

Birkenhead Primary School



Newsletter, 22 March 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Welcome to a week that will be noted in New Zealand history. On Monday we gathered as a school to pay respect to all those affected by the tragic events in Christchurch. We assembled by the flagpole to sing the anthem together, observe a minute of silence where children were asked to think about the people in their lives who are important and make them feel safe and loved. I spoke after this about what empathy means and "how we fill other people's buckets" before we joined in the waiata 'Te Aroha'.

We have received many offers of support from the community and the Ministry of Education. We also received a visit from local Constables to check that we were all doing okay and that we have procedures in place for emergency events including fire, lock down and natural disaster.

We are trialling new bell times at school effective next week. This is due to issues we are experiencing in the playground, there is plenty of New Zealand and International research that supports our proposed changes. These relate to children's eating, behaviour and limiting supervised playtime.

8.30am:	Classes open (No change)
8.50am:	School starts (No change)
10.00am	Fresh fruit and vegetable (FAVE) break (No change)
11.00am:	Play time
11.20am:	Sit down supervised eating
11.30am:	Lessons continue
12.45pm:	Play time
1.20pm:	Sit down supervised eating
1.35pm:	Lessons continue
3.00pm:	School finishes (no change)

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

Rm 1: Ethan O'Leary, **Rm 2:** Lexie Morris, **Rm 3:** Teddy Farrimond, **Rm 6:** Aina Bond, **Rm 7:** Bree Scott, **Rm 8:** Bella Gerin, **Rm 9:** Elisabeth Howse, **Rm 12:** Evan Jenkins, **Rm 13:** Lawson Munn, **Rm 14:** Casper Howse, **Rm 15:** Jack Harris, **Rm 16:** Lucy Jones, **Rm 17:** Tim Reshanov, **Rm 18:** Olivia Morreau, **Rm 19:** Tom Fletcher, **Rm 20:** Sara Matsumoto-Cross, **Rm 21:** Zach Gillard, **Rm 22:** Evie Martin.

Calendar

29 March - Room 21 Assembly at 9am
9 April- Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1.30pm (see below for details)
12 April- Last day of Term 1, school finishes at 3pm
29 April- Term 2 starts

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Tuesday 9 April from 1.30pm: This term we will be having a Parent/Teacher Conference in place of our regular Triangle meeting, which will occur later in the year at the end of Term Three. Please could you pick up your children promptly at 1pm on Tuesday 9 April if you can possibly do so. There will be supervision for the children if you are unable to do this, please complete and return the request for supervision slip if your child.

To book your conference: Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, Enter our school code: **kbqnx**, Use the dropdown boxes to select the teacher and the time that suits you.

Reminders:

Our car parks are for staff parking only. All spaces are allocated to staff. If you are coming to school in the mornings for sports practices, please could you park outside of the school grounds. Please remember to sign in at the office if you are in school for any reason during the day. Your vehicle may be wheel clamped or towed away if it is not registered at the office. There is a P2 parking area (between 8.30am-9.30 and 2.30pm-3.30pm) outside the front of the school which can be used for drop off/pick up. However, please do not leave your car unattended as you could be issued with a parking infringement notice by Council staff.



The BPS Round the Bays Team: Kylie Allard, Chikera Atkins, Ange Teague, Aimee Shaffrey, Liv Raston, Aimee Wells, Anna Hill.
Well done ladies!!

BPS Centenary 8-9 March 2019: Our week of celebrations was a great success and it was lovely to see so many Alumni reconnecting over our two days of official events. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the events or supported in some way. Happy 100th birthday BPS! The committee will be running another two merchandise stalls next Friday, 29 March (8.45am-9.15am and 2.45pm-3.15pm near the school gates) – be in quick to purchase a Centenary drink bottle, tea-towel, keep-cup, jellybeans, badge or a fabulous Greg Straight print. Cash or EFTPOS. www.birkenheadprimary100.nz/merchandise.



Tree Planting



Kapa Haka Group



Our oldest Alumni & youngest student

Some lovely writing from Rm 8 on the BPS Centenary:

Hi!! I shouted to Rosa's Grandma and she waved back at me. I was dressed up from the 80's. We walked all over Birkenhead. I wish we could do that every day. We got lots of surprises. We got badges and the badges said 100 Years BPS. We got yummy cupcake! - **Chloe Van Tonder, Rm 8.**

I liked the cupcake. It was yummy. At class I got a badge because it was a special day - **Indiana Lang, Rm 8**
Yum! I said. The icing was so, so yummy that I ate all the cupcake and we got a badge. The cupcake was so sweet and it was so, so, so hot that I wore shorts. Then we went back to class - **Lucas Weigh, Rm 8.**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ordering for the latest Book Club issue is closing on Friday afternoon. Get your orders in now or miss out. There are so many lovely books to choose from - and the School benefits by accumulating points from your orders - which we use to 'buy' books for our Library.

Netball: Play & Pay slips are available in the office foyer. Slips must be returned no later than Tuesday, 26 March. If you played Netball last year, please update your details on the Netball North Harbour website: www.netballnorthharbour.co.nz

Have a wonderful weekend, Principal, Bevan Verryt,

Outside Organisations:

Highbury Community House Open Home: To celebrate Neighbours Day Aotearoa, we're holding an Open Home. Come and meet your neighbours, enjoy a morning tea, see what we do at Highbury House. Tues 26 March 10am - 12pm. At 11am there will be a short Chair Yoga class demonstration. 110 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead

On 26 March, 7.30pm in the front room of the Good Home, the PTA and Learning Trust are having their AGMs. As always everyone is welcome to come along, especially if you would like to join the PTA or Trust! Hope to see you there.

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