



Birkdale Bulletin

Weekly Newsletter of Birkdale Intermediate School
Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

Farewell to our dedicated teachers

We are sadly saying farewell to Miss Emily Creasey and Mrs Jenny Shires who have had very long commutes to and from school each day and will now be working much closer to home. Mrs Heidi Fegan will be working with slightly younger students and has the opportunity to use her strengths in Art and Design. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the staff and our children, we thank these dedicated teachers for making a difference in the lives of our children. We wish them well.

Our EPRO8 Team - Champions!

Last night the EPRO8 team competed in the regional final in their engineering, problem solving and innovating challenges. The 12 teams competing for the title were keen to gain points early to secure a lead. The challenges were based around a movie theme and the students had difficult criteria to meet to gain points in each scenario. Our team made good decisions early on, gaining a large lead, but one team in particular was catching up and was only 10 points behind for the middle hour of the 3 hour competition. Our team persevered and jumped ahead again, but at the end again the lead was slim. Our team won overall, and were told that our score was the best in New Zealand for their age group. Congratulations to Otomar Rudolph, Luka Miser, Braeden Fisher and Asher Thompson. Excellent work! All the practises and training paid off!! A big thank you to Mrs Kushlugh Thompson and the parents for their continued support.



EOTC Week Y8 - Bigfoot Adventures' Amazing Race!



EOTC Week Y7 - Bush Craft Bivouac Building R2

We learnt how to construct a Bivouac as part of our EOTC activities. We will know how to protect ourselves against rough weather when we go camping. Flinn, Noah and Zach R2



Y8's at Wero Whitewater Park

Birkdale Intermediate Instagram account

BIS has an instagram account which is designed to share images and videos of and about life at Birkdale Intermediate School. To receive feeds on your personal instagram account please click 'follow'. Our username is birkdaleintermediateschool. This is another way we are communicating with our community about how our students 'strive for excellence'.

Homestay required

Period : 6/Jan/2018- 25/Feb/2018(Sunday) : 7 weeks.
The student is an 11 year old boy. He will attend a summer holiday programme between 9-3pm.
Contact Susan Kim: nz.apro@gmail.com

Board of Trustees Mid-Term Election Results

Duly elected Parent Representatives, Brett Stansfield and Millie Richardson. Welcome to our Board.

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.

This is the last newsletter of the year

Congratulations to all the students who worked hard to achieve their goals. Year 8 students, we are very proud of you! Go on to college and take all that you learnt at BIS which will no doubt set you up for further success.

We will be holding our Service Assembly on Wednesday to thank all students for their contributions to the school. On Thursday, we will have our Final Assembly at 11am. Students will be dismissed straight after the assembly which should end by 12:30pm.

Parents please make arrangements so that your child arrives home safely.

A very big thank you to our Board of Trustees who have been a pillar of strength to the school and ensuring that our children have what they need so that we could "Provide quality education in a caring environment." Another big thank you goes out to our dedicated staff who go above and beyond to add value to our children in their learning, social and emotional development.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays. Be safe and kind to one another.

Yolanda Choromanski,
Acting Principal



Important Dates

- 11/12 BOT Meeting
- 13/12 Service Awards Assembly at 11:00 am
- 14/12 Final Assembly at 11:00am
School closes 12:30pm

- 22/01/2018 School Office opens
- 30/01/2018 Term 1 School opens