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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the School,
Tēnā koutou katoa me ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,
尊敬的各位家长、监护人和学校的朋友们：

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the end of Term 2 and the mid-point of our school year. The campus is lively at the moment with Sports Camp training, winter sports training in the mornings, Mathex competitions, and Cross Country practice runs, to name a few. It is great to see so many of our ākonga challenging themselves as they embrace every opportunity to step outside their comfort zone and try new things.

Congratulations to our Year 8 boys' football team, who won the Auckland Championships last week. This is the first time in the history of BIS that a football team has won this competition. We will be acknowledging the team and coaches in week 11 as most of the team were at sports camp this week. My thanks to Mr Simpson and Mr Gibson for their expert coaching and support of the team.

Moving to the football World Cup, and it is awesome to witness the energy, vibe and noise in the hall on Monday as the kids cheered on the All Whites. I was surprised to hear how viral the video was on social media at the start of the week. We have decided to double down on the experience and have asked our students and staff to wear 'All White' on Monday and bring any NZ flags to school. Students who support Egypt are encouraged to wear their National colours too. The kids will be watching the game in their classrooms as the Hall is being prepared for our cultural assembly. We look forward to sharing some footage of the day next week.

Happy Dragon Boat Festival (Duanwu Festival), celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth month of the lunar calendar. In 2026, the festival falls on Friday, June 19.

Dance Off

On Friday, 5 June, we held our much-anticipated BIS Dance Off finals during the Block 3 Cultural Assembly. Miss Wildman, Mrs Channing and Dr Zeitner are to be congratulated for running such an enjoyable event for both our staff and students. Please read further into the newsletter for photos and placements.



Sports Camp 1

Big congratulations go to our sports camp team for coming second overall in the A-Grade. Having been with the team on Wednesday, the kids were wonderful ambassadors for BIS, displaying plenty of skill, determination and teamwork. A big thank you to Mr Simpson and Miss Wildman for their work prior to and during the week. The team was extremely well prepared and organised. My thanks also to the following parents who gave up their time to support the school and our students throughout the week: Nicky Robinson, Eve Gibson, Glen Marsh and Jarrod Roberts.

2026 School Production

All students have received their audition packs in preparation for week 11. Our Directors have been at school assessing the Hall, meeting the staff and fine-tuning specific details. A full rehearsal schedule will be shared in week 11 once the cast has been selected.

Kids Lit Quiz

Last weekend, we sent a team to the Kids Lit Quiz Finals in Wellington. The girls performed really well through some challenging questions under the pressure of the buzzer. They finished in the middle of 18 teams overall, and were recognised by a quizmaster as a very determined team. Well done to Eva Delaney, Isla Fletcher-McGrevy, Jura Fletcher-McGrevy, Scarlet Riddington and Vida McNatty.

Mid-year reports will be sent home on Friday, 3 July. Should you be leaving for holidays in the coming days before the end of term, we would prefer that you collect your child's report next term.

We congratulate the following students who received the Academic Pin at assembly: Ciara Walker, Charlotte Wong, Dominic Glen, Coco Taylor, Stella Hu, Louis Diaz Martin, Jura Fletcher-McGrevy, Scarlett Riddington, Scheherazade Boow, Keri Oh, Dana Kim, Vida McNatty, Eva Delaney, Chloe Southwell, Gwenno Smith, Hunter Waldron.

Congratulations to these students who received a Principal's Certificate at Formal Assembly: Imogen Manning, Violet Gunn, Summer McKnight, Josh Baddeley, Eddie Ison, Meyka Helyer-Akhara, Cailey Moore, Jingkai Yu, Toby Avery, Bella Morrah, Pippa Van Shaik, Corina Chew, Noah Simons, Eloise Brown, Samuel Zhang, Arya Fernandes, Jahziel David Luga, Miguel Jimenez Lacalle, Elaine Sun, McKayla Tuba, Georgia Wensor.

Ngā mihi nui

Nick Hill
Principal/ Tumuaki



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar		
Week 10	Mon, 22 June	Cultural Assembly Board Meeting
	Tues, 23 June	Lockdown Practice
Week 11	Tues, 30 June	Pie Day! Production Auditions
	Wed, 1 July	Formal Assembly NH Hockey Zone Day (Boys & Girls)
	Thurs, 2 July	Production Auditions
	Fri, 3 July	Production Call Backs Term 2 Ends
Week 1	Mon, 20 July	Term 3 Starts

