



# Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

## 2017 Production 'The Wizard of Oz' Congratulations to everyone involved!



It was awesome to be involved in the production. We worked really hard and there was practice upon practice but it was really worth it. We were all really tired after the shows though. It felt great to be on stage performing in front of our friends and family. We managed to keep going even though there were a few little issues like the sound system going off to deal with. I definitely want to be involved again some how next year. Thank you to Mrs Dooley, Mrs Creek, Mrs Bradbeer, Mr Thorne, Mrs Jones and Mrs Thompson and the rest of the cast and crew. Matthew R2

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

Luisa R8, Hyland R9,  
Natasha R10, Brylee R11, Bayjour R15, Helen R16,  
Rayne R17,  
Xander R3 - Visual Arts,  
Hannah R12 - Performing Arts  
Lillyvaine R7, Emily & Tylar R10, Isabella & Sean R11,  
and James R17 - Technology.

## Amnesty for BIS rugby jerseys

Thank you to the three families who have returned a BIS rugby jersey, We are still low on our BIS rugby jerseys. If you have represented BIS in either boys Rugby, Rugby League or Girls 7/9s Zone day this year or last year, can you please have a look around at home return it to the School Office. Thank you.

## Pasifika Festival Highlights

On Thursday, our Pasifika Cultural Group represented our school at the West Auckland Pasifika Cultural festival which was held at Peninsula Primary School, in Te Atatu. The performance was outstanding and received rave reviews. Many thanks to our coaches Ramona, Lia, Whaea Kat and Valerie for many hours of dedication. A special thanks to Mele Fonua for sewing all the costumes and the parents who provided transport and moral support.



## Congratulations to the seven Birkdale students who received awards at the 2017 North Harbour Science and Technology Fair awards



## NZ Education ranks first for 'digital world' skills

New Zealand's education system is the best in the world for preparing young people for an increasingly digital and globalised world, a new study has found. The Worldwide Educating for the Future Index, released by the Economist Intelligence Unit, ranked New Zealand ahead of Canada, Finland and Switzerland in terms of equipping young people with problem-solving and interpersonal skills.

## American Educator Praises New Zealand Curriculum

Jamie McKenzie is an American educator who has in the past acted as one of our 'critical friends.' He has given feedback and advice for Quests such as 'Let the Buyer Beware' and the mini Quest 'Hillary or Gagarin?'

His recent article shows the importance of us (teachers and parents) seeing ourselves as 'Teachers of Thinking.' As you read the article you will come across this, 'In one of the world's most impressive curriculum documents, New Zealand has made a strong appeal for schools to develop a generation of thinkers who are capable of making up their own minds.'

The full article, 'Combating Alternative Facts' can be read at: <http://fno.org/sept2017/covsept.html>

## Sports Academy shares experiences with Beach Haven Primary

Yesterday, Gloria (R7), Michael (R9), Leilani (R14) and Palin (R17) headed back to Beach Haven Primary School to share their experiences of BIS and being a member of BIS' Sports Academy to the eager Year 6 audience.

The audience and BHPS staff loved seeing the grown up versions of these four being at their school.

Other BIS students will be heading back to their primary schools early next term to share the same messages.



## Calling all old Mobile Phones to help Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ's coastlines and waterways

Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the Resource Room at school.

## 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 \$1,000 to Birkdale Intermediate School for any property referred via members, relatives and friends upon a successful sale.



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Have a safe and happy holiday.

Richard Coote,  
Principal



**Wave Warriors Holiday Surf Programme**

The O'Neill Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the spring holidays for 6-16yr olds at Crewa Beach

**Fun, Safe, Active & Healthy**

6-16yr olds | 5 Day Programme | Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
\$150 per person | Morning or Afternoon session times

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers - developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment at Crewa Beach

Limited spaces | Please email to book  
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## Important Dates

29/9	Term 3 ends	3/11	International Day
16/10	Term 4 Commences	7/11	Dancesport Zone Day
18/10	Rogaine Orienteering	12/11	Dental Van at BIS
10/10	HPV Vaccinations	16/11	NZ Athletics
23/10	Labour Day	24/11	Top Team Zone Day
25/10	Touch Zone Day	1/12	Reports home
26/10	School Athletics		School Social
27/10	Team Photos		