

BIRKDALE

Respect Integrity Perseverance Empathy

NORTHSCHOOL

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Eleventh May 2022

Kawerongo
Newsletter

Kaupeka kura tuarua
Term 2

Principal's voice:

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

It has been exciting to welcome our tamariki back this term, they have been so happy to be back and being able to play as one whole kura. We now consider ourselves one bubble but of course are still continuing to ensure we are being safe and working within the [Covid Protection Framework](#).

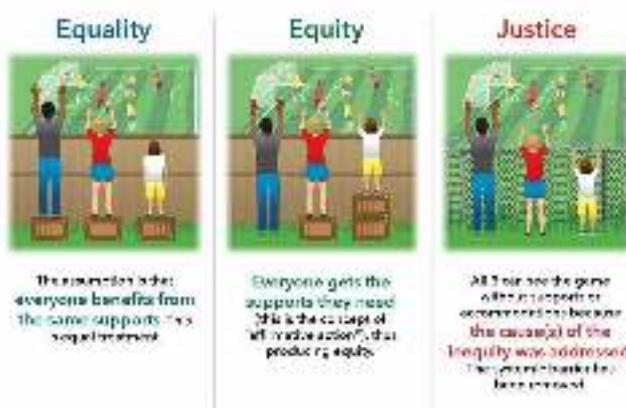
We had our first whole school assembly on Monday, the tamariki were left with a challenge for the week:

Everyday think about and carry out a deliberate act of kindness. It might be for one person in the class.

Ask your child if they have managed to perform any deliberate acts of kindness.

What are we focussing on at school?

The teacher only days at the beginning of the term were focussing on UDL, Universal Design for Learning. This is an inclusive environment for all tamariki and ensures that those that need the extra support and scaffolding to access their learning are able to get it. Equity is a large part of that, this illustration shows in a simplistic way how equity works:



Providing high quality education is a matter of social justice.

A foundation principle of The New Zealand Curriculum is inclusion: that no-one will be left out or discriminated against. That everyone will have access to learning in a way that works for them.

As every student learns differently, schools must create flexible, barrier-free learning environments if all students are to become successful, lifelong learners. (TKI.org.nz)

[Click here](#) for more information.

Our Te Reo Professional development with [Te Puna Te Reo](#) is exciting and fast paced.

This is one of our main PD's this year and we are working hard to ensure that Te Reo is part of our everyday life within the school. The children have all been learning their individual pepeha and the day starts with a kōrero including our karakia tīmatanga, waiata and what is happening during the day. The programme is incorporating Te Reo and Tikanga (the customary system of values and practises that have been developed over time and are deeply embedded in the social context)

As with everything we all develop at a different pace, but I for one am really enjoying this opportunity and finding Te Tikanga absolutely interesting and also very challenging!

Ask your tamariki what akoranga (learning) is happening in their class.

How do we communicate with you?

We have a few different ways of communication:

- We email
- We have our [website](https://www.birkdalenorth.school.nz/) <https://www.birkdalenorth.school.nz/>
- You can follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BirkdaleNorthSchool) <https://www.facebook.com/BirkdaleNorthSchool>
- We use schoolAppsNZ
- To download the App Scan the QR code for access from a compatible Android or iOS mobile device



Or search SchoolAppsNZ on your smartphone and download. This is the icon you will see:



School Strategic Direction

The Schools Strategic direction 2022 - 2024(Charter) can be found on our [website](#)

OUR VISION

Proud, unique individuals, who are creative, passionate and critical learners.

OUR VALUES

RESPECT - We respect ourselves, each other and our community

INTEGRITY - We show integrity by trying our best in all our learning.

PERSEVERANCE - We show perseverance in all our learning.

EMPATHY - We show empathy to our peers and those around us.

MANAAKI - We show Manaaki by supporting, caring and showing hospitality to others. We are respectful, generous and caring.

WHAKAKOTAHI - We demonstrate Whakakotahi by learning from others. We unify, integrate, combine and unite our learning.

MANAWANUI - We are committed to unwavering tolerance, patience and persistence in all our learning.

AROHA – We show kindness and compassion, understanding the importance of having a careful and empathetic tolerance to others.

Tamariki crossing the roads at the end of the day.

Now that many parents are picking up tamariki at the same time we have more vehicles trying to find a place to park.

We have noticed several times that cars are parking right on the corner of Levesque Street and Birkdale Road. This makes it very difficult for children crossing over as cars turning just don't see them.

If we could **all** take responsibility for our tamariki who are crossing that would be amazing. If you pick your child up from the dairy or around that area, another set of eyes keeping watch would make all the difference.

If you could offer your services on a regular basis to support our tamariki that would be even better. We could supply you with an orange jacket and just simply standing there will mean that the drivers will see you and realise that there may be children crossing. Please contact the school if you are able to help.

Please help us keep children safe when dropping off and picking up students.

This week a concerned parent has noticed that a few people have been making U turns close to the school entrance.

Clearly this is a safety issue and with the number of vehicles in parking spaces the ability to see children on pathways is obstructed. For this reason our interpretation is that the practice of doing a U turn outside school at peak flow of pedestrian times is contrary to the road code which states:-

Making a U-turn

You are normally allowed to make U-turns, as long as the road is clear in both directions and it is safe to do so.



Please do not U turn when children are arriving or exiting the school under any circumstances.

When a U turn is needed, our suggestion is to drive past the school and do your turn at the nearest roundabout. Please also pass this message onto grandparents and other people who collect/drop off your children.

Let's all work together to make this crossing and school entrance safe for everyone.

Triennial school board elections 2022

Triennial elections for school boards will be held between 5 September and 23 September 2022, and will include provision for electronic voting. If you are interested in finding out more about what being a Board member means click [here](#)

What events are coming up?

Please remember to check our calendar on the website.

We are in the process of organising a Whakatau (to welcome our new staff and students) as we are in orange of the CPF. As soon as everything is confirmed we will inform you.

School Term Dates

Term 2 Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July
Term 3 Monday 25th July - Friday 30th September
Term 4 Monday 17th October - Wednesday 14th December

Public Holidays - school closed

Monday 6th June - Queen's Birthday
Friday 24th June - Matariki
Monday 24th October - Labour Day

Upcoming Events

Friday 20th May - Pink Shirt day
Tuesday 21st June - Interschool Cross country
Wednesday 22nd June - Badminton Taster day (years 4-6)
Monday 27th June - Class, Individual & Sibling Photos
Wednesday 29th June - Badminton Taster day (years 4-6)
Thursday 30th June - Stardome Trip (senior classes)
Tuesday 5th July - Inter School Football
Thursday 7th July - Stardome Trip (junior classes)
Friday 8th July - Last day of Term 2
Monday 25th July - First day of Term 3

Noho ora mai rā,

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