

BIRKDALE

NORTH school

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Newsletter

Term 2 No.8

Principal's voice:

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

We have one week of school left and our children are definitely tired. It has been a long and unusual term! But it is good to see things getting back to normal. I have been talking to other principals and every school seems to feel the same.

Interim Reports

Our teachers are busy writing the interim reports which will be with you next Thursday (2nd July). The teachers have also been working with Kim Bulluss (our mathematics expert) continuing the professional development we began last year. We will also be continuing our PD around writing and digital technologies next term.

Inter-school sports

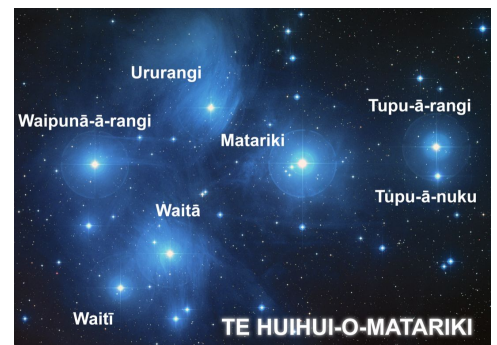
Next term the across schools sports will resume and as soon as we have new dates we will let you know.

Matariki

Matariki officially starts this week.

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter and for Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. **Matariki** literally means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki).

As a school we are going to celebrate Matariki in the first week back in term 3. We will be having a Matarki disco on the first Friday of term 3, 24th July. the theme will be "Dress like a star."



Playing on the playground after school

It is a lovely time for people to catch up after school and allow your children some time to play on the court and playground. Just a gentle reminder that supervision is required especially when your child or children are on the playground.

If your child is late or getting picked up early

We have a sign in / out system in the office. Please ensure if your child is late they sign in and take the slip to their teacher. It is equally important that you sign your child out if there is a reason for them leaving school early. This is part of health and safety and needs to be adhered to.

Precious items at school

I have noticed some of our children are bringing toys or little treasures from home. We ask that you remind your children about keeping their toys for home. If they get damaged or lost it causes upset and often impacts on the rest of their day.

Your children are bringing some beautiful lunches

Thank you for the amazing lunches I am seeing your children eat! Having the food flasks is a great idea and something warm to eat is always good in this colder weather. Please check if your child has a fork or spoon to eat their lunch as we have limited stocks at school.

Be careful when walking down the lane to Roseneath Place

Earlier this week two lovely children came to tell me that someone had broken a bottle in the lane walking to Roseneath Place. There was a lot of broken glass, which with the help of their mum the children had picked up. Please make sure your children are wearing shoes when walking through the lane. Please talk to your children about being careful when using the lane and to inform an adult at the school if they spot any broken glass. Please also ask them not to pick any glass by themselves. If you are walking that way and you see anyone abusing the lane by throwing bottles etc please try to remember some details of the person - approx height, gender, distinguishing features etc.

Ms Sailhan and Mrs Sullivan

Caroline Sailhan (room 12) and Bev Sullivan (room 10) will both be leaving us at the end of this term.

Caroline will be taking two terms off as maternity leave and will return next year. We wish Caroline all the best and hope that she will enjoy this special time to get to know her, soon to be, new arrival. We will miss you Caroline but we know you will have a few busy months! Thank you Caroline for all the hard work you do for your children, we look forward to you visiting with your little bundle of joy!

From the beginning of term 3 until the end of the year Mrs Lynn Stewart and Miss Anne-Sophie Carlon will share the position in room 12. Anne-Sophie will be teaching the French and Lynn will be teaching the English.

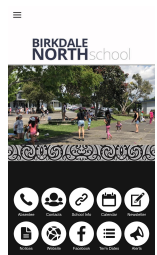
At the beginning of the year the teacher due to take the position in room 10 changed her mind and Bev Sullivan very kindly took on the role until we could find another teacher.

I would like to thank Bev for her work over the past two terms and hope that she can now start to enjoy her retirement, which should have started at the beginning of the year!

