



Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

Congratulations to everyone on an awesome Athletics Day!!

Well done to everyone involved, it's great to see so many of our students challenging themselves and competing to the best of their ability. Thanks to all of the people that helped to make the day run smoothly.

House Competition results - congratulations to: Rimu 1st, Rata 2nd, Matai 3rd and Kauri 4th.



Fia Fia Night - Please note the change of date!

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 Tuesday, 7 November from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in our school hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

'Student of the Week' award - well done!

Mathew R2, Cole R9, Natasha R10, Kahlan R16 and Klara R4 - Visual Arts.

APPA Choir students attend practices at Auckland schools, leading up to the Final performance

This week our APPA students traveled to St Michaels Catholic School to practice for our performance at the Auckland Town Hall on 8th November. We have been practicing a repertoire of songs. This is our first year of participating in the APPA Choir and we are looking forward to the day! By Aaliyah and Latamai R8.

Touch Zone Day

On Wednesday our Mixed Y7/8 Touch Team travelled to Long Bay for the Touch Zone Day. It was a fun day, playing 5 games of which we drew 2.

Futsal Programme for BIS students

Birkenhead College is running a Futsal programme exclusively for Birkdale Intermediate students every Monday and Wednesday after school (3:30-4:30pm). There is no cost to participate, and participants can play in gym shoes or bare feet. No sign ups are required. From the first session on Wednesday afternoon, the winning team was Brooke (R14), Hannah (R12), Sam (R11) and Jack (R10).



BIS students sharing their successes and opportunities

Over the past two weeks, BIS ambassadors have been heading back to their primary schools to share with their audiences what BIS looks like and feels like, as well as sharing secrets and lists of possibilities. This term, groups have visited Verran, Birkdale North, Kauri Park and Chelsea Primary to share their experiences of and opportunities available at BIS to some very eager Year 6 audiences.

All students loved the reactions from members of staff when seeing them grown up. The students who attended also did extremely well when sharing their insights in front of the younger audience.



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.

Amnesty for BIS rugby jerseys

Thank you to the 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.

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

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Important Dates

3/11	International Day	5/12	EOTC Week
7/11	Dancesport Zone Day		Bigfoot at BIS
	Fia Fia Night	13/12	Service Awards Assembly
8/11	APPA Choir - Town Hall	14/12	Final Assembly
12/11	Dental Van at BIS		School closes 12.30pm
16/11	NZ Athletics		
24/11	Top Team Zone Day		
1/12	Reports home		