

BIRKDALE

NORTHschool

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Monday 2nd March 2020

Newsletter

Term 1 No.2

Principal's voice:

Tēnā koutou, talofa, bonjour, malo e lelei, kia orana and hello,
We are now 4 weeks into our school year and children are settled and routines are developing. This has been a great start to the year with our trip to the Howick Historical Village. Every child and person I talked to were so impressed with the museum, the whole set up and the hands on approach to our tamariki's learning. Thank you to all the children (with the help of their parents!) who dressed up for the occasion. It was so good to see some authentic touches.

School Docs policy review

This term the policy under review for our community is:

Recognition of Cultural diversity.

You can go to the website our website and follow the links from there:

<https://birkdalenorth.school.nz/policies/>

Or

Go direct to school docs:

www.schooldocs.co.nz/

Once you have accessed this site, you can search for 'Birkdale North School' from the tab in the top right corner 'Search for your School'.

You will then need to use the login details below in order to view our policies.

Username: birkdalenorth

Password: BNS

Corona Virus update

If you are concerned about the Covid-19 virus and need more information please use the link below. This will take you straight to the ministry of health website where all the latest information can be found: [COVID-19 \(novel coronavirus\)](#)

Remember to add swimming sports to your calendar

Our school will be holding our swimming sports on Friday 13th March.

The year 4,5 and 6 swimming will start at 11:30 and finish at 1:00pm

As a guide:

Year 4 children will be in the pool from 11:30 - 12:00

Year 5 students will be in the pool from 12:00 - 12:30

Year 6 students will be in the pool from 12:30 - 1:00

The year 1, 2 and 3 swimming will start at 1:30 and finish at 2:30

As a guide:

Year 1 children will be in the the pool from 1:30 - 1:50

Year 2 children will be in the pool from 1:50 - 2:10

Year 3 children will be in the pool from 2:10 - 2:30

Please remember this is a guide and we may well run over time.



We need to keep our children safe

Car park entrance

We are very concerned about our children's safety entering and leaving school in the morning and afternoon. Many parents use the entrance into the church car park (the entrance closest to the school) as a drop off point. Often cars are parked across the footpath making it difficult for the children to walk on the footpath. In order to make it safer we will be putting cones across the entrance on the road side to prevent anyone from entering that way. Please be respectful of this. An alternative is to simply drop your children off on the other side of the road and use our crossing to cross over. It may mean you will have to walk with your children to the crossing a few times but they will learn what to do and you will know they are safe. We will start putting the cones out as from **Monday 9th March**.



The 2 minute drop off zone

Just outside the school gate there is a 2 minute drop off sign. Once again we would really appreciate that you use it simply as that. If you intend to be any longer you must find another park. People parking longer than two minutes impacts other parents who need also to drop children off. The sign is very clear and is situated right next to the parking spaces.



The school car park

Thank you to all the parents who respect our rules by not coming into the car park at the peak times of the day. Between 8:30am - 9:15am and 2:30pm - 3.15pm we ask that you do not park in the car park. At this time we have special drivers and buses coming in to drop off and pick up our children from the Wairau Valley Special School satellite class which is in our grounds. Of course, anyone with a disability badge is more than welcome to come and use the car park at any time. Otherwise we respectfully ask that any other drivers do not enter at these times. We will also be putting cones at the main entrance at the peak time to serve as a gentle reminder to all our parents. This will also start on **Monday 9th March**.



The playground

It is lovely to see the grounds and the playground being used after school and a great place to take time to meet and have a chat. This is just another gentle reminder that you are responsible for your children's welfare and need to be **actively** watching from a reasonable distance please. (if your child is on the playground you need to be watching by the playground - under the shade of the tree is quite acceptable but if a child cannot see you then you, more than likely, cannot see your child) Many parents are very kind and are happy to take responsibility for each other's children if parents are not around - that means if anything happens to that child you are responsible. This is a reminder that all children who do not have do not have parental supervision need to be sitting by the office so that we know they are safe.

Fontera milk - find out more

If you are interested in the Fontera milk that is free to our schools please go to this link. Every carton and straw is recyclable. We are working with the children to make sure we are doing our bit and folding the cartons correctly. Here is the link:

<https://fonteramilkforschools.com/>

Blue Certificate winners

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



We are looking forward to a great two weeks of learning
Tena Koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Jan McDonald
Principal

Upcoming Events

Term Dates 2020:

Term 1	4th February - 9th April
Term 2	28th April - 3rd July
Term 3	20th July - 25th September
Term 4	12th October - 16th December

Public Holidays:

10th April - Good Friday
13th April - Good Monday
14th April - Easter Tuesday
25th April - ANZAC day
27th April - ANZAC day observed
1st June - Queens birthday
26th October - Labour day

Whats on:

2nd March	Whakatau for all new staff and whanau 9am - 10am
13th March	School swim sports years 4,5 & 6 11.30am - 1pm
13th March	School swim sports years 1, 2 & 3 1pm - 3pm
25th March	Mobile Library for Junior syndicate
26th March	Interschool swimming sports 9am – 2pm
5th June	Photo Life - class and individual portraits

Junior Assembly every second Friday 11.30am

Senior Assembly every second Friday 12.15pm

Whole school singing assembly every alternate Friday 12.20pm – 1p Whole School Student

Administration Assembly every Monday Term Time 9.00am to 9.30am

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

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Lauderdale Route - meet at the corner of Ivy Place and Lauderdale Rd at 8.30am 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. 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 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.