



Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

Writers festival

On Tuesday 39 students from our school attended a schools' session of the Auckland Writers Festival at the Aotea Centre. They heard presentations from Glen Colquhoun, Frances Hardinge, David Hill, and Lauren Child. The students learnt a lot about the process of writing, the importance of planning and editing, and how to gain inspiration from the things, places and people around them.



Tahlia and Stephanie attend a Graphic Novel Workshop

Day 1 of the Graphic Novel Workshop. Here they are digitally creating their main character. I can't wait to see the finished product!



Student of the Week' award - well done!

Joseph & Ellie R2, Shannon R3, Madina R8, Natasha R10, Azreena R12, Leilani R14, Asher R17, Sarai R16 & Shannon R3 - Visual Arts and Jessica R17 - Performing Arts

Y8 Boys football zone day

On Wednesday May 10, our Year 8 Boys football team went to Rosedale Park to compete in the North Shore Football Zone day.

In our first game we played Kingsway and we won 4-1, where Vojin, Toby, Leo, and Luka scored. Next we played Belmont, it was a close game, which ended with a 0-0 result. We played Takapuna, we fought hard, but lost to a brilliant header in the last minute.

We had to beat Rosmini but this game finished 2-nil to them, which meant we were unable to move on to the next stage.

Our team strived for excellence in our practices and during the tournament and we had a good time and this was a great experience. Thank you to Mr LeComte for helping manage our team throughout the day, and Mrs Tamihana and Mrs Saijaidapoi for providing our team transport to and from the tournament. Written by Luka Langebach and Jamie Williamson (R8)



Sports Academy

At today's Sports Academy session at Birkenhead College, we started off working through a workbook, with our mentors, that helped us think about our sporting goals, obstacles, pressure, time management and nutrition. Everyone's goals were based on the sport we have chosen to focus on this year and the timetable is what we commonly do every day for sport and exercise.

After we finished our workbook, we played a fitness and strategy game, which involved running and playing tic-tac-toe. It was heaps of fun. Our BC mentors gave us heaps of encouragement and it was great to see them again. Written by Cheyleigh (R9)



Netball - Car parks available

Parking is now available at Takapuna Normal Intermediate for midweek netball competitions. There is a car park charge of \$2.00. Car spaces will be available from 4.30pm. All proceeds go to TNIS as fundraising for the school.

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.

The Sapling

The Sapling is a website all about children's books, because books grow humans. We take kids' lit seriously and we show it by commissioning essays, interviews, reviews and even crafts from some amazing kiwi writers and illustrators. You can find us at www.thesapling.co.nz and follow us on Facebook .@thesaplingnz and Twitter .@thesaplingNZ

Auckland Orienteering

On Tuesday, two teams of Birkdale students represented North Harbour at the Auckland championships for Orienteering, after previously winning their regional events at Onepoto Domain. The terrain was quite challenging, yet our teams pushed through the 3.1km long run and managed to complete their difficult courses in an excellent time. We had some excellent individual times, but the winning factor was how well our school worked as a team. By Luka and Otomar



Contact Information

Have you moved house/changed jobs/changed your contact numbers? If so, please remember to contact the school office to update your child's student profile. You can email any updates to office@bis.school.nz or ring on 483 9168. Thank you for your co-operation.



All the best for the coming week.

Richard Coote, Principal

Important Dates

24/5	NS Zone Rugby (B)	9 June	40 Hour Famine
25/5	Open Evening Y6	14/6	NS Hockey (G)
26/5	NS Rugby 7's (G)	15/6	NS Hockey (B)
5 June	Queen's Birthday	19-23/6	ASB St Johns Prog.
29 May	Y7 Football (G)	30/6	Reports go home
31/5	Open Evening Y6 (repeat)		School Social
5 June	Queen's Birthday	4 July	3-Way Conferences