



Reports to the  
Board of Trustees

Meeting  
18 September 2017

## Principal's Report

### Curriculum

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 1

Weka Teaching Team travelled down to Pukekohe to broaden their knowledge of the New Zealand Wars and attacks that happened in the Waikato region in 1863. This field trip is part of a Quest titled Gunfire Stockade. They visited the Pukekohe East Church where they saw original bullet holes from the battle in 1863. They visited an old house in Pukekohe to see how people lived in that time. Their last stop was at Alexander Redoubt where they looked at the trenches.

One of our students ran in the Auckland Championship Cross Country event in Pukekohe and was placed 15th.

Our rugby league team competed at the North Harbour Intermediate Rugby League Zone Day.

The 2017 Netball season has come to an end. Our teams did well in their grades. Year 7 Team 2 came 1st, Year 7 Team 1, Year 7 Team 4 and Year 8 Team 1 came 2nd.



The school choir is busy rehearsing songs for this year's annual APPA concert. The concert will be held at the Auckland Town Hall in November.

Our Year 8 Team 1 water polo players have competed in the Tim Sonderer Water polo Tournament.

One of our students competed at the Speech Competition for The Deaf gaining second place. Contestants came from the Hamilton to Auckland area.



The Kaipatiki Arts Trust held the finals of the Shorts Short Children's Film Competition in our school theatre. The competition drew 20 entries from schools within the Kaipatiki area. Films from Birkdale Intermediate were selected as three of the six finalists in the Intermediate section of the competition. Birkdale's 'The Life of a Seagull' won a Merit Animation award for its use of stop motion animation, with the students and school receiving \$500 in prizes for their efforts.

Birkdale Intermediate were the hosts of the Intermediate basketball Zone Days for Boys and Girls at the North Shore Events Centre. There were 26 intermediate schools from all over the North Shore.

Three ceramic dishes made by New Zealand artist Zeke Wolf are being exhibited in our gallery. His work is inspired by the famous English painter David Hockney and the exhibition shows some examples of Hockney's work.

## **Documentation and Self Review**

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 2

### Policy Review

Policies from last meeting for confirmation

- Internet Safety Policy
- Library Policy
- Mathematics Policy
- Online Publication of Student Images and Work Policy
- Outstanding Achievements Policy

Please read the following policies and be ready to comment at our next meeting.

- Pandemic Policy
- Performance Review Policy
- Performing Arts Policy
- Policy Making Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Property Policy

These policies can be read online at [www.bis.school.nz](http://www.bis.school.nz)

The Term 2 assessment results have been reviewed by the teachers. A copy of the graphs have been sent to you. If you have any clarifying questions or comments please see me at our meeting.

## **Personnel**

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 3

Roll Number - 388

We have appointed Donna Le Sheminant to the position of Principal's Secretary. You will meet Donna at this month's meeting.

Mr Sides attended a conference, held at Bialik College, Melbourne where two of Harvard University educators Dr Ron Ritchhard and Mark Church lead the 400 delegates from four countries through the latest research of Visible Thinking – the image of the learner. Mr Sides was able to see that what we do at Birkdale Intermediate is indeed world class and ahead of many of the schools that attended. Mark Church led a professional learning group at Birkdale

Intermediate in 2015, so it was great to share with him, how much we have grown since his workshop with our staff.

### *Community Relations*

Five students along with Mrs Irving attend the inaugural World Vision (40 Hour Famine) Awards Night. We were invited due to our outstanding fundraising effort this year. We raised over \$11,500. The students listened to guest speakers and were shown videos about how the money raised was used.

Sonia Nerheny, Youth Navigator, Kaipatiki Local Youth Board spoke with our student council on the Children's Panel theme of health.



### **Finance and Property**

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 4

#### *Property*

Work on the green room is progressing slowly due to the weather, sickness and delayed delivery of the aluminium window frames.

Tree planting on the bank above the long jump pit is underway. The trees are from the Paper4Trees scheme. They will compliment the native trees already there and strengthen the school grounds as a food source for native birds on the flyway.

## *Finance*

See attached reports.

Nga Hua has held a cake stall fundraiser. They are fundraising for their bi-annual haerenga. This year they will be spending 5 days in Otorohanga learning about the history of the area and their culture and protocol. This will include staying at a local Marae to experience the culture, whanaungatanga and of course enhance their knowledge of Te Reo Maori through immersion wananga. The cake stall raised \$504.30.

## **Health and Safety**

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 5

Nil

## **Legislative Requirements**

National Administration Guideline (NAG) 6

Nil