



Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back and I hope you all had a good break. With the cold weather coming it is important that all students have the correct school jackets, jerseys and cardigans so please make sure this is the case. It is great to see the students wearing the new uniform and we get many positive comments from the public about it.



Mrs Grobler

At the end of last term our part time hospitality teacher, **Mrs Grobler**, left BC for a full time position. We thank her for all she has done at our school in the 3 years she has been here.

Mr McLaughlin, who has experience in this field, has taken over the hospitality classes. This has meant that we have had to make slight adjustments to some student timetables.

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who came 2nd in the Vector EPRO8 challenge. This is an outstanding achievement and thanks to **Ms Purdie** for all her work with these students.

Winter sports start this weekend, so good luck to all of our teams. A reminder that we are signatories to the Fairplay Charter....

Fairplay Charter

We love our sport here and have a large number of teams competing this term. It is timely to remind everyone that we are signatories to the **Fairplay Charter**, which states that we:

- * Enjoy ourselves.
- * Play within the rules.
- * Respect the referees and umpires.
- * Respect the opposition and their supporters.
- * Are gracious winners and dignified losers.
- * Play hard, but play fair.

Parents Support Group (PSG) Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm
in the school staffroom.
All parents / caregivers are welcome.

A photo of a young man with curly blonde hair, Toby, looking intently at a chessboard in a library setting.

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IT'S TIME TO TOPPLE TOBY

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All you chess players out there - join the **Senior Chess Competition this term** and let's see who really is the master...

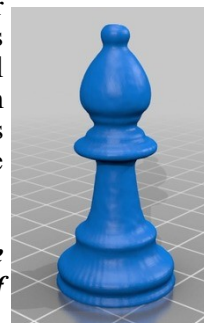
Sign up at the library issues desk by Friday of Week 2 - no late entries, so be in quick!!

It's Time to Topple Toby!

After the massive popularity of our Junior Chess Competition at the end of 2018, we are pleased to announce the start of our first Senior Chess Competition this term!

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We are extending sign up at the library issues desk to Friday of Week 3 - be in quick!!



Vector EPRO8 Science & Technology Competition

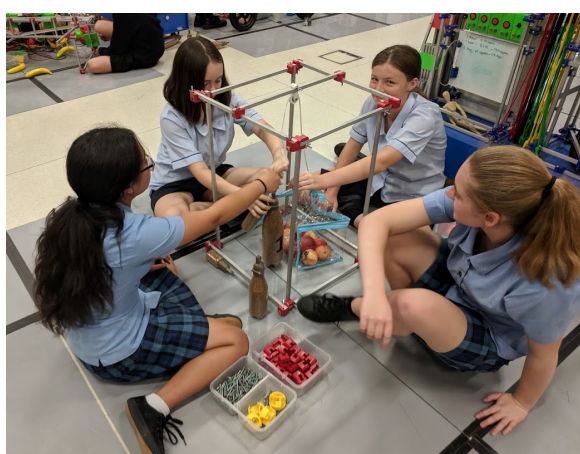
The EPRO8 competition is a group problem solving and engineering challenge where students are given a number of tasks to complete using a station of equipment including electronics gear. We entered 5 teams this year: 3 in the Junior competition and 2 in the Senior competition.

Junior Teams			Senior Teams	
Technoboys	Yeet	BC Lasses	The Lads	Thunderbirds are go
Flinn Petchell	Jayden Ireland	Jahra Cabaron	Bradley Princeton	Kate Borsboom
Raiyan Samir	Robert Jameson	Angelina Hayter	Raf Salvatierra	Madeline Daun-Renner
Matthew Hutchinson	Connor Ridgway	Ella Graham	Theo Tran	Amelia Holt
Ian Birung	Otomar Rudolph	Breanna Keating		Charlotte Sutton

Two of our teams in the Junior competition placed high enough to progress to the Semi-finals. We had an all girls team made up of **Jahra Cabaron, Ella Graham, Angelina Hayter and Breanna Keating**. This was the only all girls team in their group so BC are challenging the notion that girls aren't into engineering! They came 4th in their heat and then came 5th in their semi-final.

Our most successful boys team was made up of **Jayden Ireland, Robert Jameson, Connor Ridgway and Otomar Rudolph**. They ploughed through the tasks in their Semi-Final and beat off all of the competition from 11 other teams to come first. This week they went to the Grand Final at Western Springs. They competed against teams from all over Auckland and the Waikato. Out of the 12 teams in the final they took 2nd place and we are incredibly proud of their achievement! ACG Parnell came first.

A big thank you must go to **Ms Purdie** (Assistant Head of Science) who organised the teams and put in a lot of her time into attending events. We really appreciated the great support offered by parents who attended and cheered on the students. We look forward to seeing how our students do next year!



Health Education

Our school has chosen to participate in ACC's school-based healthy relationships programme called **Mates & Dates** which will be presented by trained facilitators. The programme for Year 11-13 students starts on Thursday 9 May. Year 9-10 will receive the program in Term 3.

Mates & Dates will teach each student how to have healthy relationships built on respect, negotiation and consent. It will teach them how to identify inappropriate behaviour and how to get help if they, or someone they know, are in an unhealthy relationship. The programme is not a sex education programme but will include material and discussions about sexual relationship violence, consent, dating, relationships, pornography and other related subject matter.

For further information about Mates & Dates relating to helping young people have healthy relationships please see <https://www.matesanddates.co.nz/>

If you do not want your son/daughter to attend the programme lesson, then please email Mrs Nightingale Deputy Principal on ne@birkenhead.school.nz to request withdrawal.



