



# Birkdale Bulletin

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Providing a quality education in a caring environment

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Dear Parents

### Top Team Games

Yesterday we hosted teams from our local Primary Schools who took part in our Top Team Games. It was a fun afternoon, full of challenges. The Primary children joined with our students to form teams to compete against each other. Congratulations to everyone in Team 22 who won the competition.



### 'Student of the Week' award - well done!

Reginal R1, Amara & Milly R3, Fineaso R10, Aidan R11, Gian R12, Elizabeth R14, Elizabeth & Nyashadzashe R15, James R16, Finn, Carlo & Sam R17, Jenica R18, Mae R18 and Elizabeth R7 - Arts

### Frank Bramley RA Exhibition in our Gallery 18 March - 12 April

Next week there is a new exhibition in our Gallery. We will be exhibiting the work of a 19th Century English artist, Frank Bramley RA. Bramley was a prominent member of the Newlyn School. We are lucky to have on loan one of his original oil paintings and a pencil sketch, along with a very large 2.5m by 1.5m oil on canvas reproduction of one of his most famous paintings, 'For of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven' 1891. The exhibition also has two photographs of Bramley at work painting around 1900. Please call in to see the exhibition 8:00am - 4:30pm. If you are able, please take your child to the Auckland Art Gallery to see the original of, 'For of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven.' Christchurch Art Gallery also has a large Bramley painting.



### International students attend BIS

During the past few weeks Korean students have been through our school educational system. Some of the things they enjoyed while visiting were: our rocky shore trip, block sport and PE in general, and how helpful and funny the teachers were. The buddies liked having the Korean students because they were enthusiastic to help, shared about the Korean culture, taught us simple words and names, they were kind and funny and taught us how they do stuff differently from New Zealand. The past few weeks have been a great experience for all of us buddies and our Korean students and has definitely made us want to go to a different country, if the opportunity came about.

By Jeanie & Oban R14

### Teachers' Union Meeting (NZEI) Tuesday, 19 March

Teachers will be attending a union meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, 19 March. This is a paid union meeting authorised by the Ministry of Education under the Teachers' Collective Agreement. As the majority of our teachers are union members, we are asking that students go home at 1:30pm on 19 March. A small group of teachers will be available to supervise any child who needs to stay at school until 3:00pm. Buses will be arranged for the earlier time.

### Netball Coach wanted?

Our Year 8, Team 1 girls are desperately needing a coach for this coming season. As it is our top netball team, we really want them to have an experienced coach, who knows netball and can take them to the top! If you are interested, or know of anyone interested, please contact Joey Keen. keen@bis.school.nz

### Chocolate Fundraising begins today

The school's major annual fundraiser begins today, 15 March. This year we will be selling Cadbury Chunky and Novelty bars. This three week fundraiser is an important source of income for the school. It allows us to resource student learning by providing iPad pods, so that students have access to the latest learning tools. We have talked about safe selling, that students should not go out alone and that parents should know where they are at all times. Let's have a great fundraiser with everyone staying safe. Your support is much appreciated.

All the best for the coming week.

Richard Coote  
Principal

• Kaipatiki Environment Project - Open Day & Community Food Swap. Bring your surplus home-grown food to swap. Sat. 23 March, 11am - 2pm. 17 Lauderdale Rd. Birkdale.

• Mini Flippa Ball Tournament - Sat. 6th April, 10am - 4pm Osbourne Pool 48 Mahara Ave, Birkenhead. INTERESTED? Please Email Dana Harvey on dana\_harvey10@hotmail.com or call 0211870173.

• NORTHCOTE JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB  
We are still recruiting players aged 11 and 12 to play rugby for us this season. Come along and join the fun!  
Call Chrissie on 027 488 8605

## Important Dates

15/3	Fundraiser starts	10/4	Talent Quest
20/3	NH Cricket (B)	11/4	Vaccinations
24/3 (Sun.)	Shore to Shore Fun Run		NH Orienteering
27/3	NH Cricket (G)	12/4	School Social
29/3	Good Friday	13/4	PCT National Comp.
1 April	Easter Monday	19/4	Term 1 ends
2/4	Easter Break	6 May	Term 2 begins