

BIRKDALE

NORTHSCHOOL

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Manaaki Whakakotahi Manawanui Aroha

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Te tekau o Pēpuere 2023
Tenth February 2023

Kawerongo
Newsletter

Kaupeka kura tuatahi
Term 1

Principal's voice:

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

Well, we had a false start but we are all at school this week! Thank you for your understanding. I hope this finds you well and you have survived the flooding.

Whakatau Wednesday 15th February

We will be holding a Whakatau on Wednesday 15th February. You are invited to come and welcome our new children and parents to Birkdale North School. It has been hard to find a suitable date with another bout of bad weather coming. Wednesday seems (according to the weather forecast) to be the best day.

Walking school bus

Mrs Singh has organised two walking school buses to start once Auckland Transport completes her route check for hazards.

We will inform you of the names of the roads and where they start asap.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Our Meet the Teacher Evening will be held on Monday 20th February from 5pm -7pm. There will be a mix and mingle with a sausage sizzle for the first half hour, followed by all teachers in the hall. We will then split into syndicate groups and finally classes. This is a chance for us to share how the classes function and what we will be covering throughout the year. Please do not monopolise the teacher to talk about your child at the meet the teacher evening as this is not the time for individual discussions. Feel free to make an appointment with your teacher if you would like a time to discuss any concerns you may have.

Nits

Please check your child's hair for nits on a regular basis. This is an ongoing problem which takes everyone to be committed to keep it in check. If you need some nit shampoo, we have a couple of bottles, which have been kindly donated to the school.

Dropping off children at the gate

As you will already know, there are roadworks restricting access up Birkdale Road. These could cause some delays.

Please respect the parking restrictions and yellow lines when dropping your children off. If you are simply dropping off, there is a 2 minute drop off or pick up spot. Please do not park and wait in the two minute drop off, as this restricts visibility for the school crossing.

Otherwise you may need to park further away, if you are walking your child into school.

Lauderdale Road could be another option as a drop off, Roseneath Place, off Lauderdale Road takes you the back entry to school.

Knitwits

I received this email from Suzie Kato:

Hey, a few years back, when my rangatahi were tamariki, a few of the other mums and I ran a "Knitwits" session at our children's school (BPS). During a weekly lunch break we taught some of the senior kids the basics of knitting (casting on, knitting and purling, picking up lost stitches and casting off) and we worked with some of the middle school kids teaching them basics of weaving, pompom making, dream weavers and friendship bracelets etc. It was a chance to build community, find a "tribe", learn a wee bit of resilience and patience and enhance fine motor skills, as much as it was to learn to knit.

At the end of the year we took those that had achieved a reasonable peggy square, or two, to the SPCA to donate the squares for the kittens and puppies to have a "blankey" to take with them when there were finally homed. Each of the tamariki that went to the SPCA that day was presented with a certificate and thanked for their efforts and support. While not a prerequisite it certainly was a highlight for all those that went.

I've had the leftover wool etc stored in my garage since that time, and during the holidays I've taken a moment to sort the wool and resources into several boxes. I have 6 banana boxes of knitting/wool related bits and bobs, and I would love to offer one of those boxes to your school, if you're interested.

Suzy has donated one of the boxes to BNS and we would love to set up our own "Knitwits" sessions.

If you know someone, or you knit yourself, and could give up a lunch time once a week we would love to hear from you.

Have a great weekend and keep safe and out of the cyclone!

Noho ora mai rā,
Jan.

Pocket Rockets:

Yay!!! Pocket Rockets Dance is back at Birkdale North School!

Hip hop class with Matt Cornere

Mondays 10.55 - 11.30am in the school hall.

Check out our full timetable here:

<https://www.pocketrockets.co.nz/class-info>

Enrol or register for a free trial here:

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/pocket-rockets/register>

\$120 per 9 week term.

Fun, creative, inclusive classes, caring instructors, performance opportunities!

Contact Jane for more info

Jane@pocketrockets.co.nz

www.PocketRockets.co.nz

Important dates

2023 Term Dates

Term 1	Monday 1st February - Thursday 6th April
Term 2	Monday 24th April - Friday 30th June
Term 3	Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September
Term 4	Monday 9th October - Friday 15th December

Public Holidays - School closed

Friday 7th April -	Good Friday
Monday 10th April -	Easter Monday
Tuesday 25th April -	ANZAC day - school closed
Monday 5th June -	King's Birthday
Friday 14th July -	Matariki
Monday 23rd October -	Labour Day

Upcoming Events

Check our calendar on the website for more details.

