

**BIRKDALE**

**NORTHSCHOOL**

*Respect Integrity Perseverance Empathy*

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Newsletter

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### **Principal's voice:**

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

It is hard to believe that we have gone through COVID 19 and are coming out the other side. We are lucky to live in New Zealand. Be assured that we are continuing to talk about the need to have good hygiene if we want to keep ourselves safe and I know that you are doing the same at home.

I sent a letter out to you last week regarding the independence your children have shown us over the past few weeks. We have been amazed at the independence and capability your children have shown us - a credit to you all. This is something that teachers have noticed across the nation with lots of conversations happening (facebook teacher and principal groups as well as conversations within cluster groups) about how to continue to encourage this key competency with the students.

This has been working well at BNS, the children are enjoying showing their parents what they can do. The teachers love that they are organised and keen to be ready with everything they need (we have had a few "oops I forgot something" moments but that is fine.) At level 2 many parents also commented on how they liked the pick up system and suggested it should be continued.

I also need to let everyone know that this is not about excluding parents from the grounds, if you are concerned about meeting your child or want to meet your child by the classroom it is completely your choice. I understand that for many of our families it is a time to catch up with each other, again it is not our intention to stop that happening.

### **Winter coats and jackets**

The temperature is definitely dropping at the beginning and end of the day as well as quite a bit of rain into the bargain! Please ensure your child has a warm preferably rain proof jacket with them. A quick reminder that it is really easy to return clothes to children who have their name written on it too.

Have a great weekend, take care and hug your children (it has been so great to be able to do a high 5 with your children!)

Nga mihi nui,

Jan.

### **Blue Certificate winners**

Well done to all our learners from last week.

As we have had an afternoon assembly today this weeks blue certificate winners will be in our next newsletter.



### **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:**

25th June	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm - 8.30pm
2nd July	Interim reports home
30th July	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm - 8.30pm
27th August	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm - 8.30pm
18th September	Photo Life - class and individual portraits

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#### **The Walking School bus:**

This is currently on hold. We will notify you when this starts up again.

If you are interested in becoming a driver, 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. The school dental treatment van will be at school next week, if you wish for your child to be seen please contact the dental service above.

**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.