

Birkenhead Primary School

Newsletter November 30, 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Memorial Walkway opening - On Tuesday the memorial walkway was opened by representatives from the RSA and Conservation Volunteers who provided funding and labour for the project. CSI leaders acted as guides. The walkway path follows a series of memorials to Birkenhead's fallen soldiers as well as members of the school community who have died. The ribbon on the hobbit tunnel was cut by Meika Kneijber before the Pikiake children were allowed to go through for the first time. This project was begun by Mrs Sanders in 2014 and has involved an enormous amount of work for her, from planning and fundraising to construction and planting. The CSI leaders helped throughout and painted the poles at the entrances. Thanks to all who helped and special thanks to Mrs Sanders. It was wonderful to see it completed.



2019 organisation - After months of discussions, meetings and interviews, we now have a full teaching team for 2019. We welcome experienced teachers, Lucy Buckley, Jill Raines, and Alice Saunders to our staff, and are glad that Claire Sullivan is staying on with us. Congratulations to Bethany Robb and Nicole Nelson on winning positions at other schools. We will say goodbye to them at the last assembly of the term.

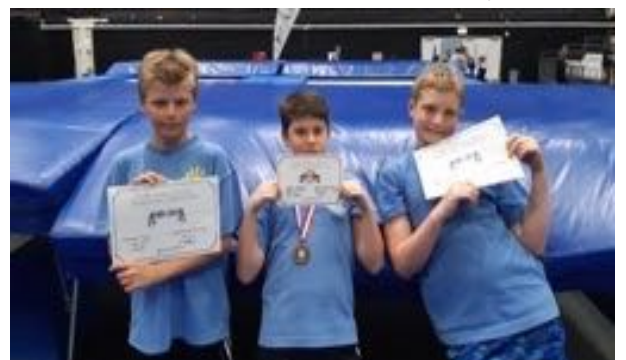
Next year's classrooms will be re-organised so that classes of the same year level will stay as close together as possible. These classroom moves will take place in the last week of the term. In mid January, two relocatable classrooms will arrive and take up space between Room 7 and the junior playground. The new classrooms should be ready for use on the first day of the term.

You probably have also noticed some property work in progress around the school. Handrails are put in along steps and stairs to meet safety standards. The old dental clinic is also getting an exterior paint makeover.

Powhiri for Mr Verryt - On the 7th December at 10am we will be hosting a Powhiri to welcome Mr Verryt to our school as the new Principal. You are most welcome to attend but please note this will be a formal and traditional occasion, and standing room may be limited.

Children's Success - Our Panuku soccer team braved torrential rain and hailstones last week to play against Willow Park School. Despite being one player down, our team played hard and fair, and won 2-1. Good on you, Miles Ballard, Joaquin Beck, Conor Graham, Sebastian Madrid, Isla McHarg, and Seanna Watson, for showing the qualities of 'Forbear and Persevere' (BPS motto), and for working so well as a team!

Heath McConnell, Cayce Beasley and Cameron Day represented the school at an inter-school trampolining competition. They did really well, all completing their routines with no mistakes and Cayce was placed third in his division. Tino pai!



Reminders: Year 6 Graduation tickets must be purchased if you and your child will be attending. Please send your order form in on Monday as we will need to confirm numbers for catering purposes.

There are still a few copies of the magazine available, so please ensure that you order your copy asap!

Calendar

December 7 – Powhiri for Mr Verryt
December 10 - Whanake fun day
December 11 - Pikiake fun day
December 11 - Sports prizegiving and Y6 graduation evening
December 12 - Panuku fun day
December 13 - End of year evening (whole school)
December 14 - School ends for the year at 12.30
January 30 - School resumes for 2019

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

Rm 1: Lauchie McRae & Sofia Dobler, **Rm 2:** Elisabeth Howse & Yulin Hu, **Rm 3:** Braxton Mataitonga, **Rm 4:** Cherie Zhang, Indiana Bentley, **Rm 5:** Leo Perham & Carter Graham, **Rm 6:** Campbell Hughes & Denzel Sharma, **Rm 7:** Lawson Munn & Brooklyn Vaughan, **Rm 8:** Maya Davies & Goldie Shanahan, **Rm 9:** Isaac Van Doren & Ruby Mallin, **Rm 11:** Melissa Lai & Tom Fletcher, **Rm 12:** Bella Alley & Nico Wickenden, **Rm 13:** Zoe Black & Amy Moore, **Rm 14:** Denver Yue & Seanna Watson, **Rm 16:** Caitlin King & Varen Wilson, **Rm 17:** Liam Podmore & Casper Howse, **Rm 18:** Lily Hill, **Rm 19:** Ethan Tyler & Apoorvah Roopesh, **Rm 20:** Jack Armour & Natasha Weinstock.

*Have a great week,
Alice Ho, Acting Principal*

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