



Dear Parents and Friends

You may have seen in the media earlier this week that there will be some changes to NCEA over the next few years. One of these changes is the removal of NZQA fees for domestic students. We have received confirmation from NZQA that this change will happen THIS year, and they are working through the removal process over the next couple of weeks.

This means that if you have a domestic student in your care you no longer need to pay either NZQA fees, or scholarship fees. However, foreign fee-paying students still need to pay for both NZQA and scholarship entry.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact Deputy Principal, Mr Burton, on bn@birkenhead.school.nz.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019

TERM 2

Week 4	Fri 24 May	Kaipatiki Music Festival (BGT)
Week 5	Mon 27 May	Assessment week
	Fri 31 May	Mid term break
Week 6	Mon 3 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
	Thur 6 June	Launch of Police Studies/display
Week 8	Tue 18 June	Late start
Week 10	Tue 2 July	School Production week
	Fri 5 July	Last day Term 2

Mozart Piano Concerto & Vocals Concert 19th May, 3pm Birkenhead College Theatre

The final of the Mozart Piano Concerto competition, which was held during the school holidays, will be contested by Leo Larsen, Dylan Tan and Madeleine Xiao on Sunday 19th May.

The second part of the concert will include items from vocal and dance sections of the competition. Entry charge is \$5 adult and \$2 students. Cash only. The concert should finish at approx. 4.30pm.



Birkenhead College Presents

Monty Python's SPAMALOT™
SCHOOL EDITION

Book & Lyrics by Eric Idle, Music by John Du Prez & Eric Idle

7:00pm • Wednesday 3 July – Saturday 6 July 2019
Brian Gerrard Theatre, Birkenhead College

Adults \$12, Students \$8
Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz/0800BUYTIX

A new musical lovingly ripped off from the motion picture "Monty Python and the Holy Grail"
From the original screenplay by Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, Michael Palin
Original Screenplay Production produced by Robert Oliver Productions, The National Organisation, Audio Tapes Masters, Stephen McMichael, Lawrence Harwood, The V. MacLennan & Co. Creative, Independent Productions Network, Eve Thomas, CBS Associates, Jan Thirsk, Tika Entertainment, and Cine Channel
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<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/monty-pythons-spamalot/auckland/birkenhead>

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Birkenhead College's production for 2019 is Monty Python's Spamalot - School Edition.

Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy **MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL**, Spamalot retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. Prepare yourself for lots of laughs, flying cows and killer rabbits!

Tickets - \$12 adult and \$8 child (booking fees not included)



Beyond Water



On Tuesday afternoon our Year 10 Social Studies classes were visited by guest speakers Pete and Sharon Crean. This dynamic duo told us about [BeyondWater](#), their not-for-profit organisation which works in East Africa. They focus on ensuring that schools, medical clinics, children's home and remote communities have access to safe, clean drinking water and sanitation facilities. Their vision is to help communities rise out of poverty by eliminating health issues caused by "water poverty" - unclean water and unsanitary conditions. They also supply much-needed sanitary products and underwear for girls, as the lack of these prevents many African girls from attending school.

Pete and Sharon encouraged our students to be good global citizens by looking for opportunities to help others around them and in distant locations, a message that was very well received by our students



Smokefree Rockquest

Distraction and **Moonsuit** performed great, energetic sets at Fridays [Smokefreerockquest](#) North shore Heats. Please follow the links to view their performances! Special congratulations to **Distraction** for making it through to the Regional Finals ~

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUz-U110okU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nw2Vnqz57Y>



Kaipatiki Sounds Great

Birkenhead College Music Department is proud to be the host of a new Kaipatiki Schools Music Festival called '**Kaipatiki Sounds Great**' (KSG) which includes musicians from Birkenhead College, Northcote College and Glenfield College. KSG will take place on Thursday May 23rd (5 - 8pm) and Friday May 24th (9am – 12pm and 1 – 4pm). There will be two parts to the show – first the 'WORKSHOPS' where students will play their set, get feedback from a mentor and have the chance to repeat the 'mentored' section of their set. The timetable for the 'Workshops' is as follows:

Pop/Contemporary	– Thursday, 5-8.00 pm (Mentor – Bella Kalolo)
Classical/Choral	- Friday 9-12.00pm (Mentor – Ben Kubiak)
Jazz	- Friday 1- 4.00pm (Mentor – Neil Watson)

All participating students are receiving two 'Workshop' tickets and one 'Showcase' to the event for family and/or friends. If you would like more tickets (or if you would like to attend), please go to the Kaipatiki Sounds Great Facebook page and apply for extra tickets ASAP (spaces will be allocated accordingly).

On Friday night (24th May) at 7.00pm there is the 'Kaipatiki Sounds Great' SHOWCASE, m.c'd by TV star and Kaipatiki music supporter **Suzy Cato**. Tickets for the Showcase will be \$10. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 12 PE Assessment



On Wednesday this week the Year 12 PE students were assessed for their Internal Practical Achievement Standard. Students were required to demonstrate their skills in competitive games of Ki o Rahi – a traditional Maori game that requires team work, strategies, pace and determination.

