



Dear Parents and Friends



A fond farewell to our **Mr Nolan** (French) 5 years at BC, **Mr Rotheray** (English) 14 years at BC, and **Mr Kingston** (Science) 13 years at BC. All the best for your new adventures.



We also say farewell to **Mrs Rive** (Art), who has been at BC for 23 years. She has been a great and loyal supporter of BC and has thoroughly earned her retirement.

The Activities Day on Thursday was wonderful with students having a very enjoyable day. Thank you to the staff for volunteering to help with the various activities and especially **Mr Moore** for his hours of work to organise the day.

It has been another busy, energetic and successful year with some outstanding achievements from our students.

Have a thoroughly deserved break and a Happy Christmas and New Year with friends and family. Be safe, and we'll see you next year!

2019 Stationery

Stationery requirements for 2019 are now available on our website, on the Noticeboard.



School finishes at 11 o'clock on Wednesday 12th December, immediately after Junior Prizegiving. Students will have to use regular timetabled buses as Birkenhead Buses will not be supplying early buses.

The office will remain open until Friday 14th December, and re-open on Thursday 24th January 2019.

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE 2019 OPENING PROCEDURES

COURSE CONFIRMATION FOR YEARS 11, 12, 13

Tuesday 29th January - 1 – 4pm
Wednesday 30th January - 9am - 2pm

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Wednesday 30th January - 9am - 2.30pm
Thursday 31st January - 1.30pm - 3.30pm

PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

Wednesday 30th January 8.45am - 3.15pm

Other LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Y12 Community Leaders, Y13 Student, Arts & Sports Councils - Wed 30th January 8.45am - 12pm

STARTING DATES

Thursday 31st January, Year 9
& Peer Support Leaders 8.45am - 3.15pm

Friday 1st February - All students,
Years 9 - 13 8.45am - 3.15pm

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

New school uniforms are available from
The Uniform Shoppe,
Netball Centre, 44 Northcote Road, Northcote,
Auckland.

NEW ENROLMENTS

The College is open daily from Thursday 24th January onwards. For enrolments by appointment – please phone 483 9039, or call in personally at the College office.



Have a happy and safe summer! For anyone needing advice or support over the summer break; Youthline offer a full range of support services for families and youth. You can contact them on: Youthline.co.nz. Freephone: 0800376633. Free Text: 234.

Rangatira Reserve



A small group of staff, students and volunteers cleared some invasive plants from Rangatira Reserve at the back of the field last week after school. Following some planting of native species a few weeks ago some students had expressed an interest in maintaining the bush. A variety of species were removed and Andy Irwin, who coordinates a local volunteer group which looks after the reserve, provided some herbicide to kill off the roots of some of the larger plants.

The students really got stuck in to the work and found it really enjoyable. We

also had **Ms Bell** and her two children, Sadie and Marlon, assisting us.



Ms Bell



Mrs Morris with students

It is likely that we will try and organise a larger group to make multiple visits to continue the work next year.

We would like to thank **Andy Irwin** and **Isabel Morris** (ex BC Careers Advisor/teacher) for their technical expertise, **Anna Baine** from the council for lending us equipment and **Alun Thompson** for lending and transporting equipment to us.

SCRATCHPATCH Holiday Programmes

At SCRATCHPATCH everything we do is focused on preparing youngsters for a future with endless possibilities and opportunities. They are the masters of their own destiny, but they need to have the correct set of skills and tools to shape their future. Our **Auckland School Holiday Programmes** provide a great foundation *where children get introduced to coding, robotics and 3D printing* so that they have a great start to the future. Our centres are located at **St Lukes, Botany & Albany**.

We structure our holiday programmes in a way that the children get the most value out of technology learning. During the day we ensure regular breaks mixed with fun learning activities that are designed to enhance children's logical thinking.

Our class sizes are small so we can focus on the growth of each child. Enrolments to each of these courses are strictly limited, so do not delay. Register for our Auckland Holiday Programmes now as spaces fill fast!!!

Book before 10th December and avail our Early Bird Special. Use coupon code "EARLY10" at the checkout.

These holidays, give your child the best in technology learning.

Music



The Music Department were honoured to have **Lavina Williams** (Stan Walker, Australian Idol) return for a second mentoring session, funded by the New Zealand Music Commission. On Tuesday, Lavina worked with one of our new Year 9 bands (yet to be named), made up of **Breanna Keating, Jahra Cabaron, Jake Peyton, Otomar Rudolph, Finn McNeil** and **Jordan Carpendale**. They worked on a new original song which they are looking forward to performing at next year's Smokefree and Stand Up, Stand Out competitions.

Students who have hired an instrument from the school have the opportunity to take their instruments home with them over the holidays. The expectation is that they will continue to practise their pieces. If you would not like them to hold onto their instrument please have it returned by Tuesday 11th December. There are still some **OVERDUE MUSIC FEES** that need to be paid ASAP. There is a waiting list for music lessons and students who have not covered their fees will lose their priority status next year. If there are any issues **regarding payment** please contact Shannon Coulomb: cb@birkenhead.school.nz



The Great Summer Read

We want our students to keep up their reading over the long summer holidays. With this in mind, local public librarian Ineka Vogels will be coming in next Monday to explain **The Great Summer Read** to students.

