



# Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

### Visitors from an Indonesian School

This week we had a visit by the Managing Director and the head of Training, Research and Development Department at Sekolah HighScope School, a progressive school in Jakarta, Indonesia. Like us, they believe in the student-centered approach. They spent the day with us to learn about our implementation of Thinking-Based Learning. They are interested in learning from other schools that implement this effectively. We were recommended to them by Andrew Miller from the Buck Institute for Education, California. The Buck Institute for Education is a nonprofit organisation dedicated to improving 21st Century teaching and learning throughout the world by creating and disseminating products, practices and knowledge for effective learning.



### Student of the Week' award - well done!

Allan R3, Stella R4, Siya R7, Rosetta R10, Hayden R11, Luke R12, Ella R14, Oscar R15, Cassius and Brooke R17.

### PhotoLife

Student and class photos are online. Your child should have come home with a shoot key to enable you to view and order their photos. If the shoot key has been misplaced please ring PhotoLife direct on 0800 501 040. For free delivery to the school you need to order online by midnight, Sunday 21 May. Orders can be made after this date and you will be charged a delivery fee. If you are unable to order online please ask your child to come to the school office to collect an order envelope.

### World Vision Young Leaders' Day

Last Friday, David (R1), Michael (R9), Stina (R14) and myself joined other students from around Auckland at the World Vision Young Leaders' Day. We learnt more about the Syrian refugee crisis and the work that World Vision does around the globe. We were also told about what good leadership looks like and we discovered what type of leader we were. This was really interesting as it taught us what our strengths and weaknesses were when working with a team. We really want to help the refugees and raise a lot of money to help fund the Child Friendly Spaces which enable the children to receive an education and experience fun activities! By Sophia Room 11



### Congratulations 1st Place to our Y8 Boys Orienteering team and to our Y8 Girls team!

48 of our students went to Onepoto Domain on Friday last week to compete in the inter-school orienteering competition. The students all ran really well and some of the times were very competitive which shows how much hard work the team put into training before the event. Well done everyone that took part.



Katrina and Asher



### Kids Lit Quiz

On Tuesday night Ella, Breanna, Stina and Reily represented the school at the Auckland heat of the Kids Lit Quiz. It was the first time our school has entered and the students performed well finishing with 65 points (coming 13th out of 35 teams). The winning team scored 75 points. The Kids Lit Quiz is a 3 hour event. It tests the students knowledge of children's literature and is designed to reward children who participate in the sport of reading. Categories on the night included; riddles, metals, insects, doors, downsize me, and dogs. To do well in the event students need to be well read and have a good knowledge of story plots, characters, settings and authors.



### Y7 Boys Football zone day

On Monday we participated in the North Shore Y7 Boys Football zone day and we had some pretty tough competition.

This was the first time we played together as a team outside of school, however we managed to squeeze in a win against, a draw and a two losses from our pool. Congratulations to Dominic and Sean (both R11) for scoring the goals in our victory.

We had a great day bonding and really getting to know each other's capabilities and skills. Unfortunately we did not make it through into the quarterfinals but we had a great time playing all the tough teams we played.

It was great to see players who do not normally play football contribute to the team and enjoy the experience.

Thank you to Mrs Keating and Mrs Borsboom for managing and supporting us all day and also to Mrs Kay and Mrs Fisher for helping us get to and from school. By Albie R11.



### William Pike spoke at Assembly

William spoke about the William Pike Challenge Award. ([www.williampike.co.nz](http://www.williampike.co.nz)) .

This exciting Explorer Programme is like Duke of Edinburgh and includes:

- 20 hours Community Service.
- 20 hours Passion Project (AKA a hobby/hobbies)
- 5 Outdoor Adventures

iHUB will include these challenges throughout the year, starting with the Community Service component on Fridays. Contact iHub on 0221609033 or 0220849253 or email [bis@theihub.co.nz](mailto:bis@theihub.co.nz) Website: [www.theihub.co.nz](http://www.theihub.co.nz)



All the best for the coming week.

Richard Coote, Principal

## Important Dates

17/5	Boostrix talk2	31/5	Open Evening Y6 (repeat)
24/5	NS Zone Rugby (B)	5 June	Queen's Birthday
25/5	Open Evening Y6	6/6-7	ASB GetWise
26/5	NS Rugby 7's (G)	9/6	40 Hour Famine
5 June	Queen's Birthday	14/6	NS Hockey (G)
29 May	Y7 Football (G)	15/6	NS Hockey (B)
30/5	ASB GetWise	19-23/6	ASB St Johns Prog.