

**BIRKDALE**

**NORTHSCHOOL**

*Respect Integrity Perseverance Empathy*

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29 Māehe 2023  
29 March 2023

Kawerongo  
Newsletter

Kaupeka 1  
Term 1

### **Principal's voice:**

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

I hope this letter finds you all well. We have weathered a few storms over the past few weeks and I know for some of us it is not over yet. If we can help in any way please let us know. When life throws so many curve balls, having your tamariki come to school regularly is so important, thank you for ensuring your children get to school every day. On that note, I would also like to thank you all for your positive support on the day of the teacher strike. We are aware how difficult it makes it for you, organising child care and trying to continue working. Striking is something that does not come naturally to teachers, and making the decision was hard but the government really has given us no option. We want the best for our tamariki and more resourcing is required to allow us to do our jobs.

### **We have some visitors from Tahiti**

On the last week of term on Wednesday 5th April and Thursday 6th April we are having a visit from St Therese school from Tahiti. There will be 25 children and several adults who will share some stories about their school, culture and lifestyle and will spend time in the classes engaging in learning with our tamariki.

We will be having a Powhiri to welcome our guests on the morning of the 5th April at 10am. You are welcome to attend and help us make our guests feel part of our whanau.

### **Book reviews with Suzy Cato**



Suzy Cato offered six of our students the opportunity to review six new books written by kiwi authors. The recorded reviews are then part of her radio show and the video recordings will be on Suzy's youtube channel. The students enjoyed reading and reviewing the books. We look forward to seeing their recorded reviews.

This photo shows our six students with Suzy and her husband Steve.

## School swimming sports and Inter school Swimming

We had swimming sports last week where all the students enjoyed the opportunity to participate. Thank you to the parents who were able to come long and support the students.



Our interschool swimming sports were on Tuesday 28th March. They all enjoyed the day and represented BNS with pride. A fantastic effort and results by the whole team. Well done!!

## **Teacher Only Day Reminder**

Our first curriculum refresh professional development day will take place on **Monday 1st of May**. The school will be closed for learning.

## **The end of term 1 and term 2 start dates**

The last day of term 1 - Thursday 6th April. (3:00 pm finish)  
Term 2 starts - Monday 24th April  
Anzac day - Tuesday 25th April (School is closed)  
Teacher only day - Monday 1st May.

## **Road crossing**

Thank you to all the parents and tamariki who cross at our crossing every day. And an extra thumbs up to our parents who say thank you to the patrol monitors and for your patience.

We do ask that every parent use the crossing even if it takes a few minutes more, you are the role models for our children. Please remember when you usher your child across the busy road when the crossing is literally 5 metres away you are putting yourself and all our children at risk. Setting an example of how we behave in these dangerous situations should be a priority.

There is a call sequence that the students have been given to follow. They are trained by the Police Constable Tania Wansink who does a thorough job and instils the importance of why we do road patrol a certain way, which ensures the safety of all concerned.

The sequence is as follows:

- ( lead caller) “ signs out” ( both put signs out after checking both ways)

- ( lead caller) “check” ( second patroller checks checks both ways)
- (second patroller) “clear”
- ( lead caller) “cross now” (then pedestrians may cross.)
- ( lead caller) “signs in” ( when all pedestrians have crossed.)

The patrollers are not allowed to put their signs out if there are any cars inside the diamonds on the road ( about 20 metres away from the signs on each side). If a car is within the diamonds then they have to let them go through. This is the safe distance to allow drivers to slow down and come to a stop.

Sometimes drivers stop out of kindness to let them do their job, but this can make it harder for the students. You then have one side with a car stopped and another side that may still have moving traffic within the diamond. This makes it pretty dangerous and very difficult for our students to judge and make the correct decision. If you are driving through a crossing just being cautious and driving at or below 40 km per hour speed limit is the best way and allow the patrollers to do the job as they were trained to do it.

### **Weekly achievement certificates - orange certificates.**

We are getting into the swing of our weekly achievement certificates for the year. They are orange this year ( green last year). If your child receives five certificates throughout the year they will receive a gold certificate. The certificates must be collected within the school year and not accumulated from any previous years certificates.

If your child manages to get five certificates please bring them into the office so that we can organise the gold certificate.

Well done to our students who were recently awarded orange certificates:



Noho ora mai rā,  
Jan.

## 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
<b>Tuesday 25th April -</b>	<b>ANZAC day - school closed</b>
<b>Monday 5th June -</b>	<b>King's Birthday - school closed</b>
Friday 14th July -	Matariki
<b>Monday 23rd October -</b>	<b>Labour Day - school closed</b>

### **Upcoming Events**

Check our calendar on the website for more details.

Wednesday 5th April -	St Therese visiting from Tahiti 10am -11am Powhiri to welcome St Therese visitors
Thursday 6th April -	St Therese visiting from Tahiti
Thursday 6th April -	Last day of Term 1
Monday 24th April -	First day of Term 2
Friday 28th April -	9.30am - 10.30am Shanan Halbert, MP to visit
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](http://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.

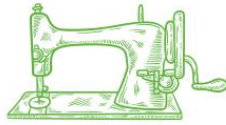
<http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/child-and-family-services/>

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.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

## Polymer Clay Jewellery Workshop

Ages  
10 - 15

Highbury House  
110 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead  
Friday 21st April, 9am - 12.30 pm.  
\$80pp

To book: [www.dewdrops.co.nz](http://www.dewdrops.co.nz)



# BEACH HAVEN BLOCK PARTY

3.30-6.30pm Friday 31st March 2023  
Opaketai Gardens - 364 Rangatira Rd, Beach Haven

An afternoon of fun for the whole whānau

Hāngi  
Kapa Haka  
Pasifika Dance  
Bollywood Dance  
African Drumming

Live Music  
Spoken Word  
Kids Activities  
Community Art  
Spot Prizes

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