From now until the 31st of January 2019, every book read can put readers in to win books, eReaders, tickets to

Auckland's hottest shows and attractions and designer eyewear. Ineka will explain the details to students and will be able to sign them up to Auckland Public Libraries if they don't currently hold a card. She will also bring a selection of books that can be borrowed on the spot, so students can get started straight away.



Hinemoa Summer Street Party - Saturday 8th December 9am - 12pm



The annual Hinemoa Summer Street Party, is a fun morning for all the family!

Come and shop for those Christmas specials, eat and drink at the many wonderful cafes, restaurants and food trucks, enjoy the live music and mingle with the community. The children will be entertained with face-painting, a Christmas craft, a bouncy castle and more...! 82 - 142 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead.



*Quality New Gifts and Food - Support a Great Cause.
Do your Christmas shopping.
Sausage Sizzle
International Food.*



**De Paul House
Christmas Market**

*Sat. 8th December,
9am to 1pm,
92-96 Onewa Road.
admin@depaulhouse.org.nz*

**Quality New Gifts and Food - Support a Great Cause, Do your Christmas shopping
Sausage Sizzle / International Food.**

Make a difference this Christmas

Donate your quality gifts for De Paul House Christmas market and be part of a great local cause for families in need.

We welcome baked goods, toys & games, and any quality household items you feel would attract buyers to the market stalls.

De Paul House is a not-for-profit organisation that responds to the needs of homeless families and provides a range of support.

By donating your goods you'll help keep these families in a safe environment while they develop the skills to successfully re-establish themselves in the community.

Birkenhead Primary Centenary

BPS IS TURNING 100!

Visit our website for information and event schedule.

Please like and follow our facebook page

www.facebook.com/BirkenheadPrimaryAlumni

Tickets on sale now online or from the school office.

birkenheadprimary100.nz



PHONE EXTENSIONS: BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE

Main office: 483 9039, FAX: 483 4094
EMAIL: office@birkenhead.school.nz

**The school office opens on Thursday
24th January 2019**

Reception / Absences	Mrs Logan	800
Sick Bay	Mrs J Eberly	836
Deputy Principal	Mrs Nightingale	807
Deputy Principal	Mr Burton	802
Head of Pastoral	Ms Mexted	803
Principal's Secretary	Mrs Alexander	832
Accounts	Mrs Johnson	809
International Students	Mrs Baker	806
Careers Advisor	Ms White	819
Year 13 Dean	Mrs Murphy	919
Year 12 Dean	Mrs Darragh	823
Year 11 Dean	Ms Mexted	803
Year 10 Dean	Mr Moore	822
Year 9 Dean	Miss McKnight	824
Music Department	Mr Coulomb	812
Drama Department	Ms Reid	831



THE UNIFORM SHOPPE THE SMART CHOICE

SAS Sport Ltd is delighted to come
on board as the new uniform supplier for

Birkenhead College.

Starting January 2019, The Uniform Shoppe
(part of SAS Sport Ltd) will take over the supply of your school uniforms.
Pre-order available from 1st October and all orders
placed prior to Christmas will go into a draw for a massive 50% discount.
Head to our outlet at Netball North Harbour to pre-order now.

Address - SAS Sport/The Uniform Shoppe
Barfoot & Thompson Netball Centre
44 Northcote Rd, Northcote, Auckland 0627

Store Timings: Tuesday & Thursday : 11:00 am to 6:00pm
Monday & Saturday : 10:00 am to 1:00 pm



**Extended hours for the next year will be confirmed in the due course.*



Contact Details: 027 556 6816



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018

TERM 4

Week 9 Wed 12 Dec Last day Term 4,
Junior Prizegiving

TERM 1 2019

	29 & 30 Jan	Course Confirmation Days
Week 1	Thur 31 Jan	First day Year 9 students
	Fri 1 Feb	First day All Year levels
Week 2	Wed 6 Feb	Waitangi Day holiday
	Fri 8 Feb	Photo Day
Week 3	Thur 14 Feb	Meet the Form Teacher, & NCEA info evening
Week 5	Fri 1 March	Photo catch-up day
Week 6	Mon 4 March	OPC
Week 8	Fri 22 March	Teacher Only Day
Week 10	Fri 5 April	International Day
Week 11	Tue 9 April	Report Evening
	Fri 12 April	Last day of Term 1

Shop Opening times in 2019

Thurs. 17 January 10am—6pm
Fri. 18 January 10am—4pm
Sat. 19 January 10am—2pm
Mon. 21 January 10am—4pm
Tues. 22 January 10am—6pm
Wed. 23 January 10am—4pm
Thurs. 24 January 10am—6pm
Fri. 25 January 10am—2pm
Sat. 26 January 10am—2pm
Mon. 28 January CLOSED
Tues. 29 January 10am—6pm
Wed. 30 January 10am—6pm
Thurs. 31 January 8.30am—6pm
Fri. 1 February 10am—2pm
Sat. 2 February 10am—1pm
Mon. 4 February 8.30am—4pm
Tues. 5 February 11am—6pm
Wed. 6 February CLOSED

2018 Yearbooks are here!