

Birkenhead Primary School



Newsletter, 3 May 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Welcome to term 2, I hope you all had a relaxing break with friends and family over the Easter break. The school was a hive of activity for our contractors over the break, with many continuing to finish tasks off over the next few weeks. Rooms 14, 15, 16 and 17 are looking refreshed with new Autex wall coverings, paint and LED lighting. The painters are enjoying the last of the good weather to complete the exterior painting of the Admin block. The new stairs and railings by the hall and down to the bottom court will be complete within the week, and the stairs to the field by midterm.

We have many exciting events and learning happening this term, our school wide wellness programme has started. To ensure parents are aware of the language we use and what we are hoping to achieve there will be a parent information evening held on Thursday 16 May at 6.00pm. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Elaine in the office. Prior to this starting at 5.30pm we will have a parent information evening about our puberty education programme. This programme is for year 5 & 6 children only, introducing them to the concepts of any body changes. The learning outcomes for this unit will enable your child to work towards the achievement objectives of Health and Physical Education in the New Zealand Curriculum. Matariki will take place this term, our Kapa Haka group will be practicing for this and there will be teaching around Matariki over the course of the term.

Please be aware that we have children at our school who have compromised immunity and are therefore more susceptible to childhood illnesses than other children may be. The Ministry of Health states 'To stop sickness from spreading, it is important for you to keep your child at home when they are ill, and not let them go to school or Early childhood education centre'.

On the staffing front, I would like to advise that Mrs Gerin will be leaving us later this term as she is relocating to Australia with her family. Her last day at Birkenhead Primary School will be Friday 24 May 2019. We wish her all the very best for her new adventure. This week, we welcomed Danae Brodie to the staff. Danae is starting our next New Entrant class in Room 5.

We are hosting two student teachers from 14 October through to the end of November 2019. They will both need a homestay while they are here. If you are interested in hosting a student, please let the school know and we will forward you details of payment for board, etc.

Reminders:

- Parents, if any of your contact details have changed recently, please make sure that you have notified the office so that we can update our records. We need to ensure that we have your correct information recorded in case of any emergency.
- Children should not be in classrooms before 8.30 each morning. They can arrive at 8.20 however, they should congregate in the Village Green area for safety reasons.
- Please remember to notify the office if your child is going to be absent for any reason-
- email: absence@birkenheadprimary.school.nz or leave a message on the absence line.
- Please be at school on time to collect your child at 3.00pm.

Congratulations to our Principal's Award winners on 12 April:

Rm 1: Indiana Bently, **Rm 2:** Georgia Villella, **Rm 3:** Ali Heidarlou, **Rm 6:** Daniel Lai, **Rm 7:** Delilah Franich, **Rm 8:** Yulin Hu, **Rm 9:** Rosa Lawrence, **Rm 12:** Keisha Piper, **Rm 13:** Leo Kim, **Rm 14:** Eleanor Dickinson, **Rm 15:** Elvis Ye, **Rm 16:** Isabella Ravenhall, **Rm 17:** Joshua Munn, **Rm 18:** Tiger Nair, **Rm 19:** Oliver Higgs & Nathan Chamberlain, **Rm 20:** Cronan Dooley, **Room 21:** Ollie Hall, **Room 22:** Sam Marshall.

Calendar

7 May- NZEI Paid Union Meeting, **12.45pm pick up** (please see below)

16 May - Parents Wellness meeting 6.00pm

17 May - Room 17 assembly at 9am

17 May - Pink Shirt Day- details to follow

Important : NZEI Paid Union Meeting, Tuesday 7 May 2019: On Tuesday 7 May, the teachers from our school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking. Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. Teachers will be leaving school on 7 May, to attend their paid union meeting which starts at 1.30pm. **Parents are encouraged to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up from school at 12.45pm on 7 May.**

Should you require supervision for your child(ren), please complete the slip below and return to the school office by 3pm on Monday 6 May 2019.

2019 BPS Board of Trustees Election:

Boards of trustees play an important role in our school communities creating a better future for our children. School trustee elections are happening this year and BPS is preparing to hold ours over the next two months. Please find below more information about important upcoming dates.

- Three board positions (out of a total of six) and the position of teacher trustee are up for election. These roles are held for three years.
- Canterbury Education Services (CES) are providing BOT election services for our school in the forthcoming BOT elections.

Key dates:

By Friday 10th May: Nomination forms posted to all persons on our school's caregiver roll

Friday 24th May: NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 24th May at noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For our school the number of parent vacancies is 3.

Wednesday 29th May: Voting papers will be sent by post to all on our school caregiver roll

Friday 7th June: Voting closes 12 noon

If you have any questions about putting yourself forward as a candidate or about what being a board member involves please have a look at www.nzsta.org.nz and/or feel free to contact any of our current BPS Board of Trustees:

Sam Perkins (Board Chair) – sperky@gmail.com

Jason Britten – jasebritten@gmail.com

Jo McDonald – jomcd456@gmail.com

Charlotte Armstrong – charlotte@dialect.co.nz

Geordie Lindsay-Russell – geordie@badinz.nz

Rachel Grant (Teacher Trustee) – rgrant@birkenheadprimary.school.nz

Bevan Verryt (Principal) – bverryt@birkenheadprimary.school.nz

Have a wonderful week,

Bevan Verryt, Principal



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Please return to the Office:

Paid Union Meeting, 7 May 2019: Request for Supervision

Name of Child(ren) Room(s)

will require supervision from 12.45pm to 3.00pm on Tuesday 7 May 2019.

Signed: (Parent/Caregiver) Date: