



Birkdale Bulletin

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2.

We are looking forward to a busy term, with students working on presenting their speeches and Science Fair projects.

Anzac Day Parade

On Anzac Day, April 25th, Mr Sides, Stina (R14) and I attended the Birkenhead Anzac day parade. It was a nice bright sunny day for the memorial service and everyone was ready for the parade. We marched down from Birkenhead Primary to the Birkenhead Leisure Centre. We stood as the Australian and New Zealand national anthems were played and everyone began to sing along.

The Deputy Head Boy and the Head Girl of Birkenhead College spoke about how they felt about what the ANZAC soldiers did. I still remember one sentence that the Deputy Head Boy said "I still can't believe that people at my age were heading off to war".

We heard that the wreath laying would be commencing after the speeches. We, as a school, were suddenly called up as Stina and I both felt butterflies. We held the wreath with pride and a piece of rosemary in the other hand. We laid the wreath down with the thought of the ones who gave their life to make peace 102 years ago. We came out of the little hall and an elderly man came up to me and told me "you two did a very good job" he then told me that he was one of the very first students of Birkdale Intermediate!

It was a very cool experience for Stina and I and I would really like to do it again!

Written by Benjamin (R12).



Student of the Week' award - well done!

Trixie R1, Cecilia R3, Tylar R10, Jack R11, Nathan R14, Ti-Mia R15, Amber R16, Cheyleigh R9 - Visual Arts and Levi R9 - Performing Arts.

Shore2Shore Fun Run

Shore2Shore was an awesome experience and really fun. It was tough but we will definitely do it again next year. We enjoyed being part of the thousands of participants. Emily and Jack, Room 10.

We had 141 participants in the Shore2Shore Fun Run on Sunday 9 April. Congratulations to Room 14 as they had 35 entries so will receive the pizza lunch.

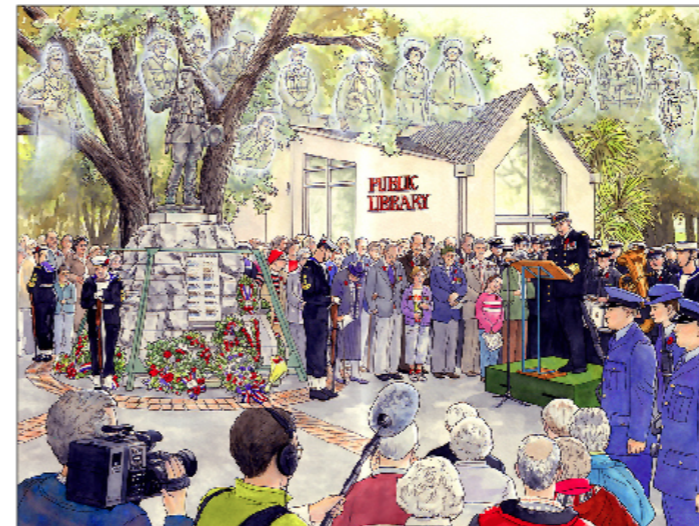


Year 8 Team 1 won the A Grade for Term 1 at the Glenfield waterpolo league.

Congratulations to Luka, Luke, Lauren, Otomar, Hannah, Aiesha, Hannah, Rebecca, Angelina and Brooke.

Social Science Quest Lest We Forget

The major social science Quest for this term asks our students to consider carefully the words engraved on hundreds of war memorials around New Zealand and make a well-founded judgement on what we should remember about war. On the school's website there is a parents guide sheet on how you can help enhance this learning. It makes suggestions like a family visit to the Naval Museum in Devonport, the tunnels at North Head or the gun emplacements at Kennedy Park, Castor Bay. On the website look for Thinking-Based Learning on the right hand menu and then scroll down to Lest We Forget.



Lunch Room - Price Increases

At Deejays we pride ourselves in providing an affordable product range to the school markets. We have been forced to embark on a full price review following increased costs from our suppliers, minimum wage and general operating cost increases.

The outcome of this is that effective by the 15th of May we will be implementing a range of price increases across the board. Please be assured that we have kept these to a minimum. Denise Cole, Director of Deejays Ltd

Lucky Book Orders

Lucky Books, Issue Number 3 is available online or order through the school office. Orders are available until Friday, 19 May.

Our students show off their talent

On Wednesday of last term the school was treated to a concert showcasing numerous student's talents. The standard was particularly high and all students performed with great stage presence.

Here are the winners:

- 1st: Michael Wassel Rm 9 - Singing and playing the ukulele
- 2nd: Joe Driver Rm 8 - Drumming solo
- 3rd: Breanna Keating Rm 14 - Singing
- 4th: Nicholas Saijaipadoi and Jessica Wiseman-Pou - Singing and accompaniment on the piano.



All the best for the coming week.

Richard Coote,
Principal

Community Notice:

After-School Art Class for ages 7-12 yrs
A structured drawing and painting program with full-time artist/art tutor. Fun and focused. Tuesdays 3.30 - 5pm for 6 weeks, starts May 23 at Highbury House, Birkenhead. Cost \$105.00. Bookings essential: email eion@eionbryant.com, Ph. 4836703

Important Dates

5 May	NS Orienteering	29 May	Y7 Football (G)
5/5	Y7 Football (B)	30/5	ASB GetWise
8/5	BOT Meeting	31/5	Open Evening Y6 (repeat)
10/5	Y8 Football (B)	5 June	Queen's Birthday
24/5	NS Zone Rugby (B)	6/6-7	ASB GetWise
25/5	Open Evening Y6	9/6	40 Hour Famine
26/5	NS Rugby 7's (G)	14/6	NS Hockey (G)