org.nz).



## Coming up next Term...

### Rockquest performances:

Come support the performances by the groups competing in the annual Smokefree Rockquest competition in the BGT at lunchtime on the 4th & 10th May. Gold coin donation.



### Battle of the bands:

Come rock out and watch BC's own bands put on a wicked show and battle it out for the bragging rights and pride of being crowned BC's no.1 band - 18th May.

### BC Idol:

Come enjoy BC's finest singers who will be showcasing their amazing voices, in hopes of being crowned BC's Idol, in the BGT at lunchtime on 30th May. Gold coin donation.

### So You Think You Can Dance:

Come watch BC's talented dancers go all out to show everyone why they think they can dance. BGT at lunchtime on 7th June. Gold coin donation.

### BC's Got Talent:

Come along to be wowed by the range of performing arts skills BC students have to offer. Although there are many talents on display, there can be only one winner. 29th June, lunchtime in the BGT. Gold coin donation.

### Lip Sync:

Guaranteed entertainment as students silently perform some of the greatest hits, to be named our lip sync champion. Lunchtime on the 4th July in the BGT. Gold coin donation.



## Term 1 Junior Merit Awards

AA - Academic Achievement, CL - Commitment to Learning, PCO - Positive Contribution to the Learning of Others



Year 9

Year 10

**Year 9** - 9AL: Jahra Cabaron (AA), Jack Macpherson (CL), Robert Jameson (PCO). 9MB: Colby Kemp (AA), Kiann Bailey (CL), Lillyvaine Vaenuku (PCO). 9MG: Faye Gacayan (AA), Jaydene Claire Fuller (CL), Chanel Ah Kuoi (PCO). 9MT: Ella Graham (AA), Yui Toba (CL), Louis Le Comte (PCO). 9NX: Tahlia Coward (AA), Bayjour Wilson (CL), Alicia Byrne (PCO).

**Year 10** - 10BY: Malama Fuataimi (AA), Emma Pratley (CL), Tenzin McMillan (PCO). 10KI: John Holganza (AA), Brendan Lance Vilan (CL), Jaevyn Ayson (PCO). 10NS: Charlotte Sutton (AA), Danielle Marie Caballero (CL), Ben Jeffers (PCO). 10PA: Brett Mataafa (AA), Rachel Samuel (CL), Yasheel Pratap (PCO). 10PD: Rosie Randall (AA), Aimee Wicks (CL), Marzia Mlika (PCO).



## Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

The annual SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival is in its 27<sup>th</sup> year. A group of 5 keen thespians from Birkenhead College prepared a 5 minute scene from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' for the North Auckland regionals, which were held Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April at Albany Junior High School. There were 64



other scenes entered from a variety of North Shore Intermediate and High schools, vying for spots in the national competition to be held in Wellington. This was the first time these students had entered a scene in the competition and their performance was entertaining and engaging. **Alexandra Farley** directed and performed alongside **Juliet Glasgow**, **Nicole Issel**, **Nadine Manirambona** and **Cathryn Quedley-Smith**. This talented group is looking forward to returning to the competition in 2019. Special thanks go to **Ms Carr** for her support of the group on the day.

*Extreme right of photo—Ms Reid, Head of Drama*



## Term 1 Senior Merit Awards

### Year 11 - Sustained Academic Excellence

Dakota Kahi 11CR, Shelley Lee 11CR, William Hawkins 11NN, Viktor Neshikj 11NN, Maddie Gray 11PN, Dagmara Rudolph 11PN.



*Year 11*

### Year 12 - Commitment to Learning

Brooklyn Boyed 12AN, Benjamin Frisby 12AN, Mary Kara Junel Gomez 12AN, Anna Hain 12GB, James Moir 12GB, Dawn Sadsad 12GB, Zeke Scouller 12GB, Jessica Gao 12HM, Juliet Glasgow 12KR, Jacob Hutchinson 12KR, Ben Carswell 12MY, Milly Darragh 12MY, Nadine Manirambona 12MY, Alba Mlika 12MY.



