

# Birkenhead Primary School



Newsletter October 19, 2018

## Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term Four, and a warm welcome to Claire Sullivan, who is teaching Room 18 children for Term Four. Best wishes to everyone for a fantastic E.O.T.C. Week, and fingers crossed for great weather. Parents - teachers are currently voting on further industrial action. If the decision is for further strike action, then Monday November 12th is the scheduled day for Auckland Schools. Have a good weekend everyone.

Over the break, Logan and a helper have tidied up the pergola at the front of the school - filling cracks and painting the masonry, painting the under-side of the roofing, and re-staining the timberwork. Thanks Logan. We are currently installing a play tunnel in the mound on the lower field, and the PTA is looking to install a second batten area beside Room 9.

Other planned property development that is due to happen in the school in the near and medium term future:

- Two more temporary classrooms will be placed on the grass area between Room 7 and the boat during the summer holiday to allow for the school's roll growth.
- Work continues on the exact location and the general design of the six space building the Ministry has now approved for the school.
- Design work is well under way for the refurbishment of the Room 3, 4, 5, 6 building, and Room 16 (which was the one classroom left standing out of four, after the 1994 fire)
- Steps from the hall verandah, steps from Panuku rooms to chipped area where the tables are located, steps to the lower court, and the installation of steps from the lower court to the field are under consideration by the ministry, and could be installed during the summer holiday.

Many thanks to Jo McDonald, Property Trustee on the board, for her work in this area.

**Bottom Gate Safety** - Two orange cones are now placed outside the dental clinic to slow down cars entering and exiting the clinic, so it is safer for our children to walk the path near the bottom gate.

A reminder to parents about children wearing seatbelts as there are quite a few children not doing that. On our invitation, Corina (Community Constable) has already been in a couple of times this week to keep an eye on unrestrained children. Rob the Youth Officer also reinforced the seatbelt message to the children at today's assembly.

**Congratulations to Joey Lin** who was selected to compete at the national rhythmic gymnastic championships, a great achievement in itself. She was placed 12th in her grade, an outstanding result at national level.

**Save the date for our major PTA fundraiser 'Twilight Family Fun Night at School'**. 24th November from 3pm onwards. More details to come...

## Calendar

**October 23 - 26** - EOTC week

**November 2** - Farewell assembly for Mr Bioletti, 2pm in the hall

**November 6** - Kids for Kids choir performance

**November 24** - Twilight Family Fun Night

**December 10** - Whanake fun day

**December 11** - Pikiake fun day

**December 11** - Sports prizegiving and Y6 graduation evening

**December 13** - End of year evening (whole school)



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

**Rm 1:** Ximon Van den Berg & Meika Kneijber, **Rm 2:** Aria Ribeiro & Philo Hollis, **Rm 3:** Lexie Morris & Coco Alder, **Rm 4:** Ethan O'Leary & Lucia Foster, **Rm 5:** Michael Perkins & Annabel Stephens, **Rm 6:** Anna Kung & Anna Xia, **Rm 7:** Caelan Scott & Tun-Tun Pongjak, **Rm 8:** Aisling O'Leary & Joshua Fountain-Jones, **Rm 9:** Roy Xu & Hana Fattah Ghazi, **Rm 11:** Toi Shepherd & Lachlan Maher, **Rm 12:** Tiger Nair & Taylor Birss, **Rm 13:** Sam King & Charlie Mather, **Rm 14:** Zach Ireland & Aria Davies, **Rm 15:** Olive Sherriff & Koby Clarkson, **Rm 16:** Aleona Kudryashova, **Rm 17:** Conor Graham & Miela Stantiall, **Rm 18:** Flynn Bayly & Lily Hill, **Rm 19:** Jasmine Potter & Mia Matsumoto-Cross, **Rm 20:** Zach Bendall & Sara Matsumoto-Cross.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - The Book Club flyer went home earlier this week.

It is full of great bargains and gives you a great opportunity to purchase books for Christmas, for your family or friends, at fantastic prices, and support our school at the same time. When you place a book order, the school receives 'rewards'. We use these rewards to choose new books for our library, at no cost.

Reminder - all purchases are to be done online, with no money coming to school. Your purchased books will be delivered to school and then given to your child. **Closing Date for orders - 29 October, 2018.**

**PTA EZ-Lunch Pita Pit TUESDAYS:** Our Tuesday Pita Pit lunch service is underway for Term 4. 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](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz). Note that next week is EOTC week so PLEASE CHECK that your child will be in school at lunchtime next Tuesday.

**BPS Walking School Buses:** The weather is improving 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](mailto:kanddking@xtra.co.nz) for more information.

**BPS Centenary 8-9 March 2019:** Help us celebrate our school turning 100 years old! Check out the Centenary website and Facebook – there are some wonderful photos and memories posted. Share with your Alumni friends and family so they can be in the loop to receive information about the Centenary activities. Tickets on sale soon. [www.facebook.com/birkenheadprimaryalumni](http://www.facebook.com/birkenheadprimaryalumni) and [www.birkenheadprimary100.nz](http://www.birkenheadprimary100.nz)

*Have a great week,  
Nigel Bioletti,  
Principal*

## Outside Organisations

**Do you want a Halloween-alternative?** Come to our 'GLOW party' for the community on Wednesday 31st Oct at Birkenhead Community Church (at the Rawene Centre, just down from the library). Lots of black-lights, bouncy castle, glowing games and pizza & chips. It's a free, non-scary way of having fun on Halloween. If you have primary-aged kids then you're very welcome to bring them down! Use the event page to sign up if you're interested... <https://www.facebook.com/events/353279072081773/>

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