Wednesday 15th February -	BOT Meeting 6pm - 7pm
Monday 27th February -	Vision and hearing testing day
Thursday 6th April -	Last day of Term 1
Monday 24th April -	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 3rd May -	Positive Puberty zoom meeting (parents of year 5 & 6)
Friday 12th May -	Positive Puberty meeting (year 5 & 6)
Friday 19th May -	Pink Shirt day
Tuesday 30th May -	Photo life - Class, portrait and sibling photos
Friday 30th June -	Last day of Term 2
Monday 17th July -	First day of Term 3
Friday 22nd September -	Last day of term 3
Monday 9th October -	First Day of Term 4
Friday 15th December -	Last Day of Term 4

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, Chivalry Road, Glenfield. Contact on 09 444 6160.

Hearing & Vision: Testing day Monday 27th February

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.

Community assistance messages from Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project:

Kia ora Koutou,

Your Community Houses at Birkdale and Beach Haven are here to support you through this difficult time.

We know help looks different to different people right now depending on your situation so **we'd like to hear what we can do to help over the next few days and weeks.**

Call or email us 483 9149 or 027 222 7462; admin@birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz

- Our food pantries are on both sites for people in urgent need - please help us by donating kai if you can. There is also an outdoor fridge at Beach Haven for fresh and perishable food.
- If you know of anyone who has lost their home workspace due to flood damage, we can offer space at Birkdale Community House for the coming weeks.
- Help can also come in the form a cuppa! If you need a break or change of environment, pop in between 9am - 3pm - the kettle's on!

Helpful contacts

Urgent accommodation assistance: 0800 22 22 00

Work and Income can point you in the right direction based on your situation. Civil Defence Payments are available for people who have been affected by the flooding. You don't have to be on a benefit to qualify for a Civil Defence Payment. Call 0800 100 400 for more information

For urgent food assistance: Awataha Marae, 58 Akoranga Drive, Northcote



Kia ora Koutou,

Thank you, community, for all your wonderful donations to help our neighbours who have lost much needed items in the flooding.

We have passed on your donated items both to Awataha Marae and to the North-West Zero Waste HUB.

And now, the North-West Zero Waste HUB is able to start giving items to people in need.

People can only apply for items via agencies, Kura or community groups like us, so if you need to replace **bedding, clothing or furniture** please email us on admin@birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz or call 483 9149 and we'll ask you a few questions to determine what you need before submitting your application for you.

If you know anyone who is starting to replace lost items and would like some help with donated pieces, please tell them to get in touch.

For anyone not able to be in their home right now, but who does still need to replace bedding, furniture and clothing, the North-West Zero Waste HUB can also store requested items for later down the track when more people are able to move back into their homes.

Helpful contacts

- Urgent accommodation assistance: 0800 22 22 00
- Auckland Emergency Management Community Support Hub: Birkenhead Leisure Centre, 46 Mahara Avenue, Birkenhead (9am-5pm)
- Civil Defence Payments (You don't have to be on a benefit to qualify for a Civil Defence Payment). Call 0800 100 400 for more information
- Urgent food assistance: Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project (BBCP) 483 9149 or admin@birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz

If you need help or know anyone who needs help from the North-West Zero Waste Hub, complete the form below and return to the school office.



2nd hand items available through agency referral at no cost for flood affected people on the North Shore and West Auckland.

Referring agency	
Family name and contact number	
Suburb	
Number of people in the family and ages and gender of kids, <i>if applicable</i>	
Items required IE - Bed, Bedding, couches, clothing, homeware etc <i>If clothing is required please include sizes</i>	
Does the family have somewhere to store items now? If storage is required, what is the estimated time?	

Carla van Walen | HUB Manager - Porana Road
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Visit our website: www.localised.nz

NOW COLLECTING WORKING HOUSEHOLD GOODS, CLOTHING, AND BEDDING FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE FLOODING



IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE PLEASE CONTACT
US TO ORGANISE A PICK UP TIME.

WE'RE WORKING WITH "STORAGE4 YOU" TO CONNECT OUR
COMMUNITY WITH WHAT THEY NEED



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