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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**'.

Mei 2025

May 2025

Kawerongo

Newsletter

Kaupeka rua

Term 2

Principal's voice

Term two has had a blustery start with some wet and windy weather. Please ensure that your tamariki come to school with a jumper and raincoat as the weather changes within minutes. Layering clothes seems to be the best option!

We have a short but busy term with lots happening.

Teacher only day

We have an exciting day of learning for our teachers on **Friday 30th May**. Te Ara Whetū, our Kahui Ako (Community of Learners) has organised a conference with our schools looking at the new maths learning and teaching. This gives us opportunities to observe and discuss what is happening in other schools in the area.

Professional Development where we collaborate, communicate and share thinking and understanding is vital to ensure that we are teaching to the best of our ability.

As teachers in New Zealand we are on a steep learning curve, this is a good time to learn from each other.

Please ensure you put **Friday 30th May** on your calendar as a **Teacher only day**.

Remember that Monday 2nd June is the King's birthday. It may give some of you the opportunity to have a little mid-term break away.

Yummy stickers

We are continuing to collect yummy stickers from the yummy fruits. Please if you have yummy fruit we would love to have the stickers. We are able to "buy sports equipment using the stickers.

Here is the link to the site if you would like to more :

[yummy stickers](#)

Reports are due home at the end of this term

Your child's report will be with you at the end of the term.

We want to make you aware that we will be reporting based on the new Curriculum for English and Maths. We are noticing, as we dig deeper into the new Curriculum, that the achievement objectives do not all align with the previous curriculum. For some objectives being "at expectation" may be more challenging to reach. Please do not be alarmed if your child shows slower progress or perhaps has not reached expectations when, in the past, they have.

It will take time as we readjust to a new curriculum and a new set of achievement expectations.

Parking for pick up and road crossing

This time of year brings its own challenges with the wet and windy weather. We ask that you show patience with our road crossing patrol as they do their job. They have specific rules to follow and this can be difficult when there is the added detail of bad weather.

If you are picking your child up in your car please give yourself an extra ten minutes in the wet weather. Please also remember that parking on Lauderdale Road and walking up Roseneath Place is an alternative to the main gate. This may be less stressful.

We also ask that you do not do U-turns outside the school as it creates more danger. Please take the time to drive down and around the roundabout,

School photos

Our school photos will be taking place on Wednesday 28th May. Please look out for more information coming out.

Pink Shirt Day Friday 16th May

We will be taking part in Pink shirt day on Friday 16th May. This is a day to celebrate diversity and promote kindness and inclusion. There are official pink shirt T shirts you can purchase but any pink clothing is absolutely fine. A gold coin donation would be amazing on that day.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Have a great day out!

[FRENZ](#) (French English education in New Zealand) supports our French bilingual classes in Birkdale North. They work hard to ensure that the children have correct French resources and support needed.

FRENZ are celebrating their 30th anniversary by having a special festival. BNS is hosting the event and invites everyone to come along and have a fun day.

The Festival will take place on Saturday 17th May from 1:30 to 5:00pm.

Please see the attached posters below for more information.

Matariki Festival Friday 13th June

Birkdale North is hosting the school cluster Matariki Festival this term. We are excited to have this opportunity again and look forward to a great day.

We hope that some of you will be able to support us throughout the day as there will be many jobs to do. We are also running a sausage sizzle and will need people willing to man it. There will be other jobs on the day as well as helping our Kapa Haka group to get ready. If you are able to help in any capacity please let us know. More information will follow soon.

Bixxy Box (fundraising for BNS)

If you have a dog or a cat this is a good way to get quality worming treatments that benefit BNS too!

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 than 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**

Have a great weekend. Make sure you get out and enjoy the sunshine.

Nga mihi Nui
Jan



frenz 30th Anniversary Festival





Saturday 17 May - 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Birkdale North School, 213 Birkdale Road, 0626













WHAT'S ON?

Free activities in the School Hall

-  **2:00** – Clown Show
-  **3:00** – Kids Concert
-  **4:00** – Frenz Speeches
-  **4:30** – Raffle Draw

Outdoors – Grab Your Tickets!




(Most games are 1 ticket)

-  Knock-Down Game
-  Sack Races
-  Toss Games
-  Goal Shooting
-  Bowling
-  Basketball
-  Face Painting
-  Marble Jar Guessing Game
-  Bouncy Castle
-  Pony Ride from 2 to 4pm (3 tickets)

EAT & DRINK




Tasty treats to keep you fuelled for fun!

-  Crêpes
-  Bake Sale
-  Ice Blocks

RAFFLE DRAW



Amazing Prizes to Win!

 From toys to special treats, there's something for everyone!



Important dates

2025 Term Dates:

Term 1	Friday 7th February - Friday 11th April
Term 2	Monday 28th April - Friday 27th June
Term 3	Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September
Term 4	Monday 6th October - Friday 19th December

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.waitemataadhb.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.

POCKETS ROCKETS DANCE is back at Birkdale North

HIP HOP CLASS with ANGIE LOVISON

In the school Hall Friday lunch times (1pm - 1.45pm)

Check out our full timetable here:

<https://www.pocketrockets.co.nz/class-info>

come and try your first class for free

Enrol or register for a free trial here:

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/pocket-rockets/register>

\$140 per 9 week term.

Fun, creative, inclusive classes, caring instructors, performance opportunities!

contact: Jane 021 140 3786, for more information

email: jane@pocketsrockets.co.nz

www.pocketrockets.co.nz

WHOOPING COUGH

Whooping cough (pertussis) is a highly infectious disease and causes breathing difficulties and severe coughing fits. It can be very serious for tamariki and young babies.



It can easily spread between family members by coughing and sneezing. It can also spread quickly around early education centres and schools, which is why it is important to make sure your whānau are up-to-date with vaccinations.

Whooping cough vaccines are free for pregnant people, all children under 18 years old and adults from 45 and 65 years old.

The Boostrix vaccine also offers protection against tetanus and diphtheria.

For more information see: info.health.nz/immunisations/vaccines-aotearoa/whooping-cough-pertussis-vaccine/

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora