

BIRKDALE

NORTHSCHOOL

Respect Integrity Perseverance Empathy

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Newsletter

Term 1 No.1

Principal's voice:

Kia Ora, Bonjour, Talofa, greetings to all,

For anyone I have not had an opportunity to speak to I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable break with your tamariki. I had a very relaxing holiday and am looking forward to a packed year of learning at Birkdale North. Already we are very busy at school with an exciting term planned. I especially look forward to catching up with you next Thursday at our meet the teacher evening.

Teachers are busy working with your children setting up their classes and routines. In order to establish a sound learning environment it is important that the teacher and student take time to get to know each other and work together to set up the expectations and guidelines to be followed in the classroom. This is done in many ways but the key to a good working classroom evolves around familiarity and consistency. A good example of this is setting up a reading programme and building up clear procedures around how it all works and establishing everyone's role. This takes a bit of time as there are several stages to work through so if your child has not yet had a reading book home, it will be coming very soon.

Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap

We have been making every effort to ensure your child understands the importance of keeping safe in the sun. We:

- Remind the children before each break time when we do our daily notices
- Have pump containers of sunblock in each class if children forget their own
- Have a sunblock station outside the library for the children to reapply at breaks if needed
- Encourage your tamariki to wear hats at all times outside
- Insist tamariki play in the shade if they have no hat
- Are having lunch and morning eating times under the shade of the tree at the back of the hall

Our sun safe policy states:

Living in New Zealand, we can enjoy the sunshine and reduce our risk of harm by being sun smart. While it is important to be sun smart at every age, sun-smart behaviour is particularly important for children as getting sunburnt in childhood and adolescence increases the risk of melanoma and other skin cancers later in life.

Sunsafe behaviour

- We require students to wear a sunhat in terms 1 and 4.
- We encourage students to protect themselves with broad spectrum sunscreen (which the school provides) of at least SPF30 (Sun Protection Factor), and by sitting/playing in the shade where possible. We encourage students to wear sunscreen during terms 1 and 4. We encourage students to bring their own sunscreen but also have some available at the office.
- When outside and involved in school activities, staff model appropriate sun-safe behaviour by wearing hats that shade the face, neck, and ears, and making use of shade whenever possible. Parents are also encouraged to wear sunhats and be positive role models when picking up children or participating in school activities.
- We encourage students to wear swimwear that covers them as much as possible when swimming outdoors, e.g. long-sleeve rash tops.
- We encourage students to wear clothing that protects the skin (e.g. long sleeve tops) when at risk of extended sun exposure, such as sports days and picnics etc.

Please take the time to look at our policies <https://birkdalenorth.schooldocs.co.nz/> for further information.

Meet the teacher evening

Our meet the teacher evening is next **Thursday 20th February at 5.00 - 7.00pm.**

5.00 - 5.30 - ice blocks for sale (\$1) and a little time for our children to play and the adults to mingle.

5.30pm - 6.10pm - time to introduce the teachers and have a general chat about school.

6.10pm - 6.30pm - meeting with your child's syndicate. (if you have children in the juniors and the seniors it might be helpful if two adults can attend.)

6:30pm - 7.00pm - in classes with your child's teacher.

I would like to emphasise that this is about meeting the teachers and is not an interview. If you have concerns we are happy to talk with you about your child but ask that you set up another appointment with your teacher at a more appropriate time.

Trip to the Howick historical village museum.

Please ensure your permission slips are signed and in for this trip. (25th, 26th and 27th February) It is sure to be a very informative and exciting day.

Road Crossing

Please ensure that if you are crossing Birkdale road when walking home or coming to school that you cross at our crossing. I have observed a few parents walking their children up or down the road before crossing. In order to set good examples to our children I urge that all of us use the crossing. As we know the best way to learn is by example. At some stage you may want your children to become more independent so let's instill the correct procedure from the word go and then you will be assured your child is crossing in the correct place.

Inter School swimming sports

Our interschool swimming sports are coming up soon, Thursday March 26th. Unfortunately the criteria to enter has been changed with all children (years 4 - 6) needing to be able to dive start, swim 50 metres without stopping and within one and half minutes. As it is being held at the Millenium the children must be confident as the water is deep. If your child fits this category please let us know as we are struggling to make a team.

Whakatau in week 4

We will hold a Whakatau on Monday 24th February at our morning assembly at 9am for any new whanau, tamariki and staff members. You are welcome to join our celebration.

BOT

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th February at 6.30pm in the staff room. You are welcome to attend.

The Green certificates are now blue!

Our green certificates will now be our blue certificates for 2020. Remember when your child has collected five blue certificates please bring them to the office so that they can receive their gold certificate. The five certificates must be collected throughout 2020.

Blue Certificate winners

Well done to all our learners for the past two weeks.



Have a great weekend with your gorgeous tamariki.
Nga mihi nui
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Upcoming Events

Term Dates 2020:

Term 1	4th February - 9th April
Term 2	28th April - 3rd July
Term 3	20th July - 25th September
Term 4	12th October - 16th December

Public Holidays:

10th April - Good Friday
13th April - Good Monday
14th April - Easter Tuesday
25th April - ANZAC day
27th April - ANZAC day observed
1st June - Queens birthday
26th October - Labour day

Whats on:

20th February	Meet the teacher evening 5pm - 7pm
24th February	Whakatau 9am
25th February	Rooms 9 & 10 trip to the Howick historical village museum
26th February	Rooms 5, 6 & 8 trip to the Howick historical village museum
26th February	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm - 8.30pm
27th February	Rooms 7, 11 & 12 trip to the Howick historical village museum.
26th March	Interschool swimming sports
5th June	Photo Life - class and individual portraits

Junior Assembly every Friday Term time 11.30am

Senior Assembly every Friday Term time 12.15pm

Whole School Student Administration Assembly every Monday Term Time 9.00am to 9.30am

The Walking School bus:

Tiri Tiri Route - meet at the bottom of Tiri Tiri Road 8.15am Tuesdays and Thursdays

Lancaster Route - meet at the corner of Beachhaven and Lancaster Roads 8.15am

Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are currently looking for a driver for this route.

Ivy Place - meet at the corner of Ivy Place and Lauderdale Road 8.15am Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you have any queries or need further information, please contact Mrs Singh.

Public Health Nurses are available on 09 486 8996. Alternatively call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or visit www.health.govt.nz. The Public Health Nurses are able to help with providing things like nit treatment, action plans for students that have medical conditions and other general health queries.

School Dental services are based at Glenfield Intermediate, Chilvary Road, Glenfield. Contact on 09 444 6160.

Hearing & Vision:

If you have genuine concerns for your child's Vision or Hearing or want to rule it out as a contributor to behaviour and performance in school you can make an appointment at one of the WDHB clinics. Please click on the link below for further information.

<http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/child-and-family-services/>

If you are unsure that your child has been tested, all children have been seen either at school or as a B4SCH check when they were 4 years.

The vision screening is for distance only so if you have concerns for Vision you could see an optometrist, they will do a full eye check- Specsavers do free checks for children under 16 years.