

Respect Integrity Perseverance Empathy

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Birkdale
North School

OUR VISION

Proud unique individuals, who are **creative, passionate** and **critical learners**

Our School policies can be found in [SchoolDocs](#).

Search for '**Birkdale North School**' from the tab in the top right corner '**Search for your School**'.

Toru tekau o Aperira 2024
30th April 2024

Kawerongo
Newsletter

Kaupeka rua
Term 2

Principal's voice

Here we are at the beginning of term 2, a quarter of our school year gone already! Our tamariki are now settled into their learning and working on their goals. I hope you had a good break and enjoyed some time with your tamariki.

Our new playground

- It looks like we are on track to have our new playground installed in the next week. (fingers crossed). It has been a bit of a mission as Creo were waiting for some compliances and some amendments to the design to be completed.
- You will have noticed the sail shades have been removed. Our shade was only up for a small amount of time and once again got ripped in the winds. As the shade was many years old, the wooden poles we have no longer comply with health and safety standards. We will replace the shade sail and poles but after the new playground is installed.

Teacher Only Days in term 2 and term 4

You may remember from last year the Ministry of Education advisory group has set 4 teacher only days over 2023 and 2024. This in relation to Te Mātaiaho, The curriculum refresh.

- Our first Teacher Only day will be **Friday 31st May 2024**. Our Kahui Ako, "Te Ara Whetū" is having a conference day, bringing all the schools together to have an opportunity to look at what is happening across our community of learners. This is exciting and a great opportunity to learn from each other.
- Our second Teacher Only day related to this mahi will be in term 4 between 21st October - 15th November. We have not pinned down a date yet.

We are aware how challenging it can be for some of our families having to find additional care for your tamariki. We really appreciate this extra time for our learning and everything we do is to support your child's learning.

Please show respect and patience with our crossing patrol wardens

It can be frustrating waiting to cross at the crossing especially if you are a little late or the weather is unforgiving, but we ask that you have patience with our wardens when they are out doing their job.

They do have a particular procedure they follow:

- The leaders (on the school side of the crossing) have to check that it is safe for **both** signs to go out. This means that on both sides there are no cars entering the area after the diamond on the road.
- If it is safe the leader will call "**signs out**". Both sides will move the stop signs out simultaneously.
- The leader then calls "**check**".
- The other warden checks and replies "**clear**".
- The leader then allows people to cross by calling "**cross now please**".

Our School police officer Tania Wansink works with our tamariki to make sure they are competent. Not every child who applies for road patrol gets selected as Tania needs to know they are able and have the confidence to do the job.

If you would like to know more click on [schools patrol](#) run by Waka Kotahi.

BIRKDALE NORTH School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Request for a by-election should be sent to by 31st June 2024:

Presiding member (chair)
Birkdale North School Board
213 Birkdale Road
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Furthermore, if you would like to find out a little more about what the board does, or if you might be interested in filling the vacancy, then please feel free to get in touch with me, Alan Curtis (allscots@gmail.com) There is no experience necessary to be involved with the board, just a commitment to making the school great for all our students.

Our new logo and school sign look great!

Part of our Strategic direction was to develop a new logo that was representative of Birkdale North School as it is now. The logo was designed by Aaron Hall from Surgecom who worked with some of our tamariki and school community as well as consulting with the local community. Surgecom is a small design communications company, they are generous in their time and commitment and like to give back to the local community. Check out our Logo and the criteria around each element on our new website, <https://www.birkdalenorth.school.nz/> . Click on Home and Our new logo, where you can read the full rationale around the logo. Please share this with others

'Y' (YMCA) After school care.

Just a reminder that we have after school available, run by 'Y'. They are happy to run holiday programmes but unfortunately were not able in the last holiday because the numbers were very low. Please if your child is at 'Y' let others know they are available. You can find out all details on our [Web site](#)

What to consider if you are thinking of taking your child out of school within term time.

After the uncertainty of Covid lockdowns and some families having loved ones overseas it is not surprising that many of our families are going for extended breaks to catch up. If you are considering taking your child out of school please email or come in and have a conversation with me. I do understand, but it is important that you are aware of what the Ministry of Education expectations are.

If you decide to take your child out of school it is not the responsibility of your child's teacher to provide learning. The best learning in this situation is to immerse your child in the adventure you are on. Do a daily journal, read the information leaflets together and have interesting conversations with relatives they have not seen for a while. Then share all this with their class on their return. This is exciting and relevant learning.

Please [click here](#) for more information regarding taking children out of school, I have pasted the expectations from this website below:

Parents and caregiver expectations

Parents are legally required to enrol their children and make sure they attend school every day.

- Parents play a big role in helping their children do well in school. You can do this by making sure your child goes to school every day and letting the school know if they're sick.
- If your child is unable to attend school you must let the school know the reason why.
- Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities are not acceptable reasons for being absent.
- You are responsible for letting the school know if your children are moving schools and you need to make sure you enrol your children in their next school right away.

