



# Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

## School Speech Finals

On Wednesday afternoon, before end of term 2, eight finalists from across the school presented their speeches in the School Speech finals. Congratulations to all finalists.

All finalists presented their speeches with confidence and a few hidden nerves in front of the school. Some speakers were able to deliver their speech from memory, without cue cards, which was pretty amazing.

It was great that all speakers got up in front of their peers and shared their opinions on their speech. The audience enjoyed hearing these motivational speeches. The toughest part was to slowly walk up onto the stage and stand at the very front of the stage and speak to the entire school.

Michael (R9) won this year's speech competition, who spoke about never giving up. In second place was Gwen (R16) on why kids should play more sports and in third place was Iban's (R12) speech about why video games are good for you. Written by Jamaine and Holly (R3)



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

Isabella, Jessica & Trixie R1, Film R2, Jamaine R3, Jemma R4, Noah R8, Akeysha R9, Priya R10, Toby R11, Breanna R14 and Brooke R14 - Visual Arts.

## Congratulations to Kingston R9

During the school holidays Kingston trialed out for Counties Manukau Maori Rugby League Under 13's Representative side, and has been selected to play for them. Well done Kingston!

## Improvements to our school

Over the holiday work began on a green room for the Goodwin Theatre. The green room is a place actors can wait before they are called on to the stage. When this is completed we will be a major step closer to holding our annual production in the theatre. We still need funding for

sound and lighting but the new green room is a major step towards our goal.



Work has been completed in renovating Room 9's toilets to bring them up to the standard of the others in the school and we have also begun work on ramps for wheelchair access to future proof the school in this area.



Three new large shade trees have been planted lining the path at the lower entrance to our school grounds.



## 2017 40 Hour Famine

Well done to all who participated and helped us in the 40 Hour Famine! Big thanks to the community, for donating the \$11,837.50 raised, the co-ordinators, the people who run the Famine and lastly, the amazing students who gave up food, sleep, technology, furniture and more! With everyone's help we were able to give four classrooms to the children of Syria! By Emily R11

## Lucky Book Club

Issue 5 of the Lucky Book Club is now open. Orders can be made through the school or online at [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) Please note if you are paying by credit card all orders must be made through the online option only. Orders close Friday 11 August.

## 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.

**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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All the best for the coming week

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 8am-7pm	17-29/9	Nth Harbour Science Fair

## Community Notices

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

## BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE



**OPEN EVENING**  
7pm, Tuesday 8 August  
Talk with Teachers and Students.  
Come and see our College in action



• Northcote College Enrolment 2018  
Northcote College Open Day - 12noon to 3pm on Saturday 29 July 2017. You are invited to visit Northcote College with your family to view the school and talk to staff and current students. Discover exactly what Northcote College has to offer. Applications for 2018 enrolment open on 24/7/17. Application forms are available from the school website [www.northcote.school.nz](http://www.northcote.school.nz) Please note applications for out-of-zone enrolment close on Wednesday 30 August 2017.

## •Marrzipan Drama!

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to their peers. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz)

• North Shore Concert Band  
Free Concert Sunday 30th May 4 – 4:30pm  
In preparation for our performance at the NZ Concert Band Association Festival in Whangarei, the North Shore Concert Band is holding a practise run in the theatre at Birkdale Intermediate this coming Sunday (30th July) at 4pm and we would love to have an audience. The concert will last approximately 30 minutes. There are no tickets but a small donation on entry would be appreciated.