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Newsletter

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Principal's voice:

Tēnā koutou, talofa, bonjour, malo e lelei, kia orana and hello,

We are now at the end of week three of our term and learning is still for the most part online and at home in our bubbles. For a few of our children things have changed this week and they have been coming to school. A big thank you to Miss Lata and Olive Tohia, our teacher aide for looking after our small bubble of six children. Social distancing is probably the hardest thing for our students to contend with but I am very proud of all of the children and how well they have coped with the challenging restrictions we have in place.

At this point I have no further updates on what Alert level 2 will look like or what the restrictions around coming to school will be but as soon as I can update you I will.

The events of the past few weeks have highlighted the need to have up to date information relating to your contact details and even although we asked for updated information just before the close down there were several families which proved very challenging to reach. Please whenever you change any of your contact details please let us know immediately. This has impacted on a couple families not getting hard copy packs or not receiving important emails as our information was incorrect.

Miss Farrant has had a beautiful baby girl!

We would like to congratulate Miss Farrant and welcome Sunny, her beautiful baby daughter. Sunny was born Saturday 4th April.



Thank you for your amazing picture, we loved your great writing too and our Police Officers have loved receiving your incredible picture. Thank you again

Rod Bell, ONZM

Chief Executive Officer

Himank wrote to the police thanking them for keeping us safe! And he got a reply! Well done Himank - The police must have been impressed that you wrote to them.

We are now on School Apps



Thank you to all of you who have already downloaded School Apps. If you have not yet done so, it is another way of communicating notifications to you..

Some of you may already have it if you have older children at Birkdale Intermediate or Birkenhead College. This is a great app if you have several schools you need to keep up to date with and it allows you to have as many schools as you need on the one app (our feeder schools all seem to be part of this app) Schools App is an easy way to connect to our website, facebook, notices etc. Please click on the link to see how easy it is to get the app:

[How to get School Apps NZ](#)



Poari Pānui / Board News

We have all been living in a period which will be a greatly discussed part of world history in years to come. The lock-down has been demanding, in many different ways.

The BNS Board (which has met online in the time the school has been closed) would sincerely like to thank Jan for her outstanding leadership, tirelessness and support to our school community during these weeks of living in Levels 4 and 3. Jan's YouTube message to the school was wonderfully heartfelt and appreciated.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for their formal and informal assistance to our students and families.

We also thank the school community for your patience and understanding throughout these difficult times.

What a great little school we are!

Keep safe, and look after each

Blue Certificate winners

We will resume blue certificates when we are all back at school. At the moment I know that all the teachers are very proud of all the learning you are doing.

A fun quiz to do with the whole family

1. What goes up the chimney down but cannot go down the chimney up?
2. What do you call a baby kangaroo?
3. How many students are at Birkdale North School during Alert level 3?

4. Jackie is half the age of Sky. Sky is one quarter the age of her mum, Maggie. Maggie is 32. How old is Jackie?
5. What colour do you get when you mix blue and yellow together?
6. Name the capital of New Zealand?
7. Make the letters in the words below into somewhere you know very well
CHALKTHORN BIRD LOOSE
8. Choose the correct spelling :
a. Candle b.Candel c. Candal
9. Fred is Ben's dad. Jack is Fred's dad. What is the relationship between Jack and Ben?
10. Name the four schools on Birkdale Road.

WORD SEARCH

Word search: Find the following surnames of the teachers at school, Wrightson, McDonald, Tawhai, Vosper, Winfield, Sbai, Metcalfe, Lavoie, Carlon, Sailhan, Singh, Sullivan, Lata, McKeown. They are diagonal ↖, horizontal ↔, vertical ↑ and some are even backwards!

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Try everything first but the answers are on the next page if you need them.

Kla kaha
Jan.

Answers to the quiz:

Answers: 1. An umbrella 2. Joey 3.six 4.four 5.Green 6. Wellington 7.BIRKDALE NORTH SCHOOL. 8 a. Candle 9. Jack is Ben's grandad . 10. Birkdale North School, Birkdale Intermediate,Birkenhead College, Birkdale Primary.

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