



Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

End of Year School Reports

Teachers have been working very hard to support your children to reach their social and academic goals. All reports will come home today. We suggest that you read it with your child and ask them to share their learning goals and how they worked towards achieving their goals. Even small steps matter. Please ensure that you use this opportunity to acknowledge, motivate and encourage your child to achieve their next steps.

School Social

Tonight we have our last school social event for the year. Children must not arrive before 6:45pm. Parents please note that you must come into the hall to pick your child up. Please do not wait for your child in the car park or ask them to walk home. Your child's safety is very important to us. Children can be picked up from 8:45pm to 9:00pm.

'Student of the Week' award - well done!

Gabriela R1, Carlos R2,
Sean R3, Thurston R7,
Jordana R8, Chanel R10,
Sam and Miles R11, Jack R14,
Alisha and Hayleigh R15,
Te Amorangi R16, and Leanne R17,
Jordana R8 - Visual Arts and
Kahlin R16 - Performing Arts.

Home Stay Families wanted?

We are seeking kind, English-speaking local families to host our international students from Korea between Schedule:

1. Thu 04/Jan/2018 ~ Fri 31/01/18 (4 weeks)
2. Thu 04/Jan/2018 ~ Sat 24/02/18 (8 weeks)
3. Sun 28/Jan/2018 ~ Sat 24/02/18 (4 weeks)

*Students are aged 10-14 and it would be double placement. (\$540 per week for 2 students)

*Three meals per day including lunch box and transportation are required.

*School starts at 08:30 am and finishes at 05:00 pm.

If interested, please email or contact to Dabin: hellonzaki@gmail.com or 027 8888 470.

Sun Hats

With the big turn around in the weather these last weeks and with it being Term 4, students are now required to wear their school hats for their break times and outdoor lessons, where applicable. Can you please support us with this and make sure the hats are clearly named.

EPRO8 news

Last night the EPRO8 team went to the semifinals in West Auckland to compete against 11 other teams. The boys encountered some difficult engineering challenges, but worked efficiently with their time to create and adapt their solutions. They had lots of fun innovating, trying improved options and changing their designs to fit the criteria for points. The last 5 minutes were frantic, but the boys came first. They will compete at the finals next Thursday evening at Mt Roskill Intermediate School from 5-8pm. The team is Otomar, Braeden, Luka, and Asher. Congratulations and good luck for next week!



We say goodbye to our Chinese Language Assistant

This week we farewell Connie Yu, our wonderful 2017 Mandarin Language Assistant. Connie has supported the teaching of Mandarin Chinese within our school this year and is returning to China to finish her studies. She has introduced many of our students to the rich language, culture and geography of China. Student's learnt how to write characters, greet others and introduce themselves, names colours, places, and foods. She also taught students Tai chi. Thank you Connie, we wish you a safe journey home.



A Sports shirt to add to our display in the Library All White and former Birkdale Intermediate School student, Bill Tuiloma, was in school this week to present us with the shirt he wore in the Intercontinental World Cup play off against Peru in Wellington. His shirt will be an amazing treasure and reminder to all BIS students of what it means to strive for excellence and the rewards that are possible by striving for excellence. Thank you very much, Bill, for the shirt and being an inspiration.



Auckland Athletics Champs - results

Sarai went to the Auckland Champs to compete in the Y7 Girls long jump, sadly she didn't place in the tough competition.

EOTC Week (5 December to 8 December)

Year 7s are out of school on Tuesday and Wednesday. Year 8s are at school on Tuesday then out of school for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please remember that students will need to be prepared for all weather conditions (sun and cooler temperatures), have closed in shoes for all events, and be wearing our full School PE uniform. Those that have water based activities, remember to have appropriate swimwear and a towel. As most activities are off school grounds, please remember to have food prepared and available, as there will be no lunch orders or opportunities to buy lunch/snacks. Monday, December 4 is a normal school day.

A big thank you to all caregivers and parents who have offered to give up their time to support our students next week. Its going to be a wonderful opportunity for our students to set goals and meet new challenges.

Congratulations to our Black Knights and Ballers for coming second in their North Harbour Basketball Semester 2 competitions!



Left BIS Ballers - Front: Carlos R2, Jamaine R3, Albie R11
Back: Jordan R12, Liam R1, Ashton R12. Absent: Joe R8 and Kingston R9.

Right BIS Black Knights: Mitchell R12, Benjamin R12, Tyler R10, Louis R14 Absent Dylan R15, David R14, Jayden R14 and Otomar R14.

All the best for the coming week

Yolanda Choromanski,
Acting Principal

Community Notices

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

- Birkenhead College - Second Hand Uniform Shop
Monday 13th December 1 – 3 pm
Admin block, rear door.
- St Mary's School Northcote - 'Craft Market'
115 Onewa Road - Saturday 2 December.
9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Food - Entertainment - Fun!
- Numberwork'snwords holiday programme. We are running a 3 day holiday programme during January 2018, 10am – 12pm daily. Dates are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 23rd -25th January 2018. Cost \$300 per child for full program, or \$50 per hour. Please phone 418-0950 or email Andrew, Birkenhead@numberworks.com.

Important Dates

1/12	Reports home today	11/12	BOT Meeting
	School Social	13/12	Service Awards Assembly
5/12	EOTC Week	14/12	Final Assembly
	Bigfoot at BIS		School closes 12.30pm
		22/01/2018	School Office opens
		30/01/2018	Term 1 School opens