



# Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

### Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Mrs Choromanski who has won a position as Principal at Parakai School starting in 2018. We wish her well in her new position.

### Otago Maths Challenge

This year Birkdale Intermediate has taken part in the National 'Otago Maths' problem solving challenge. This has been a great way to extend our students' maths skills, develop deeper thinking and learn to problem solve. Congratulations to Otomar and Dom who were awarded prizes for their outstanding achievement in this competition. Each received a book voucher to the value of \$25.



### Gate Art Students' work is complete

The Hundertwasser mural is now complete and most of it is in place at the tuck shop. It looks really colourful. Well done to the artists involved. You did a great job!



Thanks to Mr Brown and Mr Watts who put a lot of time into putting the boards onto the walls for us and most of all the artists in the photo below.



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

Musso R2, Jake R4, Aimee R7, Latamai R8, Bailee R9, Devon R10, Dom R11, Jack R12, Angelina R14, Dylan R15, Emily R16, Brooke R17, Khavanah R9 and Roko R8 - Technology

### Fia Fia Night

This year, we had the benefit of having three amazing Pasifika parents work alongside our Pasifika children to learn Samoan and Tongan dances. At the end of last term, our Pasifika group demonstrated their talents at the West Auckland Primary School Pasifika festival. To show case our children's talent, there will be a Fia Fia night on Wednesday, 1 November from 6pm to 7:30pm in our school hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

### EOTC Week (5 December to 8 December)

Thank you for all the payments that have started to come in so far, and for all the parents and caregivers who have indicated they are able to attend.

Remember that we need numerous parents per class to help get the maximum out of all the activities - the adult supervision and support means that the students can be participating for longer during the given activity.

Please, also, remember to notify the School Office if you intend to make instalments for the activities.

Year 7's are out of school on Tuesday and Wednesday and the Year 8's have an all day event at school on Tuesday then are out of school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### New basketball backboards are 'swish'

Over the Term 3/4 school break, our Basketball courts got a massive upgrade. The BIS students are absolutely loving the new backboards and hoops that local construction company Haydn + Rollett were so generous in sponsoring. Thank you very much. The final step is to place the nets back on the full size court and then everyone can hear the sound of their shots - wish together, swish together.



### 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 and return it to the School Office. Thank you.

### Lucky Books Issue #7 is now open

All orders are to be made by 3rd November. If you are paying by credit card these must be made online. Orders will still be sent to the school. BONUS OFFER! Receive 1 bonus book when you spend \$10 more than your average order over the past school year, receive 2 bonus books when you spend \$20 more than your average order over the past school year.

### Sports Academy

We retrace our steps from countless other occasions where we had gone up to Birkenhead College to meet with our college mentors for the school's Sports Academy. In these meetings, we would usually talk about our goals for our future

in sport and we would practice to develop the area of our chosen sport that we were not so skilled at already. We walked through the front gates for what would be the last time this year as a Sports Academy student. We found ourself back in the familiar gymnasium, where we soon found our mentors. We were divided into 4 teams and for the next half an hour we played futsal (indoor football).

Breathless, we made our way off the court and into a nearby classroom where we spoke with our mentors about our goals for next year. We spoke about our personal sport goals, and their plans for their first year out of college, whether it be work, university, or anything like that.

As it was our last session to celebrate Mr McKeown got us and our mentors some pizzas, which were gone in no time. After saying farewell to our mentors, we made our way back down Birkdale Road to school after yet another fun Sports Academy session. Written by Dominic (R11)



### 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

23/10	Monday - Labour Day	16/11	NZ Athletics
25/10	Touch Zone Day	24/11	Top Team Zone Day
26/10	School Athletics	1/12	Reports home
27/10	Team Photos		School Social
3/11	International Day	5/12	EOTC Week
7/11	Dancesport Zone Day		Bigfoot at BIS
12/11	Dental Van at BIS		