We were very impressed at the level of play we observed – it was a pleasure to see so many of our talented students shining on the sports field.

The classes will now start to work on teaching Ki o Rahi to our junior students as part of their Leadership and Coaching Assessment.

Year 13 Biology Zoo Visit

The Year 13 Biologists visited Auckland Zoo this week to attend the Awesome Aotearoa education programme. We are studying the Level 3 standard covering Evolutionary Processes and Speciation,



particularly in a New Zealand context, and this was a great opportunity to learn about some of these animals. Not many people know how many unique species there are in Aotearoa. We have over 1,000 endemic species which means they are found nowhere else in the world. As a comparison, the UK has one. Many of our species also live in much more extreme environments than their relatives. We have parrots who live up mountains whereas most parrots live in tropical rainforests.



The students saw tuatara, geckos, skinks and a variety of New Zealand birds as well as many of the exotic animals at the zoo. Their observations of these other animals will be helpful later in the year when we are studying animal behaviour and their responses to their environment.

	Sports Fixtures				
Fri 17 May	Basketball				
	BC Sen A Girls	V	Diocesan	6.00pm	Long Bay
	Water Polo				
	BC Juniors	V	Rosmini B	6.40pm	AUT Millennium
Sat 18 May	Netball				
	BC1	V	Albany Snr	10:30am	Ct 10
	BC2	V	Taka 5	8:50am	Ct 17
	BC3	V	Carmel 14	10:30am	Ct 9
	BC4 Purple	V	Long Bay 8	11.20am	Ct 10
	BC5 Orange	V	Kristin 8	11:20am	Ct 18
	BC 6 Green	V	Orewa 8	11:20am	Ct 15
	Football				
	Boys 1 st XI	V	Papatoetoe 1	10:00am	BC1
	Boys 2 nd XI	v	Kingsway	10:00am	Kingsway
	Boys Rugby				
	5 th Grade Boys	V	Massey 5 th Grade	10:40	Massey
Mon 20 May	Girls Rugby				
	1 st XV Girls	V	Skills Day	4:00pm	Marrist
Tues 21 May	Badminton				
	C grade Girls & Boys	V	See Sports Notice Board	4:00pm	BNH
	Netball – 2 x 20min games (grading)				
	BC 9/1	v	Tournament	Tournament	9-230pm NNH
	BC 9/2	v	No game	No game	No game
Wed 22 May	Hockey				
	Hockey Boys	V	WBBHS 4 th XI	TBC	See NHH Web
	Basketball				
	BC Boys Year 9/10	V	Long Bay Silver	4:45pm	AUT Ct 2
	Football				
	BC Girls 1 st XI	V	Kingsway 1 st	4.00pm	BC
	BC 2 nd XI	v	Pinehurst 1	4:00pm	Pinehurst 1
	Badminton				
	B Grade Girls	V	See Sports Notice Board	4:00pm	BNH
	Rugby League				
	BC Sen A	V	Southern Cross	4:00pm	BC
Thurs 23 May	Badminton				
	B Grade Boys	V	See Sports Notice Board	4:00 pm	BNH
	Basketball				
	BC Sen A Boys	V	Orewa	7:00pm	NSEC 2
Fri 24 May	Table Tennis				
	BC All teams	V	See Sports Notice Board	5pm/7pm	Active Zone
	Basketball				
	BC U17 Boys	V	Glenfield College	4:30pm	NSEC 3

ASSESSMENT WEEK

Week 5 Term 2 2019

	Monday 27/5/19 Day 4	Tuesday 28/5/19 Day 5	Wednesday 29/5/19 Day 6	Thursday 30/5/19 Day 1	Friday 31/5/19 Mid Term Break
Yr 11	Normal Classes	11SCI/ASC students only attend when they have an exam. Practical in S8 & S9 Pract 1 (8.45 - 10.15) Pract 2 (10.30-12.00) Pract 3 (12.15 - 1.45) Pract 4 (2.00 - 3.30)	Normal Classes	Normal Classes	
Yr 12	Normal Classes 12PHY Pract in S5 (10.30 - 1.30) (12.15 - 3.15)	Normal Classes	Normal Classes	Normal Classes + 12CHE Pract in S5 (9:00 - 11:00) 12SCI Pract in S7 (11:30 - 1:30)	
Yr 13	Normal Classes	Normal Classes	Normal Classes	Normal Classes	
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Yr 12 Physics students will have a common assessment from 10.30-1.30 or 12:15 – 3:15. Students will be informed by Physics teachers of individual times. • All other students in class. Assessments to occur in class time as and when needed. 				
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 11: All Students at home unless they have a science assessment (11SCI & 11ASC), in which case they will only be required to be at school for that allocated time slot. Students will be informed by Science teachers of individual times. • All other levels in class. Assessments to occur in class time as and when needed. 				
Wednesday	• Normal Classes/PPTA strike day				
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Yr 12 Chemistry students will have a common assessment from 9.00-11.00. • All Yr 12 Science students will have a common assessment from 11.30 – 1.30. • All other students in class. Assessments to occur in class time as and when needed. 				
Friday	Mid Term Break				