



Monday 6th December 2021 Newsletter Term 4

Principal's voice:

Tēnā koutou, talofa, bonjour, malo e lelei, kia orana and hello,

Time is moving on and we have been working hard to organise some sort of celebration and acknowledgement for our tamariki. Thank you for your patience as we have worked through this process.

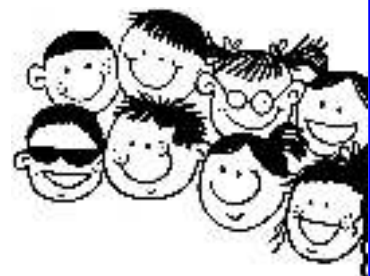
Year 6 Online Graduation

- **Monday 13 December at 10am.**
- This will include the students at home and in school
- Next Friday 10th December any year 6 students at home will have a small box delivered to their home.
- We ask that they not open the box until Monday during the graduation. All children will open their boxes at the same time.
- Along with the box there will be an envelope. We ask that the envelope also stay sealed until graduation.
- Mrs Vosper will send a google meet link to all year six students.

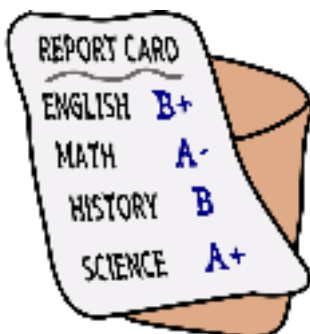


End of year online Assembly

- **Tuesday 14th December at 10am.**
- Unfortunately there will be no prize- giving this year.
- We will acknowledge our year 6 students who are leaving
- We will acknowledge our road patrol students (a certificate and small gift will be given to each patrol person. If they are learning from school they will be posted out to the students.
- We will say our goodbyes and thank-yous to teachers who are leaving.
- Our Board chair will speak
- It is not our usual assembly but we would love for you to join us.
- [click here for zoom link](#) the passcode is **Xjb9dz** (the details are also on the school calendar on our website.)



Reports



Reports are due to come home with the students on **Monday 13th December**. We are working through the process and will do our utmost to get them to you on that day.

We have worked to try to get as much information as possible for you, but please be aware that gathering assessment data has been difficult. For some of our students where there has been less online contact over the past few months much of the information will be based on what we know about your child before we went into lockdown.

We will post out reports of any students not at school. Let us know if any of your details including your postal address has changed please

Online survey

We would like your thoughts and feedback of the last three months. Our teachers worked hard to do the best for the children but it was difficult to reach everyone. We want to know what we can do next time (I hope it does not happen but we want to be ready if it does!) to improve the learning for our tamariki.

The teachers have already reflected and are thinking about areas they saw that could be worked on. We would appreciate all your thoughts but please remember that we try to align with the systems that we work from in class - for example google classroom is a platform which is in place and used within the senior classes and SeeSaw is the system which is in place in the junior end of the school.



Please [click here](#) to take part in the survey

Swimming



We are delighted to be able to get the children into the pool to have a swim and cool down!

Our junior children will be swimming on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (6th, 8th and 10th December) .

The seniors will be swimming Tuesday and Thursday (7th and 9th December)

In the last week the Yr 6 classes will will be swimming on the Monday (13th Dec) as part of their Graduation celebration.The juniors will swim on the Wednesday (15th Dec).

Please ensure all swimming gear is named and they have a waterproof bag to put the wet items into.

Building work next year



We are excited that after a long time of waiting things are beginning to move and the long awaited upgrade to our toilet blocks at the back of rooms 8 and 9 and rooms 5 and 6 is actually happening! We are looking at the project starting around the middle of January.

The upgrade also includes work done in the admin block including the roof and outer cladding.

What does that mean for us while the work is being done?

- The admin will be moved into the library.
- The staff room will move down to the side room by the hall.
- The sick bay will move into the library.
- The classes will be as they are but there will be no access to the cloak bays or toilets. It will mean that bags etc will be stored in the class or outside under the eaves weather permitting.
- The middle toilets are not being upgraded at this time as they will be part of the next 5 Year plan. The middle toilets will most likely be made into a break out room at that time.
- The students will use the hall toilets and/ or room 6 and 7 toilet blocks.

As you can imagine it will be a bit of an upheaval but hopefully worth it ! We will keep you updated as we move through the building process.

Unfortunately it will mean we will not be able to use our swimming pool. You have got to crack some eggs to make an omelette as the builders say!

Important dates

09 December 2021	BOT meeting 6pm
13 December 2021	Reports home
13 December 2021	Year 6 leavers - TBC
15 December 2021	End of term 4
01 February 2022	Teacher only day - school closed
02 February 2022	Teacheronly day - school closed
03 February 2022	Student back to school for Term 1 2022
07 February 2022	Waitangi Day observance - school closed
12 April 2022	Students last day for Term 1
13 April 2022	Teacher only day - school closed
14 April 2022	Teacher only day - school closed
15 April 2022	Good Friday
18 April 2022	Easter Monday
25 April 2022	ANZAC day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

If you are in Birkdale North School Zone - enrol now for 2022

Please click on the website link for more information on the zone area and a detailed map.

<https://www.birkdalenorth.school.nz/enrolment/>

With the introduction earlier this year by the Ministry of Education of an Enrolment Scheme and zone area for Birkdale North School, the enrolment process has changed. Whanau are now encouraged to enrol their children at their local school.

If you are living in the Birkdale North School zone your children have automatic right of entry under the scheme. Enrol your child as early as possible, this helps us with our classroom planning for 2022.

In Zone Enrolment procedure

Check that you live within the list of in zone addresses. Follow the link below to the enrolment page on the website to complete the online enrolment form.

<https://www.birkdalenorth.school.nz/enrolment/>

Alternatively, just send us an email to office@birkdalenorth.school.nz and we will send out the enrolment pack for you to complete and return.

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING offering Individual, or group, PARENTING SESSIONS via Zoom.

Eight one hourly sessions, weekly at a time convenient to you, available evenings.

Topics covered include Communication, Empathy, Setting Limits, Quality Time, Consequences, Choices, Redirection, Pick your battles with your child, Problem Behaviour, Praise vs Acknowledgement, Time In vs Time Out, The Pause, Erickson's Stages of Growth, Personality Types and how it affects your children. WINZ funding assistance where eligible.

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