

BIRKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e ngā whānau o Birkdale,

ATTENDANCE

Well done to everyone for another term of strong attendance. We have continued to maintain our **highest attendance levels over the past five years**, with **61%** of our students attending school regularly. Regular attendance means fewer than six days absent during the term, or an attendance rate of at least 90%. This is a great result, particularly as Term 2 is traditionally one of the terms when winter sickness affects attendance.

As we head into Term 3, we would love to see this positive trend continue. Historically, Term 3 has been our lowest-attending term each year. Last year, only **43% of students attended regularly during Term 3**, so our challenge this year is to improve on this.

We will continue to send attendance notices when a child's attendance drops below 90%. These are designed to keep you informed and allow us to work together to support regular attendance. Remember, you can check your child's attendance at any time through HERO. If you have any questions or there are circumstances affecting your child's attendance, please contact the school office.

MATARIKI BREAKFAST

Our annual Matariki Breakfast was a lovely way to finish the term and bring our school community together. While it made for a long day for both staff and students, it was well worth it! We really valued the opportunity for our tamariki to showcase their learning and for whānau to spend time together at school. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the morning such an enjoyable celebration.

Whaea Natasha



CALENDAR



Week 2

Mon 27th July – Y6s visit BIS

Tue 28th + Wed 29th July – Learner Hui

Wed 29th July – 2.00pm finish

Fri 31st July – 4th September Y5/6 Ballroom Dancing starts (Every Friday for 6 weeks)

Week 3 – Cook Island Language Week

Tue 4th August – TP Whānau hui @ 6pm

Thu 6th August – BIS Information Evening in school library @ 5.30pm

Fri 7th August – School assembly

Week 4

Mon 10th August – BOT hui

Week 5 – Tongan Language Week

Fri 21st August – Joint Language Week Assembly (Cook Island and Tongan)

Week 6

Mon 24th August – Mihi Whakatau

Week 7

Wed 2nd September – School Assembly

Thu 3rd September – Rippa Tournament

Fri 4th September – Choir Practice @ BC

Week 8

Fri 11th September – Ballroom Competition @ BIS

Week 9 – Te wīki o te reo Māori

Wed 16th September – Photolife (Class & Individual)

Thu 17th September – Interschool Netball

Week 10

Fri 25th September – School Assembly

END OF TERM

BIS INFORMATION EVENING

Next week, on Thursday, staff from Birkdale Intermediate will run an information evening in our school library @ 5.30pm.

If your child is Year 6 and you have questions about Birkdale Intermediate, come along so you can have a chat and find out more.

PHONES + SMART WATCHES

A reminder that any device that can access the internet and/or make and receive calls and texts needs to be handed in at the office at the beginning of the school day and can be collected at the end of the day.

This includes **phones and smart watches**.

REPORTS + LEARNER HUI

Hopefully you have had a chance to read your child's report and book a time for a Learner Hui with their teacher.

These conversations are an important opportunity to celebrate progress, discuss learning and look ahead to the next steps for your child.

If you were unable to attend on either of the scheduled dates, teachers are available after school on most days. Please email your child's teacher directly to arrange another suitable time.

TERM 3 LEARNING

Our learning theme for Term 3 is **Working Smarter, Not Harder**.

Throughout the term, students will explore how groups of people have settled and adapted to the land around them over time, and how the tools and technologies people use have changed along the way.

Technology is often created to solve problems and make our lives easier – but does making something easier always make it better? What happens when new technology changes the way we live, work or interact with the environment? And what might be some of the unintended consequences?

These ideas will provide plenty of opportunities for our tamariki to investigate, question, create and think critically as they explore how people have adapted to their environments – and how innovation continues to shape the way we live today.

We look forward to another great term of learning together.



2026/27 SEASON

BIRKDALE FALCONS



FEES

U5s: Free

U7s: \$35

U9s: \$65

U11s: \$65

U13s: \$75

JUNIORS REGISTER HERE:

WWW.SPORTY.CO.NZ/FALCONSSOFTBALL

Tamariki mā. Nāu mai haere mai ki te
karapu o Birkdale Falcons

START DATE: SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

CONTACT US @birkdalefalconsjuniors@gmail.com



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