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Birkdale
North School

OUR VISION

Proud unique individuals, who are **creative, passionate** and **critical learners**

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Tuawhā o Hūrai 2024
5th July 2024

Kawerongo
Newsletter

Kaupeka rua
Term 2

Principal's voice

We have reached the end of term 2, it has gone so fast, it is hard to believe we are halfway through the year! Please enjoy the two week break with your tamariki. I hope you get some good weather and get out and about. We look forward to seeing them return on Monday 22nd July, bright and ready for another great ten weeks of learning.

Our new playground

- You will now have noticed our new playground, built and in full use. I was concerned that the playground would not be as exciting as the old one but after observing the students this is not the case. They always think of new ways to explore the playground and have a lot more creativity than I do!
- The posts for the new shade sail for the playground will be installed during the holidays.



Here we are on the new playground on pink shirt day.

Our new caretaker

We have employed our new caretaker, Deane Wiki. Deane has been with us for four weeks now and is beginning to find his feet. We welcome Deane into our whanau and already he is very much part of our little team. You will see Deane around the school with his high vis on. Please say hello to him.

Thank you for your patience with our crossing patrol wardens

Thank you so much for showing patience and respect for our road patrol monitors. It is not an easy job but when they have the support of all of us it helps to reassure these young tamariki who have stepped up to keep your tamariki safe.

Please if you are picking your children up on the far side of the road, remind them to cross at the crossing. This may take a few more minutes but it may also save lives.

BOT by-election

Board News:

Following the resignation of a board member, the board will fill the vacancy in a by-election. Nominations are now open for the board by-election, and will close at **midday on 26 JULY 2024**. Go to www.myschoolelection.nz/mynomination to complete the nomination form.

Postal voting papers will be issued for this election. If you have not provided up-to-date address details, you will not be able to receive a voting paper. Send corrections to the office AND to returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz before 25 July.

Bernardine Vester, Returning Officer.

Speeches

We held both the Junior and Senior speech finals last week. The children did a fantastic job. Standing up in front of an audience and speaking is not easy but every year I am so impressed by the quality of the speeches.

Our speech placegetters were:

	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4
1st Place:	Lilya Shearer	Nour Elkharbotly	Alina Bultema
2nd Place:	Niamh Bradley	Charlie-Jane Nociar	Jackson Liu
3rd Place:	Athena Grillon	Toa Williams	Xavier Bruneau
	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1
1st Place:	Bear Borman	Isla Bradley	Gabriel Morfin
2nd Place:	Elliot Hoch	Charlie Harlow	Anatea Cornwall
3rd Place:	Elena Bonesi Kah	Marlo David	Elodie Bruneau

French Speech Competition results:

	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1
1st Place:	Elena Bonesi Kah	Marlo David	Gabriel Morfin
2nd Place:	Elliot Hoch	Charlie Harlow	Telesia Williams

Senior French Speech Competition is next term as they do it with other schools.

So sorry...

We would like to apologise for the lack of communication for our senior school speeches, we usually inform you in several ways to ensure everyone is aware of what is happening. Although the speeches were on our website calendar we omitted to send out any other communication. Staff sickness had simply impacted on our workload and it was mistakenly overlooked.

Cross country.

Our tamariki all took part in our school cross country on Tuesday 4th July. We were so lucky with the weather and everyone had a good time. Some of our children find it challenging but with support from their peers and whanau they all managed to finish!

Thank you for all the support from our families who came along to cheer them along.

We took a team to the interschool cross country at Kauri Park school where we did very well with some children getting into the top 20.



Matariki Kapa Haka Festival

We were beyond proud of our Kapa Haka group who opened the festival at Birkdale Intermediate this year. We had 50 children in our group who practised for the whole of the term. The waiata was beautiful and filled the auditorium. The Haka was hair-raising and their passion shone through! The girls stood so tall and expressed themselves beautifully. A big thank you to all of our tamariki.

Thank you to Miss Lata and Whaea Michaela for all the hard mahi they have put into making this a success. Thank you to George Taukava for taking the time off work to play the guitar for us.



Our planting day

We are moving on with our outside classroom and the planting of our bank at the entrance to the Roseneath place walkway. This was a celebration of Matariki and involved every tamariki having the opportunity to do some planting and incorporate a wish written on a little notelet. It was a fantastic day with lots of smiles and excitement!

