

Birkenhead Primary School



Newsletter, 8 February 2019

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome to 2019, the year has started off with some very warm days so we are all very thankful the swimming programmes have started this week. It was great to pop down to Osborne pool to see the Year 4-6 children's swimming ability and fitness improving through lessons. I also enjoyed seeing the Year 1-3 children's water confidence improve in the school pool. I would like to thank all the members of our Birkenhead Primary community who have made me feel very welcomed over the past two weeks, especially all the children who greet me daily with a smile and hearty 'good morning'. If I have not had the chance to meet you formally I look forward to over the next few weeks. An opportunity will be prior to our first assembly on Friday 15 February, a coffee van will be selling coffee on the court outside the hall from 8.20am. I will be available to meet you over a coffee. Assembly will begin at 9.00am.



Reminders: Parking- please remember that the numbered car parks are for staff parking only. There are spaces for visitor parking next to the front gate. All visitors must sign in at the office. Please use the parking out on the road in the mall car park if you are driving to and from school. You can walk your child safely to class using both gates. Note: The lower entrance gates will be locked at 9am and reopened at 2:45pm daily. If you are visiting outside of these times, please use the top main entrance.

Absences- If your child is going to absent for any reason, please leave a message on the absence line with detailed information, or alternatively, email absence@birkenheadprimary.school.nz.

Contact information- please ensure that we have up to date information on our database. If you are not sure, please either check on AtSchool. or call the office to check. It is very important that we have the correct information on hand in the event of any emergency.

Congratulations to: Varen Wilson who graded recently at Kumgang Martial Arts and achieved a Black - tip Belt. This result involved lots of training, self-discipline, perseverance and indomitable spirit. We are very proud of his result.

Calendar

4 February - 15 February: Year 4-6 Swimming Programme

15 February - Room 15 assembly at 9.00am

20 February- Year 4-6 Swim sports

1 March - Camp at School Night

8 & 9 March-Centenary celebrations

12 April- Last day of Term 1

29 April- Term 2 starts

BPS Sports: Flippa Ball and Basketball pay and play slips are due in by 13 and 15 February respectively. No late entries can be accepted due to registration deadlines.

Centenary 8-9 March: Help us celebrate our school turning 100 years old! Check out the Centenary website and Facebook – there are some wonderful photos and memories posted. Please share with your Alumni friends and family. Tickets on sale NOW and school families are welcome to purchase tickets to attend our two main events. www.facebook.com/birkenheadprimaryalumni and www.birkenheadprimary100.nz

BPS Walking School Buses: The weather is beautiful and our two Walking School Buses – the Hinemoa Hikers and the Mokoia Marchers – are very busy. Summer is a great time to walk! Both buses provide a safe and active way for your children to get to and from school. Registration forms can be picked up from the office or email Katrina on kanddking@xtra.co.nz for more information.

PTA: EZ-Lunch Pita Pit TUESDAYS: Our Tuesday Pita Pit lunch service is underway for 2019. Have a delicious and nutritious lunch delivered to your child and fundraise for the school at the same time. Register and order at www.ezlunch.co.nz.

*Have a wonderful week,
Bevan Verryt, Principal*

Outside Organisations

Guitar Lessons are available in 2019, at Birkenhead Primary School, through Dave Gatman from Musiqhub. If you would like some more information about the Guitar Lessons, please contact Dave on 021 2221456 or dave.gatman@musiqhub.co.nz.

Our school partners with the Music Education Centre to offer students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument here at school. These lessons are offered by specialist instrumental teachers and also means that busy parents don't have to worry about transporting their children long distances to music lessons. Enrolments close on February 18th, so follow the link below or phone the Music Education Centre on 0800 89 39 39 for more information. Flyers are available at the school office.

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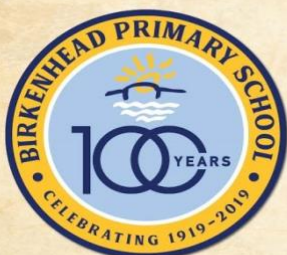
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