



# Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

## Dancesport Championships

On Wednesday, dancers took the opportunity to go through their routines in front of an audience before they defend the number one spot in next week's Dancesport Zone day. Birkdale Intermediate School is taking 45 couples to the competition. This is by far the biggest team we have sent in recent times. Students please make sure that you pay on Monday - \$10 Registration and \$5 bus fare. Good luck to everyone competing on Tuesday.



## Congratulations to Lizzy for Striving for Excellence

We would like to congratulate Lizzy Randall, who is an ex student of Birkdale Intermediate School. Lizzy was awarded 'Top academic student of year 12 at Birkenhead College' at the prize giving last night. Setting herself up for University entrance.

## NSIS Orienteering

Orienteering was an exciting opportunity that we all took part in at Shakespeare Regional Park on Wednesday of Week 1. It was an opportunity for students who enjoy a challenge and enjoy running. In particular we enjoyed the experience of orienteering as we had the chance to improve on our communication skills with others. It was a team sport and most importantly we had a fantastic time running around. Written by Chloe, Summer, Holly and Jamaine R3



## 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!

Chantal Tuanae R2, Tate Tristram R2, Rebecca Nicholas R4, Noah Curtis R8, Hyland Foulagi-Koroi R9, Rosetta Feasey-Weiss R10, Summar Johnson-Roberts, Miles Nicolson and Sam Kay R11, Leilani Grimwood R14, Alicia Byrne R15, Carson Piaggi-Sas R17 and Leanne Isada R17.

## EPRO 8 stands for Engineer, Problem solve, and Innovate.

It is a competition where schools from around the North Island participate in engineering and problem solving challenges. Each round is three hours long, and teams race to get as many points as possible by completing challenges. The more difficult a challenge, the more points it gives you. We worked together to problem solve issues using engineering and electronics scenarios. It was hard and challenging but we thought of some great solutions. We had two teams and the Year 8 team came first. The Year 7 team just missed out on fourth place. The Year 8 team will go to the semi-finals for North Shore on the 27th of November.



## Sports Academy

Leadership is a focus for our squad for the rest of year, which will be developed through sessions with Harbour Sport's 'Coach Support Initiative' (CSI) team of Heather and Damian. On Wednesday, the squad got to identify what leadership means to themselves, their team(s) their peers and us as a school. The squad worked through ways of how leadership can inspire the players around them.



## EOTC Week (5 December to 8 December)

Medical forms have been sent home today for completion. These need to be completed as thoroughly and accurately as possible and returned to your child's classroom teacher by Friday December 1st. Please remember if you are able to support your child's class, even if it is only for one day, then please make sure you contact the classroom teacher to share with them what day you are available to assist. There is no cost for parent/adult helpers.

## Mobile Dental Clinic will arrive soon

The Mobile Clinic will arrive on 12 November and be with us until 23 February, 2018.

The clinic will be open and you are welcome to enrol pre-school children.

Contact: for all enquiries or assistance with issues related to our dental unit please contact our fleet division on ph: 09 839 0517 or 0212207689

## Amnesty for BIS rugby jerseys

Thank you to the families who have returned a BIS rugby jersey. 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.

## 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

## Community Notices

The information below is printed as a service to parents. The School neither endorses nor recommends any offers or proposals made.

• Open Day Birkdale North Music Centre open day on Saturday 11th November between 8:30am to 10:30am  
Birkdale North Music Centre is funded by the Ministry of Education, and kids can take part in inexpensive music classes held on Saturday mornings. The Music Centre is for all children from year 1 to year 8. We teach recorder, keyboard, clarinet, trombone, trumpet, saxophone, flute, violin, cello, guitar, ukulele, drum and vocal classes. The children can also join our choir, orchestra, jazz band and theory lessons.  
Please visit our website [www.birkdalenorthmusic.school.nz](http://www.birkdalenorthmusic.school.nz) or email us [info@birkdalenorthmusic.school.nz](mailto:info@birkdalenorthmusic.school.nz)

• Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marzipan! We run awesome classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website [www.marzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marzipandrama.co.nz) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

## Important Dates

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