Merit Mentions

Room 1	Nico Lampen Zoe Mules	For his effort and determination in PE and cross-country training. In each session, he is pushing himself to achieve his personal best. His positive attitude is commendable. For the pride she takes in her presentation. She is producing a website of high-quality that reflects her continued effort and excellence throughout this term's learning.
Room 2	Olive Catterall Dea Panares	For her determination to improve her academics by consistently applying herself and striving to do her very best in all learning areas. She is also a delight to have in Room 2. For consistently showing perseverance, approaching challenges with determination and refusing to give up when learning becomes difficult. She is so positive and kind.
Room 3	Olive Nicholls Maria Greig	For her excellent integrity; Olive makes the right choice, and shows real commitment to our school values. She works hard, and sets an example to those around her. Well done! For excellent effort and commitment, particularly in PE; Maria gives 100% and sets a good example to others. Well done Maria!
Room 4	Noah Eiem Rosie Proffit	For his outstanding academic attitude and determination, consistently approaching learning with a growth mindset and high levels of engagement. Kai pai Noah! For demonstrating excellent focus and application in class. Rosie exemplifies our school values of humility and respect through her kindness and consideration for others.
Room 5	Franko Hansen Kūpa Wasley	Franko has shown resilience and determination in our information report writing. His positive attitude has resulted in work that demonstrates a commitment to excellence. Kūpa has a strong understanding of our current maths focus on measurement; he uses this to support his peers and enhance learning for all. Ka Rawe Kūpa!
Room 6	Constance Qiu Hugo Nordstrand	Constance is an absolute joy to have in class. Her dedication is evident in everything she does, as she always puts in the hard work required to produce quality work. Ka pai! Hugo has worked exceptionally hard on his information report, showing fantastic dedication to his learning. His drive has been key to successfully completing his work.
Room 7	Ava Yianakis Roberto Ortiz Lam	Ava always brings kindness, effort, and a positive attitude to Room 7. She keeps trying when things get tricky and is a great classmate to have around. Roberto is respectful, reliable, and a great role model in Room 7. He works hard, gets things done, and always brings a mature attitude to class.
Room 8	Matthew Devassy Izzy Cloke	Matthew consistently produces excellent work across mathematics and literacy. His work ethic and high standards are beginning to show across his books. Ka pai! Izzy has shown creativity in her writing pieces this term. She has worked hard to vary the types of sentences she uses, and writes with purpose. Keep it up Izzy!
Room 9	Jackson Buckle Isla Nielsen	Jackson and Isla, qualifying to attend sports camp 1 to represent BIS is a phenomenal achievement. We are incredibly proud of your hard work and commitment in reaching this goal. Congratulations on your outstanding success!
Room 10	Annabelle James Seth Guillot Lopez	For your positive attitude and kindness towards your peers and teachers. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. For consistently showing respect to peers and teachers, and upholding the school's core values with pride.
Room 11	Violet Fitch Hazel Singh	Violet, for your caring nature and excellent collaboration. Thank you for always helping those around you to stay focused, on track, and supported with their learning. Hazel, for your unwavering commitment to excellence across all learning areas. Your constant drive to give 100% effort is truly impressive. Well done!
Room 12	Lucas Lee Jovia Ho	For demonstrating a willingness to ask questions in Maths and making great contributions to group projects. Well done Lucas! For demonstrating the school's values of excellence and creativity in all her class work. Jovia is a wonderful role model for her peers.
Room 13	Arlo Ford Cooper Ede	For demonstrating a willingness to learn and contribute to class discussions. We love having you in Room 13, Arlo! For contributing to the classroom culture positively with your valuable input during class discussions, your sense of humour and how you treat your peers with kindness!

Merit Mentions Cont.

Room 14	Harrison Halper Lilly Winslade	For demonstrating a good work ethic and applying feedback to steadily improve your skills. Your effort and determination are fantastic to see. Keep it up, Harrison! For demonstrating positive changes in your learning, and making improvements to support your progress. Well done, Lilly!
Room 15	George McDonald Gwyneth Flanagan	For your outstanding work ethic recently! George, your focus and determination to complete your work to a high standard does not go unnoticed. Keep it up! For being an exceptional role model of our school values every day. Gwyneth, your positive attitude set a great example for Room 15. Well done!
Room 16	Leila Fell Avyan Yadav	For consistently applying yourself with diligence and outstanding effort to ensure only personal excellence is achieved. Leila, thank you for always working so hard on your classwork. For an outstanding attitude towards learning. Avyan, everything you do reflects hard work and effort. Thank you for always making the most of every moment in class.
Room 17	Room 17	For displaying outstanding behaviour, curiosity, and respect during our recent trip to the museum. You represented our school beautifully! Ka pai!
Room 18	Room 18	For displaying outstanding behaviour, curiosity, and respect during our recent trip to the museum. You represented our school beautifully! Ka pai!
Room 19	Henry Collier Fletcher Ansley	For representing BIS with pride at the Auckland Champs tournament. I appreciate your ability to balance your busy sporting life with your academics!
Room 20	Harry Cockayne Leila Fisher	For your success at the Auckland Football Championships and for balancing your sporting commitments with academics. Ka pai, Harry, keep it up! For your conscientious attitude and friendly nature. Leila, your kind manners and the respect you show towards teachers, is so appreciated. Ka pai!
Room 23	Ali Khaled Lynda Amosa	Ali has demonstrated dedication in his academic effort and focus this term. His improved dedication to his daily work is reflected in this steady progress. Kai pai! Lynda has shown great progress since the beginning of term, demonstrating effort and dedication in her learning. She is working hard to produce her best. Malo lava!
Room 24	Room 24	For putting in such hard work during our Literacy sessions this week. Your enthusiasm for learning, participation in discussions, and willingness to challenge yourselves have led to impressive growth. You should be proud of the high standard you consistently bring to your literacy learning.

