



Dear Parents and Friends

This is a busy time for our senior students with a number of internal standards due. Please encourage your child to make it a priority and check they know what is due and when.

At the Auckland Principals meeting last Friday I was reminded how lucky we are to be fully staffed, and with such quality staff. This has certainly become a major issue for education in New Zealand and hopefully we can see a pay increase for teachers that reflects the great job they do and also attracts our best people in to the profession.

The Fia Fia night on Thursday was a wonderful evening and we wish the Tongan group all the best for Polyfest.

As the weather is starting to cool down it is timely to think about purchasing school jumpers/jackets if you haven't done so already. If you are in the new uniform the new school jumper/cardigan/jacket will need to be worn. If you are in the old uniform and haven't got a jumper please see Mrs Eberly.



Futsal at BC

Birkenhead College has recently entered a school futsal team for the first time. Futsal is a fast paced, hard court version of football and our students are off to a great start. After beating Long Bay in their first game with a cracking late volley by **Cole Davids**, a complete team effort saw them go two from two with a win over Whangaparaoa last week which included a classic tiki taka goal worthy of the Bernabeu Stadium. As always our players showed great teamwork, effort and sportsmanship and are benefitting from the coaching sessions running Wednesday night at school.



Monday 11 March is Day 2

Smith's Bush

Last week a group of more than 70 Year 12 students from Science and Biology went to Smith's Bush, one of our beautiful stands of local native forest.



They were investigating the interactions between the different plant species such as the Kahikatea that reach up to 50 metres high in places, the wide spreading Puriri that are covered with hanging epiphytes and the small Kawakawa.

The information they gathered will be used as part of an internal assessment this week.

As always they were a credit to the school and valued the chance to experience learning outside the classroom.



C Waller, Principal



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Otomar Rudolph** who has made the 'New Zealand born in 2004' water polo squad. The athletes were selected after a trial camp held last weekend in Auckland. Well done Otomar!



Correction to our **Swimming Sports Results** printed in last week's newsletter. Intermediate Girls Champion should read **Aiesha Hastings**, 2nd place was **Angelina Hayter**. Apologies for this error.

Are you thinking of attending AUT in 2020 or 2021? If so come along to the **BGT at lunchtime next Wednesday the 13th of March**.



This talk will cover all aspects of AUT, including courses offered, entrance requirements, student finances, scholarship opportunities and University life in general.

There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

Free Asthma Clinic at BC

Asthma Auckland will run a free clinic for students with Asthma on March 25th. If your child's medical records show they have asthma, they will have the opportunity to be seen by the Asthma Nurse Specialist. Feel free to look at the Asthma Auckland website www.asthma.org.nz or call Mrs Eberly with any questions on 09-483-9039 xt 836. There will be 4-5 clinics running throughout the year. Once your child is seen they will bring information home to you or you will be contacted directly by the nurse.

ASTHMA FACTS



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)

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

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



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BC student, **Murray Gannaway**, has been selected for the **Barfoot & Thompson Young Guns team** to play against the Blue Light All Stars on **Sunday 24th March, 2019**. It is great that Birkenhead College is represented!

Come and support Murray on the 24th March.

The link to the ticket sales is <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/bluelight-t20-c...> and social media event <https://www.facebook.com/events/400430157183784/>



A small group of Year 9 & 10 students had the fantastic opportunity of attending a two hour workshop run by **Girl Boss NZ**. At this workshop the students listened to guest speaker and founder of Girl Boss **Alexia Hilbertidou**.

Alexia talked about the hurdles she has overcome and her journey to success in areas that are often underrepresented by women.

The students left feeling inspired to get involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects at school and to consider all the possible opportunities that these subjects can open up to them. It was an inspiring two hours.

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