

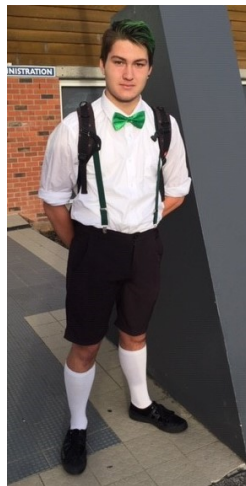


Dear Parents and Friends

International Day was yet again another wonderful celebration of the many different cultures in our school. Thank you to all the staff who were involved in the planning for the day, and the events that were organized especially **Mrs Wallace** and **Mrs Boston**.

We had the Year 8 students from Birkdale Intermediate up on Tuesday morning to experience some College life and we thoroughly enjoyed spending time with them.

Well done to our students who competed in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival this week. They performed superbly and should be very proud of their performances.



Parents Support Group (PSG) Annual General Meeting

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

Lost Uniform Items? See Mrs Eberly at the Sick Bay. We have a few black BC caps, as well as jumpers / cardigan / jacket etc.
Need old style uniform? See Mrs Eberly at the Sick Bay for reduced prices and some free items.

Parent-Teacher interviews



We are holding our Parent-Teacher interviews for this Term on **Tuesday 9 April, from 2pm to 7pm**
<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=x57wu> will take you straight to our booking system
- more details back page.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019

TERM 1

Week 11 Tue 9 Apr Report Evening 2pm—7pm
Fri 12 Apr Last day Term 1

TERM 2

Week 1 Mon 29 April First day of Term 2 (Day 2)
Week 2 Wed 8 May Careers Expo

Monday 8th April is Day 3

C Waller, Principal

Junior Merit Awards

AA—Academic Achievement,
CL—Commitment to Learning,
PCO—Positive Contribution
to the Learning of Others

Year 9 - 9AN - Jorja Lawson (AA), Marie De Passorio-Peyssard (CL), Flinn Petchell (PCO); 9MB - Sophia Tobeck (AA), Ian Birung (CL), Sebastian Sutton (PCO); 9MG - Dom Hawkins (AA), Priya Shenoy (CL), Eva Holt (PCO); 9CR - Jess Wiseman-Pou (AA), Gwen MacDonald (CL), Raiyan Samir (PCO).

Year 10 - 10DB - Ella Graham (AA), Roy Thomson (CL), Lillyvaine Vaenuku (PCO); 10KR - Azreena Kaiyum (AA), Billal Ghambarie (CL), Maebel Uiliata (PCO); 10YA - Monet Jamieson (AA), Maksym Ivanenko (CL), George Wendelborn (PCO); 10SU - Jahra Cabaron (AA), Breanna Keating (CL), Shristy Singh (PCO).

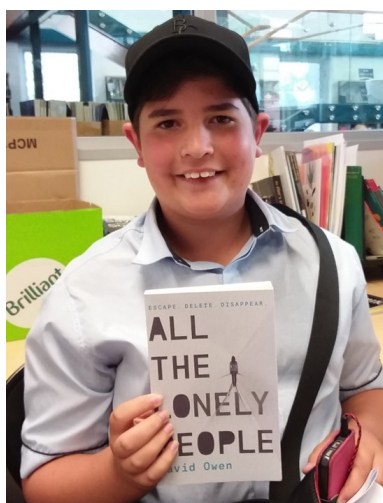
Top photo - Year 9 winners

Bottom photo - Year 10 winners



March Book Giveaway

Gidon Raisun won our library's monthly book giveaway! March was the month when David Owen's latest novel 'All the Lonely People' was up for grabs. It deals with issues around online trolling, honesty,



far right ideologies and falling in love. It's a readable and fast-paced story that invites readers to question whether they would still exist if they deleted their online lives. **Check it out from our school library.**

Make sure you get your place in next month's book giveaway. All

students need to do is write down their name and form class and be present when the draw takes place – the last Friday of the month. Listen out in the daily notices to find out what will be on offer in May.

Basketball



Last week 5 of our top basketballers, **Eru Kaio, Oscar Passells, Hsed Faace, Jason Bhana** and **Zac Doherty**, represented the school at the Basketball New Zealand 3x3 Nationals in Tauranga. This was a big tournament with over 120 teams in attendance. Our boys finished the tournament in 15th place in the Elite Boys Grade. They had some great wins, including beating Long Bay College, (who finished 7th) in overtime thanks to a **Jason Bhana 3 pointer**. Many thanks to Maureen Pike for your amazing help.



Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

14 students performed at the SGCNZ *Sheilah Winn Festival* on Tuesday night. This was our second year entering the competition, which was held at Kristin School. We entered two 15 minute scenes - Macbeth directed by **Alexandra Farley** 13NX and Twelfth Night directed by **Ryn Quedley-Smith** 12WN.

Both groups performed engaging and energetic scenes which both had a modern twist. The Macbeth scene won the 'Best use of music/song' award. Judges also shared a list of actors they were impressed by which included **Nadine Manirambona** 13RD. Well done to all involved and thanks to **Ms Carr** who assisted on the night.

2019 Production Update

Save the date for this year's school production of **SPAMALOT!** This is a 'lovingly ripped-off' musical version of 'Monty Python and The Holy Grail', so as you would expect it is very funny and a little bit silly. Dates are 3rd July to the 6th July – booking details to come. We will be having a live band this year which is very exciting! We have also just cast our lead roles – congratulations to **Alexandra Farley** 13NX, **Dagmara Rudolph** 12KL, **Breanna Jarvis** 13PD, **Bianca Carpendale** 13NS, **Max Osborne** 13RD, **Aidan Turner** 13RD, **Alex Finlay** 12ST and **Ella Graham** 10DB!

Congratulations Swimming Star!



Congratulations to **Harry Randall** 9MB who has won a gold medal for 50m backstroke, and 2 silver medals for 50m breast stroke & freestyle, at the Auckland Secondary Schools Champ of Champs (Para Section) Swimming event. Well done Harry, what a star!

Volleyball



Girls senior team

Senior Volleyball season has come to an end. Our teams competed in the North Harbour league. Big thanks to the coaches **Jenica Ilagan** and **Dave Kaio** for their assistance throughout the season.

Both teams had a successful season and will move up to Division 1 next year. The girls team won Division 2 and the Boys team were second.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Roy Thomson, Joseph Reid and Maksym Ivanenko** who took part in the Lipton Cup regatta at the weekend.

"...The most outstanding piece of competitive sailing must go to Mike Thomson who had a very young crew, with three of the six being under 15 years old... which was no mean feat with winds blowing up to 25 knots.."

"The crew acquitted themselves very well around the 20 + mile course, finishing mid pack with far more accomplished crews well behind."

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Or,

Please go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and click "make a booking" on the top right of the screen. **The bookings are live now.** You **don't** need a login and the process is easy. Please have your child's report handy, and perhaps bring it to the evening to make things easier as well.

Put in the event code **x57wu** and press GO. The website gives you instructions at each step, but the following is helpful:

If you enter an email at the beginning of the process, confirmed times will be emailed to you for printing.

You will need to know the subjects your children take, and their teachers.

When you select teachers, more boxes will appear so that you can book up to 10 appointments for each child.

You can **view**, **change** or **cancel** your bookings by clicking the link in the email sent to you, or by going back to the website, and entering the event code again.

Note that many teachers will be unavailable between 4.30 – 5.00pm as they will be having dinner.

If a teacher is away on the day, you will be emailed if you have booked an appointment. They will contact you at a later date to discuss your child's progress.

If you run into difficulties, please email Miss Fuller FL@birkenhead.school.nz for assistance.

Repair Café

Highbury Community House is holding their 5th Repair Café on Saturday 6th April 9am – 12pm. 110 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead. Bring along your broken items and sit with a repair volunteer to see if it can be fixed. Learn how to do it yourself for next time.

A Kids Craft Café will keep the young ones entertained while you wait.

Repair Cafés are worldwide and they help to keep things out of landfill unnecessarily and save you money! A lovely FREE community event. www.facebook.com/events/152868805642610/

T20 Charity Cricket Blast

Barfoot & Thompson Young Guns vs Blue Light All Stars Team

Sunday 28th April 2019, Birkenhead Cricket Club
(48 Mahara Ave, Birkenhead, Auckland)

BLUE LIGHT ALL STARS TEAM (FEATURING)

Ex Black Caps

- Grant Elliott
- Dion Nash
- Chris Harris
- Robbie Hart
- James Marshall

- Hamish Marshall
- Joey Yovich

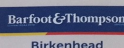
Celebrities

- Ohsa (Junior) Tonu'u
- Shane Cortese



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

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



Food Trucks on site all day | Barfoot & Thompson FREE Kids Zone
Enquiries to: wendy@bluelight.co.nz

New date - Sunday 28th April