

Birkenhead Primary School

Newsletter August 10, 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We farewelled our visiting Chinese children this morning. Their parents were very appreciative of the experience the children had in a NZ school. My thanks to our children who acted as their buddies, and special thanks to our teachers who made them welcome, and provided for them.



Strike Day this coming Wednesday,

15th August- Just a reminder that our Board has decided to close the school on this day. There will be no supervision available for children but children can attend SKIDS if you book your child in with Catherine - Ph 0211181621.

Speech

Competition

- Congratulations to all of our Panuku children for working hard on writing and presenting their speeches to the class. The high standard of topic choice, content and presentation made



the job of judging incredibly difficult. Thank you to Ms Ho and Mrs Grant for taking on the difficult job of selecting our winners and giving all our finalists individual feedback. Well done everyone.

Placewinners were:

First Place Y6: Aryan Thakkar - Social Media

First Place Y5: Campbell Davies - Child Poverty NZ

Second Place for all Panuku: Zara Gillard - How Animals Communicate

Third Place for all Panuku: Oliver Way - Bees & Cameron Day - Refugees

Special Mention: Minerva Armstrong, Y4, for her speech on Soccer and Ryan Corner for an outstanding job of MCing the whole event.

Congratulations to Girisha Raju who was placed 1st in the Netball North Harbour Year 4 shooting competition. Well done Girisha.

Parenting - We were recently sent information on these resources which we think might be useful for parents. Go to: <https://allright.org.nz/tools/parents/>

Safety reminders - If you are dropping off/picking up children at the bottom gate please keep an eye out for pedestrians on the crossings from the Shopping Centre. There are a number of children who are being dropped off at school well before 8am each day. **Children should not be at school before 8.20am for safety reasons.**

Calendar

August 15 - NZEI strike action. The school will be closed.

August 24 - Daffodil Day

September 7 - Whole school cross country

September 21 - PTA trivia night

Northcote Intermediate is accepting enrolments for 2019. Please make sure you book your child an enrolment appointment with the Principal, as he enjoys meeting all new students. Enrolment appointments are 15 minutes long and can be made by phoning the School Office on 481-1400.

Have a great week, Nigel Bioletti, Principal

Outside Organisations

Artisan market - A reminder that the August market is being held on 25th August, in our school hall, 9am to 1pm.

Join the Just Because Charitable Trust for an incredible day at Gibbs Farm, presale tickets for Friends, Family and Supporters. Gibbs Farm, located in Kaipara, contains the largest collection of large-scale outdoor sculptures in New Zealand.

Enjoy the astonishing sculptures while supporting Just Because in their aim to empower, educate and enable women to live a fulfilling life.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/gibbs-farm-just-because-fundraiser-tickets-34933753798>

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