



Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

Dancesport Championships

On Tuesday Birkdale Intermediate hosted the interschool dance sport competition at North Shore Events Centre. A large team of 44 couples from our school took part in several competitive dances including; Jive, Foxtrot, Samba and Cha Cha. David and Stina won the trophy for 'Top Registered Couple'. Jahra and Ronan won 2nd in Foxtrot and Jahra also won the 'Most Dynamic Female Dancer'. Kaizy and Jessica came second in the Samba and Jive, while Natasha and Latamai won 3rd in the Foxtrot. Well done to all those who participated and who made the day's competition something to remember.



Fia Fia Night

The word "fiafia" is used in the Pacific islands, such as Samoa and Tonga. It has many meanings such as "celebration," "get-together," or "happy". That is exactly how everyone felt on Tuesday night. Many thanks to our parent coaches who taught our children Samoan and Tongan dances.

'Student of the Week' award - well done!
Holly R10, Gwen R17
Semisi R17 and Dash R14 - Visual Arts.

A new exhibition in the Art Gallery

We have a new exhibition in our art gallery for the next three weeks. The exhibition is of work by students from Birkenhead College, most of whom are our ex-students. Once again the standard of work is really high and well worth a visit.



Wai Care Team for 2018

On Monday the 30th of October, Katya, Isabella, Sophia and Hayden (The Wai Care leaders for 2018) and Mrs Bush headed down to the Kahika stream to check on the animals

and test clarity of the water. At the stream we met Brett Stansfield. He showed us how he catches the river animals to check their health and brought up two longfin eels he had caught. A while later, while testing the water for dissolved oxygen, we caught a meter long longfin eel who was ready to make it's long journey to the tongan trench. We had a lot of fun catching eels and fish, but over all we learnt a lot about our local catchment and can't wait to lead a group of Wai-Care students next year! Special thanks to Brett for helping us on this trip and teaching us about the animals that live in our local stream.



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.

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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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.

• Are you looking for a challenge? It's not too late to join Marrzipan! We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will be performing for parents and their peers at the end of term. Come along to a Trial Lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

• 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 or email us info@birkdalenorthmusic.school.nz

Important Dates

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| 12/11 | Dental Van at BIS | 13/12 | Service Awards Assembly |
| 16/11 | NZ Athletics | 14/12 | Final Assembly |
| 24/11 | Top Team Zone Day | | School closes 12.30pm |
| 1/12 | Reports home | | |
| 5/12 | EOTC Week | | |
| | Bigfoot at BIS | | |

