

Birkenhead Primary School

Newsletter, 21 February 2020



Kia Ora Whanau,

We have had a very warm start to the year and the Junior Syndicate have been making the most of their swimming sessions in the school pool. I know our Senior Syndicate children will be looking forward to their intensive swimming at Osbourne Pools next week. Please remind your child to bring their togs to make the most of the lessons. The following Wednesday, 4 March the year 4-6 tamariki will put their swimming ability on display at the Senior Carnival. We welcome all parents to drop in throughout the day to support all our swimmers.

I have had the joy of walking through all the classrooms over the past few weeks and it's fantastic to see how quickly everyone has settled into their classroom routines and learning. Thank you to all the parents who attended our 'meet the teacher' evening to hear about the routines in the classrooms. Please remember to download Seesaw from the Apps store or Google Play to see your child's learning journey. If you are having difficulty downloading this or navigating the app please feel free to see your classroom teacher or ask your child. Just a reminder that we do have an open-door policy and you are welcome to support in the classroom, just contact your classroom teacher. Just another reminder if you have any questions regarding progress or concerns to book an appointment with your child's teacher at any stage.

The PTA has started to advertise Camp at School night. I know this is a highlight on the calendar for all children of all sizes. We would like to inform the community of a few changes to this year's event. All the favourites are still there including 'BPS Got Talent' and the waterslide will be there, one change is that we will have all children in tents by 9.30pm and quiet camp for adults until 11.00pm. We respectfully ask for these timings to be observed for the enjoyment of all.

Lastly, another warm welcome to all our new families who have joined the BPS community this year. Thank you to all of you, and our current parents, who attended our whakatau. We will be hosting a whakatau on Monday, 9 March to welcome our new intake of new entrants. Every whakatau is open to our whole BPS whanau, if you are interested in supporting our whakatau please make yourself known at the school office.

REMINDERS:

Sun Safety: With the very hot weather we are presently having all children are required to wear a sunhat in the playground. Please make sure your child has a hat and sunscreen. Hats are available from the office for \$15 each.

Contact information: Please advise the office of any changes to your contact details so that we may update our database. It is important that we have the correct information in case of any emergency. If you are unsure, please check with the office.

Absences: All absences must be reported to the school office either by phone (leave a message on the absence line), or by sending an email to absence@bps.school.nz. If your child is away for more than one day we will not assume it is for the same reason. You will need to advise us every day they are away. It is important we account for each child every day as quickly as possible.

Calendar

24 February - Senior Syndicate swimming programme starts

28 February - Assembly Room 22

4 March - Senior swimming sports

6 March - Junior Syndicate Assembly

18, 19, 20 March - Year 4 and 5 camps

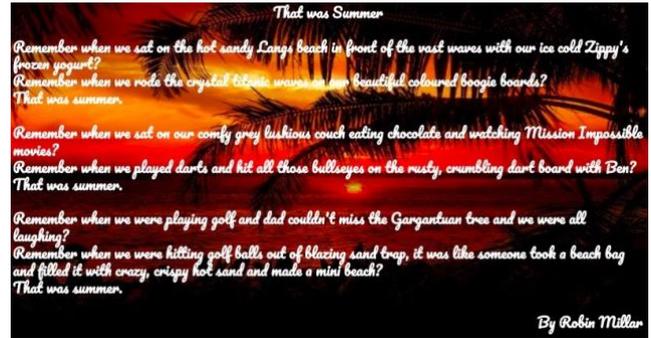
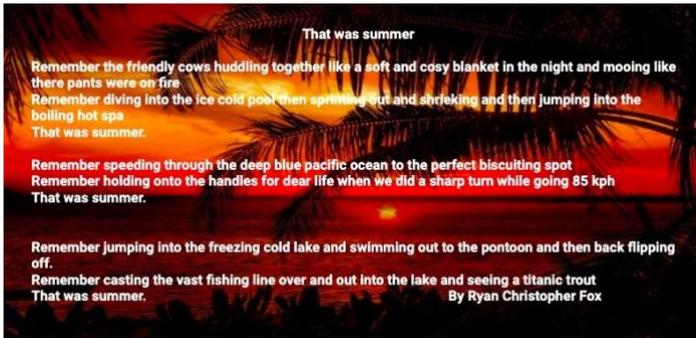
Congratulations to last week's Principal's Award winners:

Rm 1: Amy Frires, Will Marshall, **Rm 3:** George Booth, **Rm 4:** Ruby Jorgensen, **Rm 5:** Willa Marshall, **Rm 6:** Amelia Lewis, **Rm 7:** Aaron Butchart, **Rm 8:** Delilah Franich, **Rm 9:** Joshua Han, **Rm 11:** Chris Rivera, Isobel Frires, **Rm 12:** Jerry Zhang, **Rm 13:** Luke Balzan, **Rm 14:** Eli Brown, Taylor Birss, **Rm 15:** Belle Zheng, **Rm 16:** Ben Nichol, Goldie Shanahan, **Rm 17:** Isabella Hill, Lawson Munn, **Rm 18:** Abby Allan, Cohen Petersen, **Rm 19:** Tevita Hansen, Camila Pineda-Morris, **Rm 20:** Zach Bendall, Sara Matsumoto-Cross, **Rm 21:** Irene Duneas, Blake Anderson, **Rm 22:** Joanna Wilde, Monte Gardner.

The **Birkenhead Learning Trust** AGM will be held on 17 March at 7.30pm at the Good Home, Birkenhead. All welcome. If you are interested in becoming involved or would like to know more about the Learning Trust, please contact Melanie Kenrick on 021322080.

Writing from the classrooms:

This week Room 14 were writing poems titled That was Summer.



This week Mrs Lyle introduced a new coding and robotics activity to Room 21 this week. Thanks Mrs Lyle.



Have a wonderful week, Bevan Verryt, Principal-Tumuaki

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Outside Organisations:

BPS Walking School Buses: BPS operates four regular Walking School Buses – the Hinemoa Hikers, Mokoia Marchers, Mahara Magic and Zion Lions. Our buses provide a safe and active way for your children to get to and from school. For more information on routes/times etc, please see the noticeboard outside the hall, email our coordinator Katrina on kanddkiing@xtra.co.nz, or pick up a registration form from the office.

Birkenhead United AFC - Football registrations for 2020 Winter season now open all age grades from 5 yrs to 17yrs: Online at the club website: www.birkenheadunited.org.nz or at the clubrooms on Sunday 16th and 23rd February, 10am-2pm. For further details visit the club website or Birkenhead United Clubrooms, at Shepherds Park, Melba Street, Beachhaven.

North Harbour Hockey Development Programmes

The perfect way to get your child ready for a season of school hockey after having the summer off. There is a focus on core hockey skills to give all children a strong foundation to build upon as they progress with their hockey playing experience. These are open to all new and experienced hockey players. To register: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/117034> Year 3 and 4. <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/117155> Year 5 and 6.

U9 Development Clinics

Dates: Monday 9, 16, 23 & 30 March
Time: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
Who: Year 3 & 4 children
Cost: \$40

U11 Development Clinics

Dates: Monday 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 March
Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Who: Year 5 & 6 children
Cost: \$7

