



Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

Greenhouse in our Grounds

A Greenhouse with polycarbonate panels is being erected in our grounds. It will house a large hydroponics system. The greenhouse has been paid for by the Chinese Government as part of their support for the exchanges with our sister school and other schools from Ningbo. Ningbo is a sister city to Auckland and like Auckland is a coastal port city. We have developed a science Quest that looks at how astronauts will be feed on the long journey to Mars using hydroponics. This will be used by Chinese students during their visits. We will also use it for other science investigations throughout the year.



'Student of the Week' award - well done!

Keli R2, Meliana R3, Charl & Anapasi R4, Amelia R7, Cheyleigh R9, Chanel R10, Jordan R12, Breanna R14, Connor R15, Kahlan R16, Holly-Marie R3 - Visual Arts and Sydnie R7 - Performing Arts.

Room 12's 40 Hour Famine Bake Sale

Today Room 12 had a Bake Sale to fundraise for the 40 hour Famine to get educational equipment and toys for children in Syrian refugee camps. To make this a success we got into teams with different jobs; Marketing, Communications, Pricing, Inventory, Setting up, Customer Service, Finance, Clean Up and of course we all baked! Jordan designed posters to put up around school and Hannah and the Marketing team thought of giving two 50c off vouchers to each teacher to give to students in their class. Luke was our Operational Manager who coordinated inventory and set up, Logan & Mitchell did the pricing of all the different baked goods. We had lots of yummy goodies to sell and made over \$270 in total - \$20 over our target! We all had to work as a team and communicate to keep the lines moving as students overflowed the Tapawae court.

We had a wide range of various sweets including fudge, ice cream and chocolate. Everything we sold today was either made or bought by students or parents. Our class's goal is to raise \$1000 in total after the sponsorship money from the 40 Hour Famine comes in. We hope to help some of the refugee children in Syria to have access to toys and education to help them through the devastation and trauma they have experienced in their lives.

By Hannah and Luke R12

2017 40 Hour Famine

Once again students from our school are taking part in World Vision's 40 Hour Famine. This year the money raised will go towards creating 'Child Friendly Spaces' in Syrian Refugee Camps. Last year Birkdale Intermediate raised around \$15,000 which is incredible! This year we are striving to raise as much as we did last year. The famine co-ordinators this year are Charlotte, Leilani, Jahra, Anna with Breanna and Stina assisting the co-ordinators. Make sure to fundraise as much as you can for this fantastic cause and bring your money to the office foyer as soon as possible. By Breanna & Stina R14



ASB Get Wise Financial Literacy

Throughout three days this week and last, members of ASB's Get Wise Financial Literacy team came to BIS to work with each class through a real life problem – planning and paying for a holiday.

The ASB Get Wise Financial Literacy programme is designed to improve students' financial knowledge and attitudes towards money. Students had to work collectively in teams to decide on payment options, taxes, insurances, and foreign currency when paying for varying aspects of their holiday.

Warning: some students were loving handing out fictitious amounts of dollars when planning their holiday. On the other hand, other groups of students were able to provide detailed and mature rationale as to why economy class was better than first class. It will be interesting in the future how much will have changed in the students after this lesson and further learning around finances and economics.



ASB St Johns in School Programme

From Monday 19 June to Friday 23, each class will have a 90 minute session with ASB St. Johns in Schools Programme to help our children learn how to respond in emergency and disaster situations. They will learn how to prevent accidents and how to be clued up campers. Some key first aid techniques and practical CPR will be covered. Students will learn how to identify and manage hazards in family activities. Students will be taught how to recognize some environmental challenges and how to respond to a variety situations. Donation: \$2 per student

Sports Camp

Over 90 students have expressed an interest in trialling for this year's Sports Camp squad, where 35-39 students head to Matamata to compete against other Auckland and Waikato schools for a week. Students are well into trialling the multiple different sporting disciplines in an attempt to make it clear that they are capable and ready to represent BIS in Matamata. The squad will be named before the end of Term 2 and information on the camp will start to be sent home.

Please encourage your child(ren) to keep an eye out on the daily notices and attend the trial that they signed up for, so they don't miss out.

All the best for the coming week.

Richard Coote,
Principal

Community Notices

The information below is printed as a service to parents. The School neither endorses nor recommends any offers or proposals made.

• Birkenhead Artisan Market - Saturday 17 June 9am - 1pm at Highbury House, 110 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead. Come and meet our talented local makers, gifts, food & drink, art, craft, candles, home decor, artisan breads and more... Fundraiser bake stall by U10 Gold team Northcote Tigers.

• It's almost time for our AUCKLAND HOLIDAY WORKSHOP with Zac and Jen! The Marzipan Holiday Workshop runs from 10am-4pm Tuesday 18th - Thursday 20th July. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day! Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment. For more information check out our website - marzipandrama.co.nz Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick!

• Birkenhead College Presents 'Man of Steel'
5th – 7th of July 2017.



Fundraising made easy...

Bianca & Sahand will donate \$1000 to Birkdale Intermediate School for any property referred via members, relatives and friends upon a successful sale.



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Important Dates

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| 9 June | 40 Hour Famine | 21/6 | Y7 Mathex |
| 13/6 | Rugby Zone Day (B) | 22/6 | Y8 Mathex |
| 14/6 | NS Hockey (B) | 30/6 | Reports go home |
| 15/6 | NS Hockey (G) | | Book Fair |
| 19/6 | BOT Meeting | | School Social |
| 19-23/6 | ASB St Johns Prog. | 4 July | 3-Way Conferences |
| 20-23/6 | Matariki Festival | 5/7 | School Speech Finals |