

**Principal's voice:**

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

It has been lovely having the students back at school this week and they all seem really happy to be back with their friends in class.

We continue to talk to the children about social distancing, safe coughing, washing hands and generally keeping ourselves safe and for the most part the children are doing a good job. They are however children who do need reminders especially out in the playground.

Thank you for your continued support by making sure your children get to school on time and goodbyes are said outside the drop off point. This makes a big difference

Unfortunately COVID has impacted on the activities we do with some events being cancelled but we will keep working to make school a safe, secure and happy place for the children to be.

Speeches

As the APPA (Auckland Primary Principal Association) school speech finals have been postponed we have postponed our whole school finals to give us a bit more time to work on the speeches. The semi finals for the Juniors will be held on the 22nd September and the Seniors will be on the 24th September. The Finals will then take place on the first week back to school in term 4 - both finals will be on Friday 16th October. We are hoping by that time to be at a level where we will be able to welcome parents and whanau to come along and support the children.

L' Étoile de Nord held their speech finals on Wednesday this week. I am so sorry that we could not allow our parents to come along and be there to support the children, once again this was due to the restrictions on gatherings to 10 people we were unable to make it possible. However the children did a fantastic job with it being a very tight competition in the senior end of the school. I would like to congratulate every child as this is a huge experience for them. The APPA French speech finals will be going ahead next week at Richmond Road School. Good luck to Raphaël and Léa who will compete.

Congratulations to the winners of the L' Étoile de Nord:

Year 1 : Waima

Year 2 : Lilya

Year 3 : Atlas

Year 4 : Talia

Year 5 : Raphaël

Year 6 : Léa



Cross Country

The children are beginning to train for cross country. You will have noticed we have rescheduled our cross country for Thursday 17th September. We are hoping that by this stage we will be able to invite parents into the school for this event. We have reversed the direction the students will run around the course so that, should we still have the strict gatherings restrictions in place, you could potentially come to see the finish line by standing on the fenced side of the public walkway towards Roseneath Place. Fingers crossed! The rain day for cross country will be the 18th September.

Wacky Hair day next week!

On Wednesday 9th September we will be having a Wacky hair day! This will be a gold coin donation which will go towards child cancer. We had intended to support daffodil day which fell in the lockdown period so thought that this would be a nice alternative. This is just a fun thing, please do not spend a fortune on fancy hair accessories, just be creative!



Photo Life school photos

School photos will be taken on Friday 18th September. The photographers will be taking individual, family and class photos. This year your child's photos will be able to be viewed and ordered online. For those who may not have access we will be able to help you in the office. More information will be sent out to you regarding the ordering process.

Calendar Art

The classes will be doing some calendar art in the next few weeks which, like the photos, will be able to be viewed online. More information will be coming to you soon.

Blue Certificate winners

Well done to all our learners.



Practising our social distancing!

Have a fantastic weekend. Hopefully the news about our alert levels has been positive and we find ourselves in a less stressful situation next week.

Kia kaha
Jan

Upcoming Events

Term Dates 2020:

Term 3	20th July - 25th September
Term 4	12th October - 17th December

Public Holidays:

26th October - Labour day

Whats on:

Term 3:

9th September	Wacky Hair day - Support Child Cancer
14th - 20th September	Maori language week
15th September	PTA Meeting 7pm in the Library - alert level permitting
17th September	School Cross Country
18th September	Photo Life - class and individual portraits
	Rain day for School cross country
22nd September	Junior Speech semi finals
24th September	Senior Speech semi finals
	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
25th September	Last day Term 3

Term 4:

12th October	First day Term 4
16th October	Senior Speech finals 9am
	Junior Speech finals 11.30am
19th September	Monarch Butterfly show
26th October	Labour day Holiday - school closed
27th October	Vision and Hearing testing
28th - 30th October	Camp - Shakespeare Lodge - Year 5 and 6 students
29th October	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
19th November	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
10th December	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
17th December	Last day Term 4

Photo Life: 18th September

The way photos are being done this year has changed. Like a lot of businesses Photo Life is changing to an Online Ordering.

Every student will get a "Key Code" with a unique code to purchase their photos through the Photo life website. The Key Codes will be the same for each student throughout the entire year, meaning all the photos they are in across the year will be available to view and purchase when Ordering Online.

The only change on Photo Day will be taking the portrait photograph of every student, whereas in the past they would have only taken photographs of those with order envelopes.

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.

Due to the lockdown the visit scheduled for 17th August has been moved to **27th October**.

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.



Birkdale Intermediate School

ONLINE OPEN EVENING

Providing a Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Wednesday 9th September at 6.30pm

Come and listen to our Principal discuss how we engage students through specialist teaching in all subject areas, low class sizes, a strong focus on numeracy and literacy while still offering a vast range of extra-curricular opportunities.

To register for this event, please complete the registration form on our website:
www.bis.school.nz

A zoom link to the Webinar will be emailed to you on Monday the 7th of September 2020