From the beginning of term 3 until the end of the year Mrs Angela Beaumont will be replacing Bev and will be sharing the position with Mrs Rooks Singh who, as you know, is in the process of doing Reading Recovery training this year.

SchoolAppsNZ

If you do not already have SchoolApps we would strongly advise you to add it to your phone. Last week in West Auckland many of the schools went into a lockdown situation due to the tragic shooting in a West Auckland street. Should a lockdown situation happen here SchoolApps is one of the quickest forms of notification we have straight to your phone. It costs nothing for you to set up and use but is a beneficial addition.



Please click on the link to see how easy it is to get the app:

[How to get School Apps NZ](#)



Have a great weekend and make sure to get out and about even if it's raining! Playing in the puddles with some gumboots on is great fun and free!

Nga mihi nui

Jan.

Blue Certificate winners

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



Yummy Stickers:

Winter is a great time to be eating Yummy apples, we have so many different varieties to choose from right now. We will be running a couple of school holiday competitions on our social platforms, so look out for those on both facebook and Instagram. Eat lots of apples and collect the stickers for our school over the school holidays.



Upcoming Events

Term Dates 2020:

Term 2	28th April – 3rd July
Term 3	20th July - 25th September
Term 4	12th October - 17th December

Public Holidays:

26th October - Labour day

Whats on:

2nd July	Interim reports home
3rd July	Last day Term 2
20th July	First day Term 3
30th July	Board of Trustees meeting 6.00pm
4th August	3 way conferences
5th August	3 way conferences
20th August	Birkdale Intermediate open evening - 6.30pm
27th August	Board of Trustees meeting 6.00pm
28th August	Daffodil day
14th - 20th September	Maori language week
18th September	Photo Life - class and individual portraits
24th September	Board of Trustees meeting 6.00pm
25th September	Last day Term 3

The Walking School bus:

Tiri Tiri Route - meet at the bottom of Tiri Tiri Road 8.20am Tuesdays only.

Ivy Place Route - meet at the corner of Ivy Place and Lauderdale Road 8.30am Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Lancaster Road Route - we are currently looking for drivers for this route. If you are able to help in any way please contact the school office or Mrs Singh, Room 10.

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, Chivalry Road, Glenfield. See letter below for contact details.

Hearing & Vision:

Hearing & Vision technicians visit our school 3 times per year, we will let you know when the next scheduled visit is.

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.



Children's Community Dental Clinic

Free for children 0-17 years

Request to all schools to place in their school newsletters/communications just before we attend:

Kia ora,

The Children's Community Dental Service provides free dental care to children in Auckland aged between 0-18 years old. One of our mobile units will be visiting your child's school very soon.

The well-being of our community, patients and staff is paramount. We respect and adhere to all infection control guidelines stipulated by the Ministry of Health and Dental Council New Zealand, including all Personal and Protective Equipment (PPE).

If you have previously given enduring consent for your child to be seen by our service, we will obtain your child from class to examine their teeth. As always, we will gain consent from you if your child requires treatment.

We kindly ask that you do not present to the clinics if you don't have an appointment booked. This is because we need to ask all parents/caregivers and patients COVID-19 questions over the phone before booking an appointment. This is to protect our staff and other patients in the clinic.

If you have any concerns or questions, please email [\[local clinic emails below\]](#) and one of our staff will contact you.

Kind regards,
The Children's Community Dental Service.

ARDS Albany (WDHB): ARDS.Albany@waitematadhb.govt.nz

ARDS BelmontIntermediate (WDHB): ARDS.BelmontIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz

ARDS Birkenhead (WDHB): ARDS.Birkenhead@waitematadhb.govt.nz

ARDS GlenfieldIntermediate (WDHB): ARDS.GlenfieldIntermediate@waitematadhb.govt.nz

Birkdale Intermediate School OPEN EVENING

Providing a Quality Education in a Caring Environment
Thursday 20th August at 6.30pm

Tour the school and see how we engage students through specialist teaching in all subject areas, low class sizes, strong focus on numeracy and literacy while still offering a vast range of extra-curricular opportunities.

For more information about our school, visit our website:

www.bis.school.nz

