



Dear Parents and Friends



Well done to **Melanie Bracewell** with her success at the AIMES Awards. We are very proud of her achievements.

I hope exams are going well for our Year 9 students. You still have more to do on Monday and Tuesday, so spend time over the weekend revising for these and make the sacrifices that are needed for you to have success in these exams.

To all our senior students keep working hard and giving your best with your NCEA exams. The end is in sight.

Secure Online Payments



We are making payments easier. Soon you will be able to pay fees securely through the school website. Watch this space!

Rotary Science & Technology Forum

Congratulations to another one of our top Science students, **Jack Stenersen**. Jack has also been selected to take part in the Rotary Science and Technology Forum to be held at Auckland University over the summer break. This brings the number of Birkenhead College students selected for the Forum in 2018 to two and carries on a BC tradition of having students selected to attend the forum. We commend Jack on this achievement and no doubt it will be an invaluable experience for him. Well done Jack!



Ex student news....

Congratulations to **Katrina George**, our Arts Person of the Year 2014, who has been cast as the lead role of Rachel in Auckland Theatre Company's performance of *Under the Mountain* next year. Katrina graduates from Toi Whakaari this year with a Bachelor of Performing Arts.



Katrina

A huge success for her as Auckland Theatre Company usually only take experienced, professional actors, especially as leads! Well done Katrina, we wish you all the best.

Congratulations to **Melanie Bracewell**, (Deputy Head Girl, Proxime Accedit, Sportswoman of the Year, 2013), who has just won the AIMES Arts Award which is worth \$15 000. Melanie is a writer for *The Project*, and a great stand-up comedienne. She has won many comedy competitions, including:



Melanie

7 Days Comedy Apprentice, Raw Comedy Quest, Best Twitter Comedy Guild Award, and NZICF Best Newcomer Award. Melanie hopes to perform at the Melbourne Comedy Festival and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival next year. Well done Melanie.

Market at Birkenhead Primary School

Birkenhead's Biggest and Best Ever Market. 50 stalls: specialist food, face painting, gifts, art, crafts, books, home decor, beauty, fundraisers and much more.

Come and get all your Christmas shopping done under one roof! Birkenhead Artisan Market, Saturday 18 November 9am - 1pm at Birkenhead Primary School.

AUT Mentoring Initiative



Six of our students from refugee families have been participating in a pilot mentoring initiative with three university students from AUT. The aim is to increase access and participation of youth from refugee backgrounds into higher education.

They met several times in Term 2 and Term 3 to discuss their interests and career goals followed by individual planning for their future study. This included discussions about university life, developing exam preparation skills for their school exams, as well as attending a Courses and Careers Day at AUT. One of the students, **Htawee Thin**, has recently been awarded the Sir Robert Jones Scholarship which assists young women from refugee backgrounds to complete a tertiary qualification.

AUT Diversity Manager, Lian-Hong Brebner came to our school to present them with a certificate and to personally thank the students for their involvement and contribution to the programme.

Can you help?



Christmas is fast approaching, please search through your cupboards and drawers and see if

you can find any unwanted gifts. Perhaps during the year someone has given you a bottle of perfume, talcum powder, after shave, soap that just wasn't "you". Why not re-gift it to the Auckland City Mission? The Mission says there is a particular need for gifts suitable for little children, under two years of age, and gifts for children aged between the ages of 10 and 17. **Please leave the presents unwrapped.**

We will also gratefully accept donations of non-perishable grocery items and cash. I know it has been a hard year for many families but please try and be generous. There are so many families out there facing an unhappy Christmas. There will be collection boxes in each Form Class. See Ms **McCavana** for any further details.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

MONDAY 11th December

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Admin Block - Rear Door



Year 9 Exams 2017 Timetable

	Periods 1 & 2 8.45 - 11	Interval 11-11.30	Periods 3 & 4 11.30 - 1.30	Lunch 1.30 - 2.15	Period 5 2.15 - 3.15
Monday 20th NOV (Day 5)	Normal period 1 & 2 classes for all other Year 9 students		Maths		Normal school for the rest of the day
			9AL (H6)		
			9DG (H9)		
			9ME (T2)		
			9MY (H1)		
			9SJ (H4)		
Tuesday 21st NOV (Day 6)	Normal period 1 & 2 classes for all other Year 9 students		Social Studies		Normal school for the rest of the day
			9AL (H4)		
			9DG (H10)		
			9ME (T7)		
			9MY (H1)		
			9SJ (T5)		



Junior Activities Day 2017

Junior Activities Day for Year 9 and 10 students will be on **Tuesday 5th December**. There will be a variety of in school and out of school activities such as: Rainbows End, Airsoft at the Armory, a visit to the Jump Trampoline Park and many more. Some will have minimal charges while others will be more expensive. Letters with details and permission slips have been sent home. A full list of options is on the back of this newsletter.

