

**BIRKDALE**

**NORTHschool**

*Respect Integrity Perseverance Empathy*

*Manaaki Whakakotahi Manawanui Aroha*

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

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Tuawhitu o Pēpuere 2024  
7th February 2024

Kawerongo  
Newsletter

Kaupeka 1  
Term 1

### **Principal's voice**

It has been wonderful seeing all our tamariki coming back to school! I love the excitement in their faces as they catch up with friends and chat about what they did in their holidays.

Welcome also to any new whanau who have enrolled at BNS, we hope you are settling in well.

Take time to read what is happening over the next few weeks as you may want to pencil in some dates on your calendar...

### **Whakatau - Monday 12th February, 9:10am, all welcome.**

- We will be welcoming new whanau to BNS. If your child is new this term or last term a special invitation will be emailed to you.
- All our whanau are welcome to attend our whakatau to welcome our [manuhiri](#) (visitors)

### **Meet the teacher evening - Wednesday 14th February, 5:30 - 7:30**

#### **Including a free sausage sizzle and ice block!**

- Please come along with your whanau from 5:30 - 6:00 to our free sausage sizzle (and possibly some ice blocks too!)
- At 6:00 pm we will assemble in the hall to introduce our staff and then you will have time to meet your child's teacher.
- This is not an interview but a nice time to find out the procedures and expectations in the school.

### **Three way conferences -**

#### **Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March**

- We will be holding three way conferences where the tamariki will be discussing their learning goals for the following term. There will be an opportunity for you to discuss how you can support your child with their goals at home. We hope you will be able to attend as this helps support your child's learning.
- Look out for more information and appointment times.

### **School swimming sports, Wednesday 20th March**

- The senior school will be swimming in the morning and the Juniors will have their swimming sports in the afternoon. (or late morning!)
- More details will be sent out closer to the date.
- Thursday 21st March is the saver date.

### **Inter school swimming day, Wednesday 27th March**

- More details will be sent out closer to the date.
- Thursday 28th March is the saver date.

### **The Easter Holidays and a teacher only day**

We will be off:

- Good Friday, 29th March
- Easter Monday, 1st April
- Easter Tuesday 2nd April
- The school will be having a teacher only day on Wednesday 3rd April. You were informed of this teacher only day last year.

### **Friday 12th April is our last day of term 1**

- We break up for our term one break
- Term two starts on Monday 29th April.

### **Sunhats, sun block and T-shirts covering shoulders please**

- We have a sunblock station set up by the office for children to reapply but please ensure your child also has sunblock and can apply this for themselves. This is something worth practising at home.
- Children not wearing sun hats will be asked to sit in the shade at break times. Please ensure you name your child's sun hat.
- Wearing a t- shirt that covers some more of the skin is another safe measure.

We will be starting our green certificates soon, so keep checking in with your child. Have a fantastic weekend.

Nga mihi nui

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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:**

Friday 29th March	Good Friday
Monday 1st April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 2nd April	Easter Tuesday
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day
Monday 3rd June	King's Birthday
Friday 28th June	Matariki
Monday 28th October	Labour Day

### **Teacher only days - School closed:**

Wednesday 3rd April	School closed
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### **Upcoming Events**

Check our calendar on the website for more details.

<https://www.birkdalenorth.school.nz/calendar/>

Monday 12th February	Whakatau
Monday 12th February	School Dental Service van on site
Tuesday 13th February	School Dental Service van on site
Wednesday 14th February	Meet the Teacher evening, 5.30pm to 7.30pm
	School Dental Service van on site
Thursday 15th February	School Dental Service van on site
Friday 16th February	School Dental Service van on site
Wednesday 21st February	BOT Meeting 6pm
Monday 11th March	Three way conferences
Tuesday 12th March	Three way conferences
Wednesday 20th March	School swimming sports
Wednesday 27th March	Interschool Swimming sports
Thursday 28th March	Interschool Cricket sports day
Wednesday 3rd April	BOT Meeting 6pm
Friday 12th April	Last day for Term 1
Monday 29th April	First day Term 2

### **Community Notices:**

Visit the school website at:

<https://www.birkdalenorth.school.nz/community/>

**Public Health Nurses** are available on 09 486 8996. Alternatively call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or visit [www.health.govt.nz](http://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.