Specialist Merit Mentions

Science	Coco Wang, Eli Jonas, Enayah Maqsd, Finlay Robertson, Freya Saltis, Frieda Hutchings, Isla Nielsen, Jackson Buckle, Jingkai Yu, Nellie Rais, Vincent Lawrence	This entire science class is developing an exemplary work ethic in science. They work diligently, contribute great ideas and strive for success. Keep up the great work.
Food Tech	Meiyan Li, Melody Yu, Dea Panares, Zoe Mules, Ros Chapman, Max Gao, Karlia Dunne, Emma Tunstall, Georgia Misur, Livvie Kerr, Margaux Sumner-Brown, Han Yu	For their impressive work in food technology sessions, displaying a positive, focused, collaborative and hard-working approach to all tasks.
Languages	Lucy Millen, Elsa McKeever Sowerby, Jamie Loehr, Yuefei Wang, Eli Little-Codling, Minnie Rhodes	For their outstanding effort and immersion in Chinese cultural activities. 很棒!
Visual Art	Liv Gibson, Jayden Wang, Lennox Carew, Nina Hjelm, Saoirse McLeod, Ciara Walker, Olivia Delaney, Orlando Bennett, Elliot Chandler, Henry Collier, Jayden Wang	For their excellent application and creativity shown in sculpture sessions.
Music	Eva Barber, Beau Vivian, Sean Harel-Brad, Violet Gunn, Nellie Homer, Leo Watt, Jamie Armour, Micky Sloper, Frieda Martens, Luna Ma, Leila Fell, Toby Porter	For showing excellent focus in class. Your ability to stay on task, listen carefully, and apply yourself consistently has helped you achieve great results. Keep up the fantastic effort and positive learning habits!

Specialist Merit Mentions Cont.

Dance/Drama	Taein Kim, Zac Loh-Chua, Thomas Manger Woodbridge, Marcus Auger, Phoebe Dil, Thawdar Han Win, Marlin Zhang, Hazel Singh, Mackenzie France, Theo Malcolm, Lulu Lehoczky, Arizona Wells	For their excellent effort, positive attitude, and great contributions during dance and drama lessons. Well done!
ESOL	Jason Yuan, Steve Takano, Coco Wang, Joe Marie Mamon, Seth Guillot Lopez, Jingkai Yu	For actively participating in ESOL lessons and using English to communicate with your classmates. Keep taking risks and trying new words!

School News

Community Partnership: New World Devonport

We are delighted to share a huge thank you to our community partners at New World Devonport for their continued support of our school. As part of their 2026 sponsorship commitment, New World Devonport has generously provided a donation this month that will go directly towards supporting our students and school initiatives. This contribution will help us continue to provide a wide range of opportunities, events, and experiences for our learners.

A special thank you to James Varcoe and the New World Devonport team for their ongoing commitment to our community. We are incredibly grateful for their support and look forward to seeing the positive impact this partnership continues to have across our school.





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Book Battle Success



Last week, two teams represented our school at Book Battle NZ — an exciting inter-school reading trivia competition where Year 5–8 students put their book knowledge to the test.

Students have been busy reading a curated selection of books in preparation for the event, and they were challenged with quiz-style rounds testing their memory, comprehension, and attention to detail. It was fantastic to see our students' enthusiasm for reading, teamwork, and friendly competition. Both teams performed extremely well against 20 competing teams, with our Belmont A team finishing in 7th place with an impressive score of 90 points, and our Belmont B team placing 13th with 83 points.

Well done to the winning schools, and congratulations to the following students — your preparation, commitment, and love of reading were on full display:

Team 1

Maria Greig (R3) (R)
Maisie Barber (R10)
Willa Shapiro (R3)
Hazel Singh (R11)
Dominic Glen (R6)

Team 2

Nina Hjelm (R8) (R