

BIRKDALE

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Te toru tekau o Hepetema 2022
Thirtieth September 2022

Kawerongo
Newsletter

Kaupeka kura tuatahi
Term 3

Principal's voice:

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

Well here we are again at the end of the term! I must be getting really old as time seems to be travelling very fast! Next term is short but is jam packed so take some time to get important dates in your diary.

Our New Board of Trustees

I would like to say a big thank you to the outgoing board. Thank you for your support over the past three years, having a good board makes a big difference!

Welcome to our new board who have committed to the next three years. I look forward to continuing to develop our school and working towards the best that we can be. Our vision: Proud, unique individuals, who are creative, passionate and critical learners. Everyday I see more children who are aiming for that vision!

'Around the World'

Mr Oades from room 5 has been working extremely hard over the past two terms. He has written a play called 'Around the World'. With the guidance from a bit of a nutty professor character a group of young people travel around the world. They find themselves in different places and on an adventure never to be forgotten!

All the children have been busy practising for their big performances next term! The teachers and students have also been working on the backdrops for each act.

It is important that the whole school makes up the cast at each performance with each class having an individual part to play. Please make it your priority to get your children to the evening performances. Look out for more information next term.

There are two sets of main characters who will play the roles alternatively.

The dates of the performance are:

Tuesday 1st November - 7pm - 9pm

Wednesday 2nd November - Matinee - 12:30 - 2pm

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New Zealand Shake out day

We will be taking part in the New Zealand Shake out day on Thursday 27th October. Your child should have brought home a challenge sheet where there are 8 challenges to do over the holidays.

Please click this link if your child has lost their hard copy - [shake out challenges](#)

How to enter

1. Download and print the Kid's Challenge forms for your students.
2. Distribute the Kid's Challenge forms for students to take home on Friday 30 September.
3. Encourage students to complete the challenges with their whānau or caregivers and return the completed forms by Thursday 27 October.
4. Send the names of students who completed the challenge to ShakeOut@nema.govt.nz by **4 November** for your students to go in the draw! (one email per school)

TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S KID'S CHALLENGE

16 PRIZE PACKS TO BE WON!

Take your school's ShakeOut experience to the next level by encouraging students to complete the 2022 KID'S CHALLENGE. This is a take home exercise for students to learn about emergency preparedness with their whānau or caregivers.

Instructions on how to participate below.

30 SEPT - 27 OCT

EACH STUDENT WHO COMPLETES THE CHALLENGE GOES IN THE DRAW TO WIN:

a Civil Defence wheelie bin for your school

AND

a brand new Apple iPad Air & an emergency survival kit for their home



Gumboot Friday on Friday 4th November (<https://www.gumbootfriday.org.nz/events>)

This is a gold coin donation to help raise money to provide free and timely counselling for any young Kiwi in need. The children just come along wearing their gumboots and if they feel like decorating them they can!

EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom)

Shakespear Lodge camp for year 5 and 6

The 9th to 11th November will see the year 5 and 6 students going off to camp! Shakespear Lodge will be their base for three days with many exciting activities. If your child is going and you have not yet filled in the information google forms sent out please check your emails and complete as soon as possible. All the information needed is essential.

Long Bay day trip

The Junior children (years 1 to 3) and our year 4's will be having a day at Long Bay doing different activities organised by the teachers. That will be on Friday 11th November.

School cluster choir performance

We have a group of year 5 and 6 tamariki who are part of a choir for our school cluster group. They have been practising every week and have also had some practises at Birkdale Intermediate.

The performance will be on 16th November at Victory Church in Town. We will send out information next term if you are interested in attending the concert.

Our new Basketball Hoop - Thank you North Harbour Basketball Association

If you have been into school lately you will have seen that another basketball hoop has appeared on our court! We would like to acknowledge the North Shore Basketball Association for this amazing donation. North Shore contacted me a few months ago asking for a letter of support for an application from the Lotteries foundation. They were successful and they have passed some of their good fortune onto us! THANK YOU!



Other dates to add to your calendar

- 24th November - School athletics 9am - 2.30pm
- 7th December - Road patrollers special day
- 9th December - Year 6 graduation
- 12th December - End of year assembly and prizegiving 9:30am - 11:00am
- 13th December - Fun Family day and shared picnic. Bring siblings, aunties, uncles, grandparents and join in with our fun games and shared picnic.
- 14th December - last day term 4 - 2pm finish
- 14th December - end of year reports sent home
- 1st February 2023 - Term 1 start date

More information will be coming next term.

Head Lice

Now could be a good time to check your children's hair for head lice as there have been a few cases throughout the school.

For more information [click here](#).

If you are unsure or require assistance you can contact the Public Health Nurse on 09 486 8996 or call Health Line on 0800 611 116

The Public Health Nurse will be able to assist with sourcing the products necessary for assessment and treatment of head lice.

Green certificates

Now that routines are back in place and things are settling down we are getting back into the swing of things with our green achievement certificates. For those of you who don't know, each class teacher selects three children every week who have achieved in some area of their learning. The certificates are given out at our Monday assembly. If your child manages to get five certificates within the school year they will receive a gold certificate. We take a photo each week of the certificate recipients and publish on our facebook page. Here are our certificate recipients this week! Well done.



Have a wonderful rest and holiday with your tamariki. Take care and enjoy this special time.
Noho ora mai rā,

Jan.

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.