

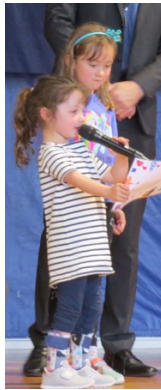
Birkenhead Primary School



Newsletter November 9, 2018

A message from Mr Bioletti

Dear Parents, former staff members, former students - My sincere thanks to all of you who came to my farewell assembly last Friday. It was a really fabulous occasion. It did run over time, so thank you parents for your understanding. The children were very good, and the whole event made me feel very proud. I was delighted to see a number of former staff members and former students there, including Ethan Cordes, currently in Year 10 at Northcote College, who was wearing his autographed BPS t-shirt! I was a little overwhelmed to receive a beautiful pounamu from the Kapa haka group, and a haka acknowledgement! Best wishes to all who attended, to children, to staff, and to you all for the remainder of 2018, and for the future.



Congratulations to our teams who took part in the **Epro8 Challenge**. The event is designed to introduce students to a range of engineering and science principles in a fun, yet challenging, way. Two of our teams were placed 1st and 3rd! Here is the winning team of Casper Howse, Zach Ireland, Morgan Booth, and Jack Harris. Congratulations also to the third placed team comprising Lauren Dalziel, Oscar Smith, Angie Perkins, Boris Tsehkansky. Both teams will go on to the Regional Semi-finals. An outstanding result all round! Thank you Miss Robison and Miss Mcmenamin for the practice sessions beforehand, and Becky (Oscar's mum) for taking the teams to the competition.



Calendar

November 12 – Proposed NZEI Strike - school will be closed.

November 23 - Onepoto Kapa Haka Festival

November 24 - PTA Twilight Family Fun Night

December 10 - Whanake fun day

December 11 - Pikiake fun day

December 11 - Sports prizegiving and Year 6 graduation evening

December 13 - End of year evening (whole school)

December 14 - School ends for the year at 12.30

January 30 - First day of school for 2019

Donations and fees: Statements will be sent home shortly for all payments made this year. Please contact the office if you have any queries. **Any outstanding payments can be made to ASB: 12-3035-0499511-00. Please use your family name as a reference.**



Our Kids for Kids Choir performed in the Bruce Mason Centre on Tuesday 6 November. Aria Davies got selected to be a soloist for 'Something so Strong'. She really did a spectacularly professional job. Bella Larsen-Harris and Shiori Tozaki showed off some impressive moves and vocals as 'Rain' back up singers. Well done to the whole choir who really put on a top notch performance. Thank you to Miss Wells, parent helpers and teachers who helped out in various ways.

Northcote College Senior Prizegiving - Some of our former students' achievements were celebrated at the Northcote College prizegiving this week. Congratulations to the following:

Drew Smith - Proxime Accessit Prize for 2018 and Hopkins Cup for Chemistry

Harriet Carter - Beachman Prize and Millicent Hoyle Prize for Senior English

Penina-Rose Faaee - Award for Services to the School

Ruby Macomber - Senior Writers Prize

Ruby Brown - Year 12 Classics Cup

Room 12 wrote 2 lies and 1 truth about our school holidays.

Can you guess what Archie Frankham really did over the holidays?

1. Finally, the rain stopped and the dew was piled up on the green grass. Me and Seb rushed onto the tramp. Hmmmm, what shall we play? Poison Ball! We took our t-shirts off and played with four balls. We were bouncing like kangaroos at twilight. Leftover raindrops were dripping from the trees hanging over us.
2. Squeak! Squeak! What was that noise? I saw a flicker of black and then two fans. I suddenly realised it was a fruit-thirsty bat. Its tail was furry. I screamed my head off! It woke mum and dad up. But they decided to go back to sleep. "Wake up! Wake up!" said Annabelle. My grey and white pillow was on the ground and my blanket was half on me. "Phew, it was a dream," I whispered to myself.
3. Standing on the black, moving travelator, I could see four sharks without even turning my head. A giant, grey stingray flew over me like a gliding plane. Its gills were flapping and its wings were rippling as it swam gracefully past. I saw the dark green and light green turtle poke its head out of its rock hole. Its shell was like hardened clay that had been polished to a shine.

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



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