*Year 12*

*Year 13*

### Year 13 - Commitment to Learning

Daniel Anderson-Lambert 13BT, Ashton Fox 13BT, Daniel O'Brien 13BT, Max Bramley 13CB, Adib Ghulam-Ali 13CB, Shannon Messenger 13CB, Richie Wijaya 13CB, Daniel Forster 13ME, Seiya Shimizu 13ME, Asumi Yamaguchi 13ME, Carmen Ashcroft 13RD, Sophie Macpherson 13RD, Akinehi Munroe 13RD, Ella Newth 13RD, Dima Al-Sheikh 13SU, Kenny Chou 13SU, Ben Haigh-McShane 13SU, Sydney Sharpe 13SU, Diana Lee 13WL, Sophie Peyton 13WL, Jack Stenersen 13WL, Stella Wendelborn 13WL.



## NASA Astronaut



We were lucky enough to attend a talk by Mike Hopkins, NASA engineer and astronaut, at Westlake Girls High School last Friday. Mike has spent 166 days in

space, alongside astronauts from other countries such as Russia and Japan. He talked a lot about the amazing experiences he has had working for NASA, and inspired us to chase our goals in any STEM field career, especially as women. We heard entertaining stories about life in space, and overall, it was an amazing experience. We're so glad we went." - Piper and Dagmara



## "WE NEED YOUR HELP!!"

The PSG [a voluntary group of parents whose aim is to raise funds for the benefit of the school] has an exciting event booked for the end of June. HOWEVER we NEED some additional helpers to be able to pull it all together.

Could you help us with a small part of the whole event? It would require approximately 1-2 hours per week, and would involve tasks like:

- Applying for a liquor license.
- Purchasing the liquid refreshments.
- Organizing the purchasing of the food for the event.
- Creating an advertising poster.
- Being the liaison person for the online ticketing, that is done through school.
- Advertising the Event.
- Managing the Raffles.
- Running the bar.
- Assisting on the night.

We usually all work on separate tasks in groups of 2 or 3 so you are welcome to come with a friend and work as a team.

We CANNOT organize this event without more people stepping up and agreeing to help.

**The profits made will be put towards a project that will benefit the WHOLE school so please, say you will help us!** It's easy, just email Helen at [birkenhead.psg@gmail.com](mailto:birkenhead.psg@gmail.com). You will also receive two free tickets to the event.

## Tag Football Tournament

The North-Western Tag Football tournament was held at Moire Park, Massey. The Birkenhead Tag football team boasted an impressive 13 man squad coached by Sage Magele.



The team had an impressive day, winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade undefeated. 5-0. The day started with a bang, winning their first game 16-0 against Selwyn College. Next came the local battle with Northcote College, where once again the boys came out on top 5-3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> game and biggest challenge of the day came in the form of an Orewa College team, but with an impressive solo kick and chase by **Tim Webster**, the team managed to hold on 4-3. Overall a successful outing for the Birkenhead Tag team who will be looking to move into the top grade for the next tournament.

## Sports Fees

Winter sports fees are now due. Payments can be made at the school office or online. Automatic payment option is available. Please contact the school office to arrange.

### Netball Season Starting dates:

Year 9: Tuesdays, starting 8<sup>th</sup> May

Year 10-13: Saturdays, starting 5<sup>th</sup> May

We need parent help and support throughout the season. If you are able to support our coaches on game day or manage your daughter's team please contact [sport@birkenheadcollege.school.nz](mailto:sport@birkenheadcollege.school.nz)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018

### TERM 1

**Week 11** Fri 13 April Last day of Term 1

### TERM 2

**Week 1** Mon 30 April Start of Term 2 (Day 6)

Thur 3 May Late start: 10am

**Week 3** Thur 17 May Writers' Festival

**Week 5** Mon 28 May Assessment week

Fri 1 June Mid term break (holiday)

**Week 6** Mon 4 June Queen's birthday (holiday)