



# Birkdale Bulletin

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Dear Parents

### School Science Fair

Congratulations to all who participated in the School Science Fair. The standard of competition was high with students investigating a wide range of scientific questions.

The **Supreme Winner** of this year's Science Fair was Otomar R14 with his entry entitled 'Beam me up Scotty'. Otomar has won this twice! Well done!

**Technology Award** Asher R14  
**Best Logbook** Stina R14  
**Best Data Collection/Analysis** Angelina Hayter R14

**Gold Award** - Breanna R14, Michael R1, Stina R14, Angelina R14 and Toby R11.

**Silver Award** - Lucas R11, Sean R11, Anna R14 and Katrina R14.

**Bronze Award** - Emily R16, Amelia R7 and David R1.

### Auckland Robocup Champions!

Last weekend, three of our school's Robotics Teams went to Saint Kentigern College to compete in the Regional Robocup Competition. Our teams competed in the soccer category playing games throughout the day in a round robin. Two of our teams placed 4th and 5th and one team came first, beating the five year national champions. The winning team has been invited to go to Dunedin and compete in this year's National Robocup Competition. Overall we had an amazing day, a lot of fun and look forward to hearing about Birkdale's future successes in this area, down in Dunedin. By Luka and Otomar (R14)



The Robotics Extension Class put on a Bake Sale on Mufti Day to fundraise for the trip to Dunedin for Nationals. Thank you to all the people who made and sold and bought treats. Your support was amazing, and we raised \$441.00. Such a great help to our team.

### New Board Game developed here at Birkdale Intermediate School

Mrs Creek has come up with a wonderful new board game for James Shum's Dilemma. This social studies Quest looks at a young Chinese gold miner coming to New Zealand in 1873. To decide if James should come to New Zealand or stay in China? Our students need to research life in China and life on the Otago gold fields during the 19th Century. The game Mrs Creek has designed helps reinforce the problems faced and the choices made by these young men and their families. We use this Quest to develop our students' ability to make a well founded judgement. Mrs Creek's class were the first to play the game and they tell me that it helps them understand the problems faced by people in the 19th Century and it is fun to play.



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

Emily R1, Chantel R2, Abdullah R3, Jordy R8, Cole R9, Liberty R10, Kaden R12, Leilani R14 and Cecilia R3 - Visual Arts.

### Sports Academy Term 3 - Week 4

Yesterday we met up with our Birkenhead College mentors for Sports Academy. I was really excited when I saw my mentor because every time Sports Academy is on, him and I have a great time and I get to learn more from him.

We started the session down at BC's turf and all of the male football players, including myself, and our mentors played some 4v4. We focused on passing and moving into space, which was really helpful. It was good fun especially when we bet our mentors.

After our individual and group time with our mentor, the Sports Academy squad got split into two teams and played netball with a rugby ball. It was hard for me, but fun. Our mentors gave each of us feedback on how we could improve the way we were playing, like moving into space and positioning ourselves better, rather than running aimlessly. Overall the day was great!  
Written by Noah (R8)



**Your child doesn't have to miss out on music!**  
Music is both a great educational tool and a fun activity. For some students, the option of extending their musical education beyond the core music and other group activities at school can be difficult as busy parents are not always able to take their children to lessons after school times. Our school is pleased to be able to give parents the option for students to take lessons here at school through our association with the Music Education Centre. To find out what lesson spaces are still available for this term, please contact them directly on 0800 89 39 39.

**Mufti Day** today raised \$588.00 towards iPads.

### 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,  
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## Important Dates

22 August	Basketball Zone Day (B)	14/9	Y8 Winter Ball
23/8	Basketball Zone Day (G)	17-18/9	Nth Harbour Science Fair
24/8	AMA Mathex	18/9-22/9	Sports Camp
5 Sept.	NS Rugby League	25/9	Production Matinee
8/9	Mufti Day	26-28/9	Production
11-15/9	Production Intensive Week	29/9	Term 3 ends