

Thursday 21st November 2019
Term 4 , Week 6

Consultation Evening Tonight
Thursday 21st November
In the Hall from 6.00 – 7.00pm.
Free sausage sizzle!
Birkdale Intermediate will be there to accept enrolments.

The Education (School Donations) Amendment Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 30 May 2019. The Bill amends the Education Act 1989.

From the 2020 school year, Decile 1-7 state and state-integrated schools will be able to choose to receive a \$150 per student, per year payment if they agree not to ask parents and caregivers for donations.

This initiative is designed to alleviate that pressure and expectation. It also recognises that Decile 1-7 schools can find it difficult to raise funds from their communities.

At a recent Board of Trustees meeting we agreed to opt into the government donations scheme for 2020. This means that parents will not be asked to pay the annual school donation.

The \$150 per student will be used to cover the costs related to curriculum-based trips and visits. Parents will still be required to give permission for these educational excursions but will not be asked to contribute to the costs of the trip.

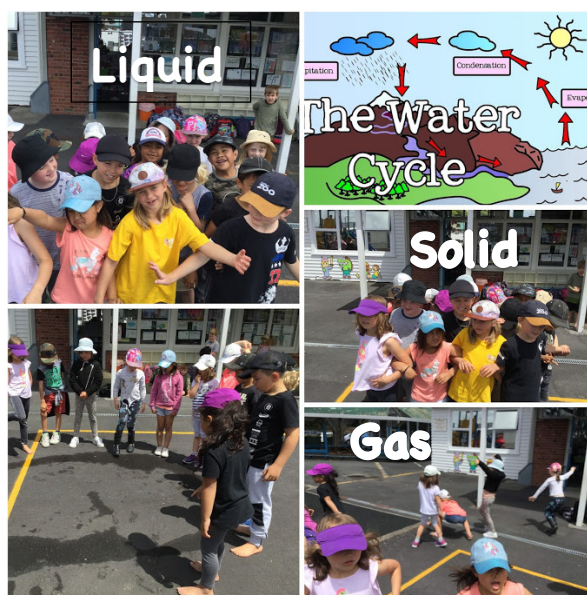
There are some exceptions and these include stationery and activities that are optional. Examples of these are sport, which students can opt into (Netball, Touch, Tag, Soccer etc), overnight stays such as the Year 6 camps and non-curriculum trips.

The Board and SLT hope that by adopting this scheme it will ease the beginning of the year financial burden for families and allow more students to opt into more of optional activities on offer throughout the year. This scheme is reviewable annually so the Board can assess the success of its adoption at the end of 2020 and decide whether to continue.

Room 17

Last week during Room 17's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) lesson, we learned all about the Water Cycle. We watched as water we had spilled on the ground quickly disappeared in the heat of the sun. We then used drama to understand how water can go from solid form (ice), to liquid (water), to gas (water vapour/steam) depending on its temperature.

Last week we also learned how about argumentative writing. As part of our ongoing Enviro Inquiry, we discussed issues such as plastic, cutting down trees and littering, before writing our positions on each argument. Here are some examples of our writing.



I disagree that people should be banned from cutting down trees. Firstly, we won't be able to do art because trees make paper. Secondly, we won't be able to read books because books are made of paper. Lastly, we can replant trees, because as long as we have seeds we have trees. In conclusion, I disagree that people should be banned from cutting down trees.

By Wade.

I think that people should stop cutting down trees. Firstly, it will make animals sick and cold and they will die because they have no home. Secondly, we will have no oxygen to live. Lastly, it is not about paper – it is about life! Stop cutting down trees!

By Georgia

I think we should not have plastic in New Zealand. First of all, plastic chokes sea life and the Earth. Second of all, rubbish kills fish. That is bad because we eat fish. Last of all, animals die from plastic. I therefore believe that we should not have plastic in New Zealand.

By Alex

School Lunches

We have had several children coming to the office lately asking for "extra" lunch. While we are happy to supplement lunches, sandwiches are intended for children who genuinely need it, not those who have already eaten a substantial amount of food. Please check that your child/ren have enough food to last throughout the day and that they understand the need to keep some food for lunch at morning tea time.



Goodies this week...



Isaac Kim Room 11
Mali Baker- Hurndell Room 10



Complimentary tickets are available from the office for A Christmas Tale at the Logan Campbell Centre, Green Lane on the 7th December.



**Sending Love
Drop Box 2019**
(drop-off here by 15th December)

Sending Love is about people and communities coming together to make a festive gesture towards another person who may experience loneliness over Christmas. It is one person putting love and thought into a card to pass a smile and a sense of feeling remembered and loved onto another person.

Everything you need to know...

- Make sure your card is full of love
- Make it as creative as you can
- Ensure it has a legible message
- Keep your envelope unsealed
- Just be you!



FOR SALE

Plants \$2

Worm Tea \$2

Available outside the office on Friday 22nd Nov
8.30 – 9.00 am & 3pm



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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BHS PROUDLY PRESENTS

XMAS IN THE HAVEN

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER - 5.30PM TO 7.30PM
BEACH HAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

FUN ACTIVITIES | STUDENT PERFORMANCES | MARKET STALLS & FOOD

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

ONEPOTO SCHOOL PRESENTS

BHS Performances
Seniors 10:30 outside.
Middles 11:50 Inside



FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2019 • 9:00 AM
31 FRASER AVE - NORTHCOTE

STALLS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

COFFEE GUY - CAKE STALL - HAMBURGERS - ICE CREAM - AMERICAN HOT DOGS - SWEETS - SAUSAGE SIZZLE - LUCKY DIP - TONGAN DONUTS - DRINKS

CASH ONLY - NO EFTPOS!

ALL WELCOME
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

THE KIDS AT BHS

Deck the Hall

16th - 20th December 2019
Hours 8am - 6pm

Birkdale Hall, 134-136 Birkdale Road, Birkdale
Enrolment forms and info can be found at birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz

\$35.00 PER DAY

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

For Children aged 5 - 12

birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz

Monday 16th December
The Gingerbread House
We love building a good hut so let's start the week by working together to create our own Gingerbread House of Birkdale.

Tuesday 17th December
Christmas Art Attack
Join us for a day filled with Christmas art. We'll be making Elf Postcards, Santa Letter about hangers, stockings and more.

Wednesday 18th December
Deck the Halls
Today we will make special Christmas decorations to take home and dress up our houses with.

Thursday 19th December
Baking Bonanza
Come prepared for baking because we will be making delicious treats to take home and share.

Friday 20th December
Christmas Party
There is no better way to end our year together than by having a party. Come dressed in your favorite Christmas outfit - even your pajamas!

For more information please contact enrolment@birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz
or call 09 402 9190 / 027 402 9190