



Dear Parents and Friends

It has obviously been a very difficult week with the tragic event in Christchurch last Friday. Students and staff have been very supportive of each other. Our BC whanau came together to show support and raise money for the "Our People, Our City" fund. I had a great sense of pride in our students and community.

It is certainly an emotional time for us and our young people. Please encourage your child to talk about how they are feeling.

In one of the articles I read, the following advice was given:

Parents and caregivers can help children and young people feel safe by:

- ◆ Providing reassurance and keeping to routines.
- ◆ Staying calm and promoting a calm environment.
- ◆ Doing enjoyable things together.
- ◆ Taking time to listen and talk.
- ◆ Be guided by their questions, be factual and age appropriate with your response.

Take care of your family and other loved ones.

Message of support

We delivered our banner of student messages and flowers to the local Islamic community centre on Onewa road. There is a sea of cards, notes and flowers and it was very humbling to be able to leave such beautiful words from our students alongside them.



Dagmara Rudolph, Ivy Pondman-Carmont, Viktor Neshikj with Mr Cato

World Vision

Three Year 12 students attended the World Vision Youth conference this week. They discussed subjects like ethics, current injustices in our world, and what they can do to make a difference. They focussed particularly on climate change, South Sudan refugees and the tragic events in Christchurch. They brainstormed simple things we can all do to make a difference, e.g. meatless Mondays, do not indulge in Fast Fashion.

Another topic at the **World Vision** conference was the power of youth voice and youth action. A valuable point that was raised was that society's rules of youth not having power only applies to you if you let it. At the end of the day, one participant said "instead of complaining about the darkness, light a candle."

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Ikitogia Heremaia** and **Zion Leaf** who were selected to represent Fiji U18 team in the Junior Oceania Tag competition, held earlier this month. Their team came 4th in the competition.



BC Cricket 1st XI - Match Report

Saturday, 16th March 2019 - BC 1st XI Vs Long Bay College

Final Result: Win to Birkenhead College by 58 runs, BC 1st XI 156 – Long Bay College 98/9

The game started with the boys leading a moment of silence as a sign of respect to the victims and their families of the tragic terrorist attack on Friday.

Birkenhead College batted first, with a flying start from **Zeke Scouller** and **Murray Gannaway** who were scoring at a rate of 18 runs per over. A solid partnership then formed between **Dom Hawkins** and **Josh Parkinson** who both played some stunning shots. **Dom** top scored contributing 27 runs and **Josh** finished up on 26 runs. **Marat** came to the crease at number 8 and contributed a nice cameo of 15 runs off 6 balls. The strike rate was kept consistent at around 10 runs per over, setting a total of 156 off 17 overs for Long Bay to chase.



Our opening bowlers were impressive and put pressure on Long Bay early which resulted in Birkenhead picking up 5 wickets for 15 runs off just 5 overs. **Josh Parkinson** took 4 wickets for 14 runs off 4 overs including a remarkable diving caught and bowled while **Max** took 2 wickets for 11 runs off his 3 overs. **Jason** and **Murray** picked up a wicket a piece and **Connor** set a trap for the batsman when bowling his over and came away with a wicket for his efforts. The remaining bowlers kept their overs very tight and we managed to restrict Long Bay to 98/9 off their 20 overs. **Dom** was solid behind the stumps and took some superb catches.

A very enjoyable game and a great win for the team which was made more special when the opposing team came over to congratulate BC for the win but more importantly on their outstanding sportsmanship. Thanks to the coach, **Mr Nola**, along with the umpires and scorers for their time. The win secures BC a spot in this Saturdays final against St Peters.

Stop Press : Our boys beat St Peters at the weekend and are now B Grade champions!

Parents Support Group (PSG) Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm
in the school staffroom.

All parents / caregivers are welcome.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019

TERM 1

Week 9	Fri 29 March	Progress Reports home
Week 10	Fri 5 Apr	International Day
Week 11	Tue 9 Apr	Report Evening
Week 11	Fri 12 Apr	Last day Term 1

TERM 2

Week 1	Mon 29 April	First day of Term 2 (Day 2)
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T20 Charity Cricket Blast

Barfoot & Thompson Young Guns vs
Blue Light All Stars Team

Sunday 24th March, 2019, Birkenhead Cricket Club
(48 Mahara Ave, Birkenhead, Auckland)

BLUE LIGHT ALL STARS TEAM (FEATURING)

- Chris Harris
- James Marshall
- Hamish Marshall
- Dion Nash
- Robbie Hart
- Ben Hurley
- Dai Henwood
- Shane Cortese

Gates Open: 11am | Game Commences: 12pm | COST: \$5.00 per person

Tickets available through Eventfinda or at the gate on the day.

Tickets are available at reception for the T20 Charity Cricket Blast.



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