You will notice the logs sitting down in the area. Our next step when the weather is better and the plants are more established will be to arrange them into an outdoor learning area using the logs as seats.

Thank you to Tania McBeth - Stanton and Matt Elliot for reading this project. Tania spent the whole day with us, hardly stopping for a drink!

The children also had the opportunity to listen to Angela from Pest Free Kaipatiki to talk about conservation and what we can do to help.



What to consider if you are thinking of taking your child out of school within term time.

After the uncertainty of Covid lockdowns and some families having loved ones overseas it is not surprising that many of our families are going for extended breaks to catch up. If you are considering taking your child out of school please email or come in and have a conversation with me. I do understand, but it is important that you are aware of what the Ministry of Education expectations are.

If you decide to take your child out of school it is not the responsibility of your child's teacher to provide learning. The best learning in this situation is to immerse your child in the adventure you are on. Do a daily journal, read the information leaflets together and have interesting conversations with relatives they have not seen for a while. Then share all this with their class on their return. This is exciting and relevant learning.

Please [click here](#) for more information regarding taking children out of school, I have pasted the expectations from this website below:

Parents and caregiver expectations

Parents are legally required to enrol their children and make sure they attend school every day.

- Parents play a big role in helping their children do well in school. You can do this by making sure your child goes to school every day and letting the school know if they're sick.
- If your child is unable to attend school you must let the school know the reason why.
- Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities are not acceptable reasons for being absent.
- You are responsible for letting the school know if your children are moving schools and you need to make sure you enrol your children in their next school right away.

Bixxy Box (fundraising for BNS)

Below is an advertisement for Bixxy Box. It's a way to keep your pets healthy by ensuring they are wormed and flead regularly. This is a service that will be delivered to your door as a regular service. The treatments are good quality and vet approved.

BNS will benefit everytime you purchase your treatment. It is simple and will hopefully be something less for you to think about. You simply click on Birkdale North school to ensure we get the benefit.

Please pass the details onto any of your friends and family who might want to keep their pet cat or dog healthy and contribute to BNS.

The cost is no more that the regular cost of flea and worming treatments.

I am doing this for Noodle's worming and flea treatments and it's so easy!

[Click here](#) to go straight to the Bixxybox site.

Weekly achievement certificates - green certificates.

Well done to our students who were awarded green certificates for term 2.



Ngā mihi nui
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Holiday Programmes at the Y.

For information

[Y Holiday Programmes - The Y North Shore - YMCA North](#)

To view our brochure

[North Shore Combined July 2024 \(ymcanorth.org.nz\)](https://ymca-northshore.org.nz)

To make a booking

<https://ymca-akl-ham-bop.aimyplus.com/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us on oscar@ymcanorth.org.nz for any further questions or help you may require.



Important dates

2024 Term Dates:

Term 1	Thursday 1st February - Friday 12th April
Term 2	Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
Term 3	Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
Term 4	Monday 14th October - Wednesday 18th December

Public Holidays - School closed:

Monday 28th October Labour Day

Teacher only days - School closed:

Friday 31st May School closed

Upcoming Events

Check our calendar on the website for more details.

<https://www.birkdalenorth.school.nz/news-and-events/calendar/>

Community Notices:

Visit the school website at:

<https://www.birkdalenorth.school.nz/news-and-events/community-notice/>

Public Health Nurses are available on 09 486 8996. Alternatively call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or visit www.health.govt.nz. The Public Health Nurses are able to help with providing things like nit treatment, action plans for students that have medical conditions and other general health queries.

School Dental services are based at Glenfield Intermediate, Chivalry Road, Glenfield - contact on 09 444 6160 or 81 Mokoia Road, Birkenhead - contact 09 418 0043

Hearing & Vision:

If you have genuine concerns for your child's Vision or Hearing or want to rule it out as a contributor to behaviour and performance in school you can make an appointment at one of the WDHB clinics. Please click on the link below for further information.

<http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/child-and-family-services/>

If you are unsure that your child has been tested, all children have been seen either at school or as a B4SCH check when they were 4 years.

The vision screening is for distance only so if you have concerns for Vision you could see an optometrist, they will do a full eye check - Specsavers do free checks for children under 16 years.