



Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

Birkdale says farewell to Mrs Stewart

On Wednesday we said farewell to our school secretary, Mrs Louise Stewart. Mrs Stewart's family re-located to Awhitu 2 years ago. We thank her for her commitment in making the big trip to and from school for 2 years.

A warm welcome to our new school secretary, Mrs Donna Le Cheminant.

World Vision Awards night

Recently five students from Birkdale Intermediate were privileged to attend the inaugural World Vision (40 Hour Famine) Awards Night with Mrs Irving for our outstanding fundraising effort this year.

We listened to a few guest speakers who were very motivational and we were shown videos about how the money raised was used. We felt very lucky to be able to attend such an awesome event. By Breanna (R14)

Breanna was asked to speak at the awards and she absolutely nailed it - she did BIS so proud!

Birkdale Intermediate School helped raise over \$11,500 for World Vision through this year's 40 Hour Famine.



'Student of the Week' award - well done!

Alana & Cambell R1, Logan R2,
Charll R4, Levi R9, Jahra R14,
Leeanna R9 - Visual Arts,
Hannah R12 & Luke R10 - Performing Arts,
Braeden R14, Antonio R4, Ben R15 and
Jordy R8 - Technology.

Mr Sides attends Thinking Conference

Last week, one of our Deputy Principals, Matt Sides, attended the 6th Cultures of Thinking Conference in Melbourne, Australia. At this biannual conference, held at Bialik College, two of Harvard University educators Dr Ron Ritchard and Mark Church lead the 400 delegates from four countries through the latest research of Visible Thinking – the image of the learner. It was an amazing conference, where Mr Sides was able to see that what we do at BIS is indeed world class and ahead of many of the schools that attended. Mark Church led a professional learning group at Birkdale Intermediate in 2015, so it was great to share with him, how much we have grown since his workshop with our staff at BIS.



Year 7 EOTC

The Year 7 students will have their annual EOTC experience at Lake Pupuke and Birkenhead Leisure Centre on 5th and 6th of December. Activities included are: Archery, Rock Climbing, High Ropes, Kayaking, Raft Building and Team Sport. The cost of the programme is \$70 per student. Payments can be made weekly, or in full. We have shared the dates early so that parents and caregivers can book leave early as we require 5 parent helpers per class per day for health and safety reasons.

Weka field trip

Yesterday, Weka Block travelled down to Pukekohe to broaden our knowledge of the wars and attacks that happened in the Waikato region in 1863. We first stopped at the Pukekohe East Church where a man named Tom Brownlee, a descendant of one of the men in the war; talked to us about what happened at the church. We also saw original bullet holes from 1863. Our second stop was at an old house from the times of the war, which is also known

as the Pioneer House. It had been relocated to Pukekohe from Ramarama. A representative called Bill talked to us about how people lived and survived. Our last stop was at Alexander Redoubt where we looked at the trenches and how the soldiers made their way to Pukekohe. I thought this trip was very educational and it was very interesting learning about what happened. This trip will help me to understand my quest this term. By Michael R9



Auckland Champs - Cross Country

Dasha ran in the Auckland Champs Cross Country in Pukekohe yesterday morning. She came 15th, which is an awesome result, well done Dasha.



NSIS Rugby League Zone Day

We were the few chosen to participate at Sunnynook Park for the Rugby League Zone Day and we had a great time. We lost some games and won some, but we still had a positive attitude. We enjoyed the sportsmanship shown by the teams and how they adapted the game by running straight for us instead of stepping it sideways. We were really impressed by the humbleness of the other teams, too. The coaches said Delius from Room 1 stood out and played very well throughout the tournament. Overall it was a very enjoyable day. Thank you very much to Matua Steve for coaching us leading up to the Zone day and Whaea Mel for organising our team. Written by Brooklyn & Tyler (R10)



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.

All the best for the coming week
Richard Coote,
Principal

Important Dates

11-15/9	Production Intensive Week	18/9-22/9	Sports Camp
14/9	Y8 Winter Ball	25/9	Production Matinee
17-18/9	Nth Harbour Science Fair	26-28/9	Production
18/9	BOT Meeting	29/9	Term 3 ends