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Newsletter

Term 3 No.10

Principal's voice:

Kia Ora, Bonjour, Talofa, greetings to all,

I hope this finds you well and the holidays (seems like a long time ago!) were enjoyable for you and your family. I spent 8 nights in Fiji and came back feeling relaxed and ready for another term of learning at BNS.

Our Concept this term

Recycle, Reduce, Reuse is a major focus for the students this term with students inquiring into what happens to the rubbish and where it goes. It has been interesting watching the students measure how much rubbish we have had every day last week and see them sort them into the different categories. Keep asking your child about what happens with rubbish and if you have clear systems at home when recycling please take the time to talk to your child about the process.



Three way conferences

Just a reminder that our 3 way conferences are next Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th August. It is very important that **your child attends the conference with you.**

The conversation is one that will take place with you, your child's teacher(s) and your child. Your child will be taking an equal part in the discussion as ultimately the discussion is all around their learning, their goals and their future. If someone is going to be talking about my future I would want to be a major stakeholder in what that might look like - it is the same for your child - **your child is the major stakeholder!!**



Three way conferences are designed to achieve one or more of the following goals:

- To help students demonstrate evidence of learning
- To teach students the process of reflection and self reflection
- To facilitate the development of students' organisational and oral communication skills and to increase their self confidence
- To encourage students, parents and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue
- To encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their learning
- To increase parent understanding of their child's learning through improving at, and satisfaction with the reporting process.

(taken from tki.org.nz)

The teachers have a simple process which they are working through at the moment with the students in preparation for next week. This is not an arduous task as part of everyday learning incorporates setting goals and reflection. But in order to increase their confidence each child will have a paper to help them remember what their specific goals are.

We have given them three areas to consider. The learning your child decides to discuss may be academic, social or emotional:

- My focus in my learning is:
- My next steps in my learning are:
- In the future I would like to be able to:

For many of our students simply talking to you about their learning will be challenging. Please allow them the opportunity to speak in their own time and not be interrupted.

School Speeches

Your child will be working on a speech at the moment in class. For many of our students having the confidence to stand in front of an audience will be huge! Every child will write a speech throughout the school from our year 1 through to our year 6. (our very new children might like to talk about a favourite toy or simply recite a poem they know) We will be holding Speech semi finals and Finals for our top speech makers. They will be held at the end of term in week 9 and 10. We will inform you of the exact date when we have the details finalised.

A few dates you might want to add to your calendar.

Term 3:

Thursday 5th September - Maths information evening. 6 - 8pm

Maori Language week 9th - 13th September

Term 4:

Wednesday 27th November - term 4 week 7 - 6pm - 8pm - School production.

Wednesday 11th December - term 4 week 9-End of year assembly and prize giving - 11:30 - 1:00

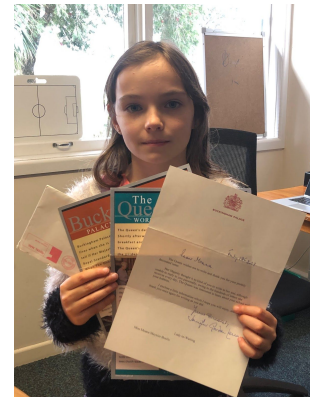
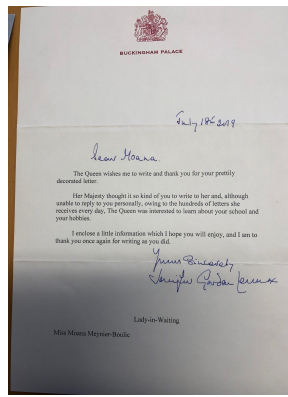
Thursday 12th December - term 4 week 9 - family fun day and school picnic

Friday 6th December -term 4 week 8 - year six graduation and function.

Friday 13th December - Last day of school.

Congratulations Moana!

This is Moana who wrote a letter to Queen Elizabeth. She told her what school she was at and what she liked to do. Moana thought it would be good to write to The Queen as her great grandma is the same age as her. And The Queen replied!



A Visit from JoAnne Sutton

The Principal JoAnne Sutton of Birkdale Intermediate came to talk to the year 6 students about the school and gave them their prospectus. If you know your child will be going to Birkdale Intermediate or you are in the process of deciding here is your opportunity:

Birkdale Intermediate School Open Evening

Wednesday 7 August

6.30pm in the B I S school hall

Parents, students, whanau all welcome to attend to see our school and hear about our 2020 plans.

Have your say about our local parks.

Kaipātiki Local Board is preparing a local parks management plan to help it with the future management of local parks and reserves. The Kaipātiki Local Parks Management Plan will reflect what residents value about their parks now, and how they use them. It will also identify issues that should be considered as parks are managed and developed in the future, to make sure they meet the needs of future generations. Please visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/loveyourparks to tell us what you love about parks now, and how you'd like to use them in the future."

Green Certificate winners

Well done to all our learners for the past two weeks.



Upcoming Events

Term Dates 2019:

Term 2	29 April - 5 July
Term 3	22 July - 27 September
Term 4	14 October - 13 December

Public Holidays:

28 October Labour Day

Whats on:

6 August	3 way conferences
7 August	3 way conferences
14 August	Vision & Hearing testing
22 August	Board of Trustees monthly meeting
5 September	Maths information evening 6pm - 8pm
12 September	Rippa Tournament 3 of 3
26 September	Board of Trustees monthly meeting
27 September	Term 3 ends - last day Term 3 3.00pm finish.

9 - 15 September Maori Language week

Junior Assembly every Friday Term time 11.30am

Senior Assembly every Friday Term time 12.15pm

Whole School Student Administration Assembly every Monday Term Time 9.00am to 9.30am

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 service contact phone: 09 444 6160.

Hearing & Vision Technicians will be at BNS as part of the Hearing and Vision Screening Programme on 14 August from 9.30am. Children eligible to be tested include new entrants who have not had a B4 School Hearing & Vision test at Pre-school, children who need rescreening or were absent from previous testing and new children to the school who have not been tested in New Zealand.

The Walking School bus is up and running this term again. If you have any queries or need further information, please contact Mrs Singh.

Samoas for sale: Don't forget to order your Samosa to support the trip to New Caledonia. Detailed information below.

Samosas for sale

Fundraiser for school trip to
New Caledonia

10 SAMOSAS FOR \$20

MADE FRESH TO ORDER



Butter Chicken
Lamb
Vegetable

Ideal for lunches, snacks dinner and
parties

HOW TO ORDER:

1. Online order form: (Preferred method)

<https://goo.gl/forms/d24qbYJfe5stow4p2>

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser

**Other ways to support this fundraiser- email the flyer and the link to your friends, family and
work colleagues**

Many Thanks

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