

Birkenhead Primary School

Newsletter, 6 March, 2020



Kia Ora Whanau,

Over the past two weeks the senior syndicate had their intensive swimming lessons and swimming sports. Well done to all the children who improved their water confidence and those who took the risk by pushing themselves in the races. A special thank you to all the parents, grandparents and whanau who made these days possible by giving up your time to support us.

We have a busy few weeks coming up, firstly camp night. I look forward to seeing you all there, for our new families just remember camping is not compulsory and you are more than welcome to attend and leave with your younger children. Kathryn Burkett is presenting around the neuroscience of raising resilient children in the school hall on Wednesday, 11 March at 7.00pm. Kathryn is a very engaging speaker who will share some great practical tips and reasons children respond the way they do. The Year 4 children will have their overnight stay at Awataha Marae and the Year 5's will go to Motamoana camp. Please let your children pack their own bags for these overnight stays, with your supervision. It gives children a sense of responsibility and allows them to know where items are once they are away.

This week we have added SchoolTV to our [website](#). It is a great site with lots of quick videos that you can access, this month's focus is on [Resilience](#). The front of the New Zealand Curriculum has a vision for the young people of New Zealand which we encourage at BPS. One part is to be confident, connected and resilient. We encourage parents to check out these videos on SchoolTV and attend Kathryn's presentation to support us in helping your children develop resilience to be active, life-long learners.

Lastly ahead of camp night I would like to acknowledge the PTA for all their hard work and huge contributions to the school. Over the past week, thanks to a significant donation to the school, we have been able to install heat pumps into rooms 3, 4, 5, 6, 12 & 13. As we have all experienced this year, the summer periods are getting longer and warmer, making air conditioning a necessity for creating a learning environment conducive to learning.

Health & Safety: COVID-19 update

The third case of COVID-19 is now confirmed in New Zealand, however, the likelihood of a widespread outbreak is still low-moderate. There are many simple personal procedures everyone should follow that will reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others.

These include:

- Washing hands with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet, [link to video for children](#)
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin
- Students staying home if they are unwell

You can also go to the [Ministry of Health](#) website for more information about preventing the risk. With the April holidays just around the corner, we would advise parents to be cautious and certainly to look at the latest [Ministry of Health](#) advice when making any future travel plans. Please keep yourself updated as you make your travel plans, or as you leave and re-enter the country.

Calendar

6 March - Camp at School night, set up from 4pm
10 March - Hearing and Vision testing. If you received a form for your child, please return it by Tuesday.
10 March - Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30pm
11 March - Kathryn Burkett, 7pm
13 March - Room 11 Assembly
18-20 March - Years 4 Marae stay, Year 5 Motamoana camp
26 March - Interschool swimming sports, Millennium Pools

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

Rm 1: Casey Lowen-Tutty, **Rm 3:** Albie Joyce; **Rm 4:** Teddy Lloyd, **Rm 5:** Elynn Son, **Rm 6:** Niamh Shea, **Rm 7:** Madison Taylor, **Rm 8:** Nikolai Ermuratski, **Rm 9:** Denzel Sharma, **Rm 11:** Na Do, **Rm 12:** Matias Munoz Reyes, Holly Maxwell, **Rm 13:** Chad Hamilton, **Rm 14:** Hannah Dalziel, Ryan Fox, **Rm 15:** Tooba Kamran, Samuel King, **Rm 16:** Freddie Cawkwell, Samuel Birley, **Rm 17:** Joshua Fountain-Jones, Meika Kneijber, Leo Kim, **Rm 18:** Aisling Dooley, Juliet Croll, **Rm 19:** Poppy Maxwell, Archie McPherson, **Rm 20:** Bryson Mobley, Sophia Littlewood, **Rm 21:** Aahan Raval, Evan Liu, **Rm 22:** Alexa Winslade, Nathan Dunne.

Enrolments for 2020:

If you have a child turning five this year, please make sure that you have enrolled them at the school office. It is important that we know well in advance of all children starting to assist with forward planning. Please also remember that we now have a Cohort Entry policy which specifies start dates and visit times for new entrants. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Camp at School Night is tonight. Friday 6th March, we look forward to seeing you there! Alcohol: Please note this event is BYO. We ask you to be responsible as you are in charge of your own children. Please dispose of all glass/bottles/cans in bins provided. If need be, please use Uber or taxi to get home safely. **Rubbish:** Please make sure that you take all of your rubbish with you when you leave. **Volunteers:** Please help us for an hour tonight. We need as many helpers as possible!

Swimming Sports: On Wednesday the 4th of March the Senior Syndicate attended their Swimming Sports Day. Congratulations to all



children who participated in Division 1 and Division 2 races. Our annual Swimming Sports was a busy and exciting day, and it was very pleasing to see lots of enthusiastic students and lots of supportive spectators. Everyone gave it their very best and cheered each other on fantastically well. The amount of participants in each race was an absolute joy to witness. Thank you to those who came along to support us.



Sports: Flippa Ball and Basketball are underway. A big thank you to all parents who have volunteered to coach and/or

manage a team. We hope all players are enjoying their games and wish them a successful season. Netball P&P slips are now available from the office, under the Sports Notice Board. Registration is due **no later** than 20 March.

Writing from the classrooms: Room 8 have written about Sliding down the hill:

Weee! Woosh! Ahhh! I was sliding down the hill with Hazel. It was amazing. I was nervous and excited too. I went with Room 7, 8 and 9.
By Nehansa, Rm 8

I went woosh! I felt like I was flying. It was bumpy. I went zoom! I went as fast as a cheetah.
By Teddy Farrimond, Rm 8

Zoom! I went so fast...I screamed! I loved it. It was so fun! Woohoo! I felt amazing and I was excited. I went down with Jensen. It felt bumpy.
By Amy Scott, Rm 8



Room 16 has been learning about the brain and how to make it stronger. Our brains are like a muscle they grow with challenges, repeating things makes the pathways stronger and the power of yet helps us to not give up. We have growth mindsets not fixed.



Have a wonderful week, Bevan Verryt, Principal-Tumuaki

Outside Organisations:

Verrans Corner is having an Arts Festival on March 7th and we would love you to come along. There will be an art exhibition, art and craft stalls, face painting and flower arranging workshops for kids, it's going to be a fun day!

Highbury House is holding its very first kids Market (kids creative stalls and entertainment) on Saturday, 7 March, 9-12pm. Support our local kids, a percentage of profits will go towards a charity of your choice.

Come and have fun playing rugby for your local club, Northcote Birkenhead Rugby Club. We offer both contact and non-contact (Rippa) grades, for boys and girls, from age five and up. Registration is now open for 2020. Details are on www.northcoterugby.co.nz/Juniors/Juniors or contact us at northcotejuniorrugby@gmail.com

WIN LUNCH! FOR YOUR CHILD AND THEIR TEACHER FOR A WEEK! Win a week of lunches for your child and their teacher! That's five days of yummy ezlunch options for two - just order an ezlunch school lunch for delivery between Monday 9th and Friday 20th March and you'll automatically be put in the draw to WIN. The winner will be notified by 5pm on Friday 20th March and both the winning student and their teacher will receive a \$50 ezlunch voucher.

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