The money collection for Activities Day will be on **Friday 24th November**. Please remember to bring your permission slip along with enough cash to pay for your most expensive activity option.

Students will only be able to join in activities if they have no outstanding detentions and have returned all library books. Sports and music fees should also be paid.

School Cafeteria update

Dear Parent and Caregiver

TXT-my-LUNCH is here!

- Want to be sure that lunch money makes it to school and is actually spent on lunch?
- Want to make sure that your hungry learner is getting a balanced and nutritional meal?

Your young adult learner wants to make their own lunch purchase choices?

Click here:



Or go to www.txtmylunch.co.nz – follow the instructions and have lunch literally texted to your child, who can redeem their meal ticket, device-to-device, at the school tuck shop.

This eliminates the need for cash or eftpos cards and ensures that every cent designated to a nutritious payload actually reaches your Hungry Learner where the tuck shop will provide nutritional meal combos.



Skateboarding



On Wednesday this week 50 keen students from 10 Sports Performance took part in skateboarding lessons at school. 'Onboard Skating' came to school with ramps, boards and safety gear to instruct the students. Everyone had a great time and learnt a lot of new tricks!



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017

TERM 4

Week 8	Tue 5 Dec	Junior Activities Day
	Fri 8 Dec	Junior Prizegiving, Reports home, last day of Term 4.

TERM 1 2018

	30 & 31 Jan	Course Confirmation Days
Week 1	Thur 1 Feb	First day Year 9 students only
	Fri 2 Feb	First day All Year levels (Day 1)

Music in the Parks

featuring
THE BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE Jazz Band

Come along, bring your dinner and join us for a night of Music in the Parks...

- Birkenhead College Jazz Band
- Mank Hobley (Jazz Sextet)
- Jimmy Earle and the Skunks (Blues)

Opaketāe Gardens,
Beach Haven Shops, Beach Haven
Friday 1 December • Friday 15 December
5:30pm for both events

For more information contact:
Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust
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FREE event



Junior Activities Day

Unless otherwise stated activities run for most of the day, **Tuesday 5 December 2017**. Students must be at school at 8.45am as usual.
All activities will finish by 3.15pm.

Activity	Description	Cost	What to bring
Airsoft @ The Armory (and Movie)	2 hours of intense airsoft action at The Armory in Northcote. There is a variety of team games that can be played on their indoor airsoft course. Rental gear and unlimited ammo will be provided. Includes Domino's pizza for lunch. Students will watch a movie in the afternoon.	\$44	Suitable footwear and clothing for running must be worn. The more exposed skin you have the more it will hurt. Students all need to bring water in a bottle. Pizza will be provided at school for lunch but students must bring morning and afternoon tea.
Board Games	Are you a fan of board games? If you are then this the activity for you. A variety of games such as Risk, Chess and Monopoly will be played and feel free to bring along any from home you might like to play. Students will have Domino's pizza for lunch and then join the other students to watch a movie in the afternoon.	\$3	Bring any favourite board games to play Additional snacks/drinks for the morning and afternoon
Jump	Bounce around and play games at the outstanding trampoline park at Jump Avondale. We have secured a 2 hour private booking just for our school. Domino's pizza for lunch and then join with the other students to watch a movie in the afternoon.	\$36	Wear suitable clothing. Jump socks (required) are provided for every student as part of our entry package. Snacks for the afternoon.
Multisport & Movie (at school)	Spend the morning playing a variety of sports at school. Domino's pizza at lunchtime. A choice of movies to watch in the afternoon.	\$3	Sports gear, a drink and a snack. Hat and sunscreen.
Rainbow's End	Enjoy the rides and activities at Rainbow's End. Students must travel to and from Rainbow's End on the bus provided.	\$49	A hat and sunscreen. A drink and lunch or money to buy them. A raincoat if wet.
Zoo	See Burma the elephant and some of the 874 other animals at the zoo. Te Wao Nui showcases New Zealand's natural treasures.	\$22	Lunch and drink or money to buy them. Hat and sunscreen. Raincoat if wet.