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Newsletter

Term 4 No.15

**Principal's voice:**

Kia Ora, Bonjour, Talofa, greetings to all,

It has been so good to have such beautiful weather all week. It makes everyone feel a little better and a little happier I think! Apa is out marking the field for **school athletics day** coming up on **Wednesday 20th November at 10 am.**

It was great to see our students from EDN so excited about their trip to New Caledonia this week. We wish them well and can't wait to hear their stories!

Next year we are looking forward to organising some other EOTC experiences for everyone.

**SAFETY FIRST -****Our spider playground**

You will have noticed we have cordoned off the spider playground. This is because the ground needs to be brought up to standard to make it safe. We are in the process of exploring options and some ideas of what would be the most feasible solution. One option is to extend the playground by adding to what is there already and look for sponsorship or funding to help pay. Another is looking at the cost to simply make the ground footage smaller and rebuild the border and fill with bark. Either way it will take some time to do so I ask in the meantime and it will be out of use for some time. If you are able to help or have sources where funding could be applied for please let us know.

**Sorry - No more climbing trees**

When I arrived at Birkdale North one of the things I loved was the fact that we allowed the children to climb the trees! I certainly do not take this lightly but have decided that there will be no more tree climbing. There are a few reasons for this and all around the safety of your children. Last week one of our students was climbing on the tree, she slid down and swung onto the branch to get down and as she was swinging the branch broke. Luckily, apart from being a little winded and a bit sore she was fine, but it could have been a lot worse. The trees are getting old and although they are not falling down I feel it is time to stop.

**Slip.slop. slap and wrap**

Of course as the weather gets hotter, we need to make sure we protect ourselves from the sun. Please ensure your child has a **hat** (named please), some **sunblock** (roll on is good and easy for them to apply - also named) and a drink bottle (also named). If the children are not wearing hats they will be asked to play in the shaded areas.



### **Lunchtime eating**

Next week we will be having our morning tea and lunch eating under the trees by the back of the hall. This is cooler and completely shaded. At break time children are asked to sit down for the first 10 mins of morning break and 15 mins of the lunch break to eat their food. After that time the duty adults will check lunchboxes to make sure your children have eaten sufficient before they go off to play. Your children are not forced to stop eating and are welcome to stay as long as they like to eat their food but after the main time although the duty teachers will be monitoring the whole play ground and fields area.

### **Lost property**

I could not believe the amount of lost property we put out on the concrete to be viewed this week! PLEASE try to name as much of your child's clothing as you can as it makes it so much easier to get it back to them!

I have been the clothing and lunchbox police this week going out and getting the children to put lunch boxes away and pick up their belongings.

After a huge clear out and a lot of clothes going back to rightful owners we sorted the rest out. The decent clothes have gone to the launderette to be laundered and next week we will sell jackets for \$2 and everything else for \$1. If you happen to come along and find one of your own items we will negotiate!

### **Our School Pool**

FINGERS CROSSED!! Apa should have the pool tested and up and running for next week. Children need to bring every day:

- A clean towel - **Named**
- Suitable togs (all in one sunsuits are great for our littlies)
- A bag to put it all in.

Please remember that swimming is part of our curriculum and is something that all children are required to take part in.

### **Our School production**

We are moving on with our production with lots of props being made, songs being rehearsed and hair being pulled (that's the teachers doing the hair pulling !)

We are trying to find someone who might be able to source some spotlights and wireless mikes for the night. If you have any connections or think you can help, please let us know.

Maitresse Caroline ran a little drawing competition for some posters to advertise the event. Well done to Norah for winning the competition. A great job was done by all!



### **Important dates to add to your calendar:**

4 December	End of year whole school production 6pm to 8pm
6 December	Year 6 leaving function and graduation 5pm to 7 pm
11 December	End of year Assembly and Prize Giving 11.30am to 1pm
12 December	School family fun day and picnic 10am to 3pm

### **Syndicate assemblies**

The syndicate assemblies may move around or be combined some Fridays as we try to find time to practice our production. Please keep an eye on the white board in the office as there will more than likely be changes.

Have a great weekend and remember to be sunsafe.

Nga mihi nui

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### **Poari Pānui / Board News**



We have a fantastic school but do not feel our entrance way represents who we are. We need to align our school to who we are, to show we are proud of the diversity within our school and to spotlight everything good that we do.

If you have any thoughts or ponderings please let us know. We are very keen to find out what our community would like to see as you walk into or as others drive past Birkdale North School.

Please take a few minutes to email your ideas to us or come in and share them . If you see any of our board members have a discussion them.

### **Congratulations to**

Claire and Erica who performed at the North Shore Dance Festival in the weekend. They both performed very well.

### **Green Certificate winners**

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





### **Gold Certificate winners**



### **Calendar Art**

Orders are now closed for calendar art. It will take a couple weeks to get everything printed but we will keep you up to date and get it to you as soon as we have it. Thankyou to everyone who ordered and apologise for glitches along the way. Although this is fundraiser we made very little from the sales as we only added \$1 onto the price you pay. We may use the money to hire a bouncy castle for the picnic day if we have enough.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Term Dates 2019:**

Term 4      14 October - 13 December

#### **Public Holidays:**

28 October      Labour Day

#### **Whats on:**

20 November	Whole school Athletics day 10am start
21 November	Board of Trustees monthly meeting 6.30pm to 8.30pm
25 November	Road Patrol Rainbows End trip
26 November	Trip to Henderson recycling centre room 5, 7 & 12
27 November	Trip to Henderson recycling centre rooms 6 & 8
28 November	Trip to Henderson recycling centre rooms 9, 10 & 11
4 December	Hearing and Vision testing 9.00am
4 December	End of year whole school production 6 - 8pm
5 December	Board of Trustees meeting in staff room 6.30pm to 8.30pm
6 December	Year 6 leaving function and graduation 5pm to 7pm
11 December	End of year reports going home
11 December	End of year Assembly and Prize Giving 11.30am to 1pm
12 December	School family fun day and picnic 10am to 3pm
13 December	Last day of Term 4, 12pm finish

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

**Term dates 2020**

Term 1	4th February - 9th April 10th April Good Friday 13th April Easter Monday 27th April ANZAC day observed
Term 2	28th April - 3rd July 1st June Queens birthday
Term 3	20th July - 25th September
Term 4	12th October - 17 December 26th October Labour day

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**The Walking School bus:**

Tiri Tiri Route - meet at the bottom of Tiri Tiri Road 8.15am Tuesdays and Thursdays

Lancaster Route - meet at the corner of Beachhaven and Lancaster Roads 8.15am  
Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you have any queries or need further information, please contact Mrs Singh.

**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, Chilvary Road, Glenfield.  
Contact on 09 444 6160.

**Hearing & Vision:**

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/>

The technician is scheduled to be back at BNS on 4th December 2019.

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.