Weekly achievement certificates - green certificates.

Well done to our students who were awarded green certificates for term 1



Bixxy Box (fundraising for BNS)

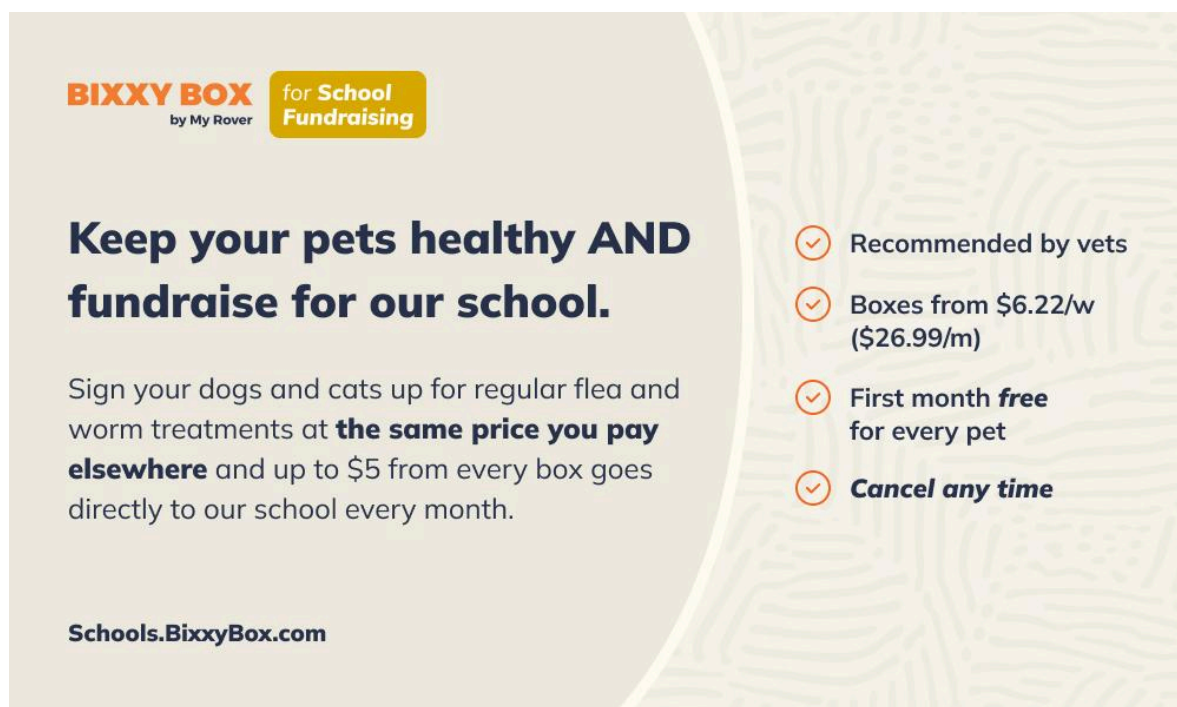
Below is an advertisement for Bixxy Box. It's a way to keep your pets healthy by ensuring they are wormed and flead regularly. This is a service that will be delivered to your door as a regular service. The treatments are good quality and vet approved.

BNS will benefit everytime you purchase your treatment. It is simple and will hopefully be something less for you to think about. You simply click on Birkdale North school to ensure we get the benefit.

Please pass the details onto any of your friends and family who might want to keep their pet cat or dog healthy and contribute to BNS.

The cost is no more that the regular cost of flea and worming treatments.

[Click here to go straight to the Bixxybox site.](#)



BIXXY BOX by My Rover **for School Fundraising**

Keep your pets healthy AND fundraise for our school.

Sign your dogs and cats up for regular flea and worm treatments at **the same price you pay elsewhere** and up to \$5 from every box goes directly to our school every month.

Schools.BixxyBox.com

- ✓ Recommended by vets
- ✓ Boxes from \$6.22/w (\$26.99/m)
- ✓ First month **free** for every pet
- ✓ **Cancel any time**

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Important dates

2024 Term Dates:

Term 1	Thursday 1st February - Friday 12th April
Term 2	Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
Term 3	Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
Term 4	Monday 14th October - Wednesday 18th December

Public Holidays - School closed:

Monday 3rd June	King's Birthday
Friday 28th June	Matariki
Monday 28th October	Labour Day

Teacher only days - School closed:

Friday 31st May

School closed

Upcoming Events

Check our calendar on the website for more details.

<https://www.birkdalenorth.school.nz/news-and-events/calendar/>

Community Notices:

Visit the school website at:

<https://www.birkdalenorth.school.nz/news-and-events/community-notice/>

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 - contact on 09 444 6160 or 81 Mokoia Road, Birkenhead - contact 09 418 0043

Hearing & Vision:

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/>

If you are unsure that your child has been tested, all children have been seen either at school or as a B4SCH check when they were 4 years.

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.