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Newsletter

Term 2 No.6

**Principal's voice:**

Kia Ora, Bonjour, Talofa, greetings to all,  
 As I walked out of the office on Wednesday on my way to a meeting I was greeted with two children and Briar Cornwall sitting playing ukuleles. I stopped and listened for a minute, took a photograph and went to my car to drive to Papatoetoe for my meeting. I was thinking as I drove about how special school is and what a unique job as teachers and educators we have! School is not just about reading writing and maths (of course they are very important), it is about the relationships that we have and the connections we make. Thank you Briar and Miss Farrant who are working with our ukulele group - we really appreciate it.

**Book Week**

Our Book week preparations are coming along with some fun things happening:

**Monday 27th May** - we will start with our assembly to set the scene.

I know Miss Sailhan has a great song all about reading to share.

**Tuesday 28th May** - We have Mr Matt Elliot, Peter's dad from room 10 who is an author and has written children's books, coming in to talk to the children. Thank you Matt for taking time out of your day to join us.

**Thursday 30th May** - We are trying to get another author for this day but unsure at this point if he is available. In the afternoon there will be a book swap in the hall. Get your children to start looking at their books and if there is one they do not read anymore or would like to swap just bring it along on the day. There will be a token system where they will get a token for their book and they will be able to "purchase" another book with the token

**Friday 31st May** - We will have our character parade at 9:30 am and all parents are welcome to stay afterwards for biscuit and book time. If you have a favourite book please bring it along to share with the children. If you would like to stay and be part of the class you are more than welcome. Please do not go out and spend a whole lot of money on costumes. This is a fun event and if you have time to put together something with your child we would appreciate it. (ie. a green pair of tights and t shirt could be turned easily into a frog costume)



At lunchtimes there will be an activity each day in the library related to reading for children wishing to take part. The teachers will swap classes after lunch and read to a different class

each day and the children will be reading for 15 mins after morning tea each day as part of the read-a-thon.

The week will be based on reading with all activities related to reading. If you have a great idea or would like to be involved please speak to your child's teacher. I am sure they would welcome an extra pair of hands. Similarly if there are grandparents who would like to share what school was like for them and the type of reading books they had please let us know.

### **Read-a-thon**

You should all have received your read-a-thon information and sponsor form this week. If you need an additional sheet for sponsors please come in and ask Marion or Taryn for one at the office. Remember to keep checking when forms etc must be returned.

### **Hot food**

We would appreciate it if you are sending your child to school with food that needs to be heated that you heat the food at home and send it along in a thermos. (I know some of our children already do this). We are so sorry, but for safety reasons we can no longer add hot water for noodles or heat food for children.



### **Bikes**

I have noticed that several of our older children are coming to school on their bikes. We are happy for them to do so but they do need to have a proper fitting helmet and be wearing shoes. Please also ensure that your child's bike is safe and that brakes etc are checked regularly.

### **Official strike action**

The school will be closed on Wednesday May 29th due to the teachers strike. You will receive separate communication in more detail but I would like to say a personal thank you for the overwhelming support from all our parents at Birkdale North School. I am truly sorry that this impacts on all of you and our children.

### **Sport**

It is fantastic to see our rippa rugby teams out practising on the field at lunchtimes. Thank you to all the parents who have come along to train our very keen rippa rugby players.

Thank you to Jade and Tracy - we could not do this without you!

We have one mum who thinks she is able to help with netball which will be starting in week 6 of term 2 but if anyone else thinks they may be able to support us please contact Brenda Vosper in room 6 our sports coordinator.

Farther down the track at the end of term 3 we will be starting soccer and again if you are able to help please let us know.

### **Board of Trustees elections 2019**

On Friday 10th of May the call for nominations were posted or emailed to you. If you still have not received anything either by post or email please let us know immediately.

### **Nga Muka parents hui**

I am having hui with our Nga Muka parents on Tuesday 28th May at 5:00pm - 6:30pm. If you are interested in your child being part of Nga Muka our whanau class (years 3-6) and would like some time to have a chat and meet some other parents whose children are already in

the class you are welcome to come along. There will be a cuppa and a biscuit waiting for you!

### **We are looking for a sponsor**

We are looking for a business who could sponsor us for an electronic sign in/out programme. Vistab is now in many schools and helps to monitor who is visiting our school. It will help us:

- Know who is on site anytime from anywhere.
- Ensure visitors read and accept our health and safety policy at sign in
- In the event of an emergency such as fire the vistab can be picked up and will store information on the hardware as well as in the cloud which means if we have no online access we can still track who is in the school.

If you know of any companies who may like to sponsor us please ask them to contact me. The name of the sponsor goes across the screen on a banner at the top.

### **Green Certificate winners**

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



Have a safe and happy weekend!

Nga mihi Nui

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**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 service** contact phone: 09 444 6160. The School Dental Service will be visiting Birkdale North School on 27th through to 29th May.

**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.

### 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:

3 June	Queens Birthday
28 October	Labour Day

20-22 May	Dental Screening Van visit
22 May	BOT Election roll closes
22 May	PTA AGM 7.30pm in library
24 May	BOT Nominations close
27 May	2pm - 3pm PC Wansink Parent talk <b>Keeping Ourselves Safe</b>
27-29 May	Dental Screening Van visit
27-31 May	Book Week
29 May	BOT Election voting papers posted out
30 May	BOT Monthly meeting 6.30pm
6 June	Rippa Rugby PST game 1 of 3
13 June	Science in a van visit
13 June	BOT Elections votes count
14 June	New Board Elected
17-30 June	Keeping Ourselves Safe week
27 June	BOT monthly meeting 6.30pm
5 July	Term 2 ends - school finishes at 3pm
14 Aug	Vision & Hearing



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# Samosas for sale

## Fundraiser for school trip to New Caledonia

10 SAMOSAS FOR \$20

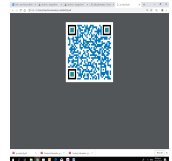
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### **HOW TO ORDER:**

1. Online order form: (Preferred method)

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



Order now for delivery this month.

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**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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