



## Dear Parents and Friends

Junior examinations have now finished. I hope they went well for you all and that you have learnt how to make the effort that is required to have success in examinations. Year 10 students are doing a number of NCEA internal standards at present and this is a great opportunity for them to get used to the qualification.

We have a number of staff leaving BC for promotion, retirement or moving out of Auckland. Obviously we will miss them, and we thank them for their wonderful contribution to the school and wish them all the best for the future.

What has been pleasing for us is the number of quality and exciting appointments we have made for next year. You would have heard of the issues in getting quality teachers, however, clearly Birkenhead College's reputation as a wonderful school and community to teach in has meant we have attracted some great teaching staff for the future.

## More Scholarships...



Congratulations to **Jilliane Galang** who has been awarded a University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship, worth \$6,000. Well done Jilliane.

We have also just heard that **Denise Jarry** has been awarded an Edna Waddell

Undergraduate Scholarship for Women in Technology and Engineering. This is worth \$5,000 for her first year of study in engineering at the University of Auckland. There are a maximum of 4 of these scholarships awarded each year, country-wide. This is in addition to the University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship that Denise has received, worth \$20,000. So proud of you!



Birkenhead College students have been awarded more than \$100,000 worth of scholarships this year.



Birkenhead College's music department are having a good old fashioned 'knees up' on December 1st at Opaketai Gardens in Beach Haven, with some outstanding Jazz and Blues music from our talented students.

There are 3 bands performing including our own award winning Jazz Sextet, a 4-piece blues band made up of Year 13 students called 'Jimmy Earle and the Skunks', and our full Jazz Orchestra!

Bring a picnic or get some local takeaways and a blanket for some stellar free music in the park from 530pm!

This is the first day of summer, the last official day of NCEA exams, AND it's a Friday...it's a no brainer! See you there!

A poster for 'Music in the Parks' featuring the Birkenhead College Jazz Band. The poster includes details about the event, the performers, and contact information. It also features logos for the Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust and the Kaipatiki Local Board.

**Music in the Parks**  
featuring  
**THE BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE Jazz Band**

**FREE event**

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)

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

For more information contact:  
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**KAIPATIKI**  
Community Facilities Trust

**Kaipatiki Local Board**  
Auckland Council



## Junior Activities Day 2017



Junior Activities Day for Year 9 and 10 students will be on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

### International Students



Some of our International students enjoyed a two week activity programme around Auckland. A particular favourite for them was a trip to Piha beach and Kitekite Falls where they swam by the waterfall. While some are staying over the Christmas holidays we farewell others and hope their NZ experience has given them many great memories.

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

**MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Admin Block - Rear Door**



### Host Families Wanted

Kind caring families needed to host students from around the world. If you have space in your family home for a teenager, either short term or long term stays, we would love to hear from you.

We are seeking safe, comfortable Kiwi environments for youngsters far from home and family. As many come not only to study in the NZ education system but to further their ability in English, we require families who regularly use English as the primary spoken language in the home.

We are signatories to the Code of Practice for the Care of International Students. Homes must meet inspection requirements and all household members 18yrs and over will be Police Vetted. If this sounds of interest please contact:

Ann Maree Clarke Homestay Coordinator  
[zce@birkenhead.school.nz](mailto:zce@birkenhead.school.nz)

### Year 10 Food Technology



Year 10 Food technology students had a busy time last week. As part of their Cultural Foods unit, they planned a Kiwi morning tea. On the menu were a selection of sandwiches, chocolate brownies, fruit kebabs, afghans, cheese scones and blueberry muffins. The drinks were tea, coffee, L & P and orange juice. The students even invited some of the staff to enjoy the food with them.