

BIRKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e ngā whānau o Birkdale,

KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

What a day! We were so proud watching our students at the Kapa Haka Festival last Friday — all the hard work and practice paid off, and they represented our school with mana. The day began with a pōwhiri, and we were grateful to be joined by Birkdale Intermediate and Birkenhead College in supporting us. It was a wonderful chance to showcase what our small school can do. Thank you to all the families who came along to support on the day.

MATARIKI BREAKFAST & END OF TERM (Friday)

We invite all families to join us this Friday for our Matariki Breakfast. Students' artwork will be on display in Durham Hall — come along and see what they've been working on. Breakfast will be from 7.00am – 8.30am.

Friday also marks the last day of Term 2. It's been a long 11-week term, but we've seen some amazing learning happen along the way. In particular, our teachers have been trialling a new writing process, and the results have been really encouraging — we've seen increased motivation and enthusiasm for writing, and students are rightly proud of the work they've produced.

BIRKDALE'S GOT TALENT

Birkdale's Got Talent will be held in Week 1 next term. Students interested in performing have the holidays to practice, with our Birkdale performances taking place on the first Wednesday back. The winner will go on to represent Birkdale at our local cluster **Triple B's Got Talent**, held at Birkdale Intermediate at 6pm.

Students can showcase any talent they have that can be performed — so get practising!

Whaea Natasha



CALENDAR



Week 11

Friday 3rd July – 7.00am – 8.30am Matariki

Breakfast

End of term

Week 1

Monday 20th July – First day of Term 3!

Wednesday 22nd July – Birkdale's Got Talent

Friday 24th July – Choir practice @ BC

Week 2

Monday 27th July – Y6s visit BIS

Tuesday 28th + Wednesday 29th – Learner Hui

Wednesday 30th July – Triple Bs got Talent @ BIS 6pm.

Friday 31st July – Y5/6 Ballroom Dancing

GOODBYE + WELCOME!

We are saying goodbye to Whaea Tanya this term. Whaea Tanya has been in TP for the past eight years and has worked closely with our seniors throughout their time at school. She will be greatly missed.

We also welcome Whaea Jasmyn and Whaea Jess as new TAs next term. Whaea Jasmyn will mainly be working in Rūmaki, and Whaea Jess in Auraki.

LEARNER HUI

These are in Week 2.

Don't leave it late to book! You will be able to discuss the report and academic information you received at the end of Week 1, so make sure you bring your questions

You will have received a notification in our school app HERO that bookings are open. We are using the app to book in Learner Hui this year. Make sure you've downloaded the app – if you are struggling please contact your child's teacher who can do it for you, or the office.

Don't miss out!



MID-YEAR REPORTING

Reports will be coming home at the end of Week 1, Term 3.

We're making a few changes to reporting this term that we'd like to explain.

You will still receive the usual paper report with written comments on how your child is progressing. This term, however, you'll notice we've moved away from 'Key Competencies' and are now using our Graduate Profile indicators – a framework developed together with parents and students back in 2023.

Academic progress and learning information will now also be available on HERO, going live at the end of term. Here's what you'll see:

- Maths | Pāngarau – data from 2025/26
- English | Te reo Rangatira – 2026 data only

We are only displaying data from the new curriculum. Because the old and new curriculums are structured differently, comparing the two wouldn't give you an accurate or meaningful picture of your child's progress – so we've made the decision to start fresh with new curriculum data only.