Music

The Smokefree Rockquest North Shore Band Heats are next Friday evening, May 10, at the Dorothy Winstone Centre, Auckland Girls Grammar. We have **Distraction** and **Moonsuit** performing and would love as much support as possible at the event. Tickets are \$5. For any inquiries please see Mr Coulomb.

Link to the event: <https://smokefreerockquest.co.nz/events/>

The Term 2 Group rehearsal times are:

Concert Band: Monday 7:45am
String Group: Monday Lunchtime
Flute Choir: Tuesday Interval
Production Band: Wednesday After School
Choir: Thursday Lunch

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019

TERM 2

Week 2	Wed 8 May	Careers Expo
Week 5	Mon 27 May	Assessment week
	Fri 31 May	Mid term break
Week 6	Mon 3 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
Week 10	Tue 2 July	School Production week
	Fri 5 July	Last day Term 2

Garage Sale at De Paul House

Saturday 4th May 2019, 9am—12pm
92 Onewa Road, Northcote (cash only)



De Paul House
Supporting homeless families for over 31 years

On Sunday 2 June, Queen's Birthday weekend, NZ Warbirds will commemorate this momentous day with a special event at the Warbirds Ardmore base. Flying displays featuring classic WW2 fighters like the Spitfire and Mustang, mock air attacks and action on the ground by military enthusiasts, vintage military and classic aircraft from around the country, formation flying, and some heart-stopping aerobatics by both military and top civilian pilots will guarantee a great day out, not only for aircraft enthusiasts but the whole family. The RNZAF will be there too, subject to operational requirements.

BALL GOWN SALE



Sunday 5th May 2019

SELLERS

REGISTER -10am to 12pm

If you would like to drop off in advance please arrange this via emailing PTA.Rangitotocollege.co.nz

BUYERS

SALE TIME - 1pm to 3pm

"The Rangi Centre"

Rangitoto College
564 East Coast Road, AKL

Sellers

Register your gowns 10am - 12pm

Cost \$10 per gown to sell

Please bring on a hanger

Cash or eftpos only - Sorry, we are unable to accept Credit Cards

Collection of your money or return of unsold gowns 5pm - 5:30pm

Open to all

CASH & EFTPOS SALES ONLY

See the dresses as they arrive through our social media channels





BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE CAREERS EXPO

**Wednesday the 8th of May
6-8pm in the BGT**

The Birkenhead Careers Expo is a fantastic opportunity for Senior students to investigate a wide range of career pathways and study options for after Secondary school.

There will be a varied selection of exhibitors to interact with and ask any questions that students and parents may have.

Exhibitors :

*Auckland University, AUT, Massey University, Unitec,
Otago University, University of Canterbury,
Victoria University, Lincoln University, NZMA, Servilles,
New Zealand School of Tourism, Career Force,
MITO (Automotive), ETCO (Electrical), Police,
Allied Health Care, YooBee, MAINZ, Techorium,
BCITO (Construction), Crowne Institute,
Media Design, Adventure Works, South Seas,
New Zealand Institute of Sport, Armed Forces*



**MONTY PYTHON'S
SPAMALOT™
SCHOOL EDITION**

**Rehearsals have started
for our full school production of Spamalot!**

Full cast rehearsals are on Wednesday, Thursday 3:30pm to 5:30pm and lead rehearsals are on Friday 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Cast members will be given a detailed schedule to bring home. There are also some weekend rehearsals, the first one being Queen's Birthday Monday 3rd June 9am to 3pm.

Tickets will be on sale soon so save the date! \$12 adult, \$8 student, Wednesday 3rd July – Saturday 6th July at 7:00pm.

	Sports Fixtures				
Fri 3 May	Basketball				
	BC Sen A Girls	V	Epsom	7:30 pm	BC Gym
	Water Polo				
	BC Juniors	V	Orewa	5:30 pm	AUT Millennium
Sat 4 May	Netball				
	BC1	V	Orewa 3	9:40am	Ct 7
	BC2	V	Vanguard	8:50am	Ct 19
	BC3	V	Rangi 15	10:30am	Ct 16
	BC4 Purple	V	Hobsonville 3	10:30am	Ct14
	BC5 Orange	V	WGHS 25	11:20am	Ct 18
	BC 6 Green	V	Rangi 16	11:20am	Ct 15
	Football				
	Boys 1 st X1	V	Dilworth 1 st	10:00am	BC
	Boys Rugby				
	5 th Grade Boys	V	Northcote	10:40	BC
Mon 6 May	Girls Rugby				
	1 st XV Girls	V	TBC	4:00pm	East Coast Bays
Tues 7 May	Badminton				
	C grade Girls & Boys	V	See Sports Notice Board	4:00pm	BNH
	Netball – 2 x 20min games. 2nd game depends on result of 1st game				
	BC 9/1	v	Orewa 1	4:30pm	NNH Ct 12
	BC 9/2	v	Northcote 9/4	5:00pm	NNH Ct 20
Wed 8 May	Hockey				
	Hockey Boys	V	WBHS 3rd XI	4:00pm	Miller 3
	Basketball				
	BC Boys Year 9/10	V	Rosmini Jun B	4:45pm	Massey Albany Ct 2
	Badminton				
	B Grade Girls	V	See Sports Notice Board	4:00pm	BNH
Thurs 9 May	Hockey				
	Hockey Girls	V	St Mary's Senior	4:00pm	Miller 3
	Badminton				
	B Grade Boys	V	See Sports Notice Board	4:00 pm	BNH
	Basketball				
	BC Sen A Boys	V	Kingsway	8:30pm	NSEC 1
Fri 10 May	Table Tennis				
	BC All teams	V	See Sports Notice Board	5pm	Active Zone
	Basketball				
	BC U17 Boys	V	Long Bay Silver	5:15pm	NSEC 1