



# Birkdale Bulletin

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Dear Parents

## Students and staff from Donghai Experimental School visit from China

The Chinese students have been at our school from Tuesday 4 until Friday 7 July. It was great to have them as part of our school community. They had opportunities to create Maori cultural symbols with Mrs Bradbeer, learn to sing Maori songs with Mrs Dooley, bake pikelets with Mrs Jones and create cultural pendants with Mrs Thompson. Whaea Alicia and the Room 9 students taught them how to use poi, use rakau sticks as musical instruments and to weave flowers. In return, they spent time with their buddies and built 3D puzzles of historical Chinese buildings. We have enjoyed the experience of learning alongside the Chinese students. We wish them safe travels.

By Toby Room 11



## Farewell to Dana

We would like to farewell Dana, a Korean student, who has been in Room 11 for all of Term 2. Dana is to be congratulated for displaying determination, resilience and for achieving her personal and learning goals during her stay.



## Congratulations to Braeden (R14)

Braeden was chosen as a winner of the 2017 Barfoot and Thompson Short Story Competition. His story titled 'William and the notebook' was 1 of only 10 chosen from 2200 entries. He will now work with professional editors and illustrators before his story is published in this year's publication. Proceeds from the sales of the book will go to the Starship Children's hospital.



## Blue Jays win the NSIS Girls Basketball League 3 competition

This was my first year of basketball. I loved it so much. It was a great experience and my team is such an awesome group of girls to hang and play basketball with. We played so well together and because of that we won our final game, winning gold! Thank you to our coach, manager and our wonderful supportive parents, family members and friends. Let's do it again next semester. Thank you Blue Jays! Tahlia and Maebel (R4), Lyric (R7), Noelle (R8), Charlotte and Heni (R12) and Alisha (R15).  
Written by Lyric (R7)



## Black Knights win NSIS Boys Basketball League 6 competition

What a great night Monday was for the boys in the BIS Black Knights! They won 41-13, an amazing score in the final against Northcross Heat in the North Shore Intermediate Boys Basketball League 6.

The Black Knights played so well and are very much a credit to their wonderful coach Luke Mower. He says the boys are so easy to work with, but he's been a great asset in terms of developing the Black Knights as a team. All the boys have hugely improved as a result.

The Black Knights are: Tyler (R10), Benjamin and Mitchell (R12), David, Jayden, Louis and Otomar (R14), Dylan (R15).  
Written by Ingrid van Rijn (Team Manager)



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

Isabella & David R1, Joseph R2, Summer R3, Salim R4, Zara R10, Brylee R11, Iban R12,

## Dancesport as part of the PE Curriculum

The Year 8 dance lessons are beginning on Wednesday, Week 2, next term. The six week programme will finish on Wednesday September 6. Please remember you have the option of paying \$21 for the six lessons or \$3.50 per lesson. The Year 8 Winter Ball will be the final event of the programme, which will be held on the evening of Thursday September 14. More information about the Winter Ball will be made available closer to the event.

The Scholastic Book Fair raised \$615.15 worth of books for our Library. & Muffi Day today raised \$600.00 towards iPads. Thank you to all for your support.

## Two rock bands share their skills at music assembly.

At lunchtime the performing arts' room is regularly full of musicians practising their instruments. On a Wednesday afternoon a rock band gets together to practise, and some students stay after school to jam.

At this week's music assembly, two rock bands performed. Gwyndolyn (bass guitar) from room 17 says "We have been working hard in practise times to improve on our songs to get a good result. We try to give feed back to each other so we can get better and better each time."



## Can you help?

To provide the wonderful resources and programmes we have here at Birkdale Intermediate School we add to our Government funding with some fundraising projects. Here are two ways you and your family and friends could help us with this with very little effort:  
If you're a parent, staff member or a member of the school community and draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school. Mention this school donation offer to your ASB banker when you apply for a new ASB home loan. Bianca O'Dea and Sahand Naghi from Harcourts will donate \$1,000 to BIS for any contact referred with a successful sale. Please tell everyone you know about these two schemes so we can continue to improve our school.

Have a safe and happy holiday.  
Richard Coote, Principal

## Important Dates

24 July	Term 3 begins	22 August	Basketball Zone Day (G)
28/7	School Cross Country	23/8	Basketball Zone Day (B)
1 August	Nerball Zone Day	24/8	AMA Mathex
2/8	Y8 Dancesport Lesson 1	5 Sept.	NS Rugby League
8/8	Cross Country Zone Day	8/9	Muffi Day
9/8	Chess Tournament	11-15/9	Production Intensive Week
	School Science Fair	14/9	Y8 Winter Ball
15-16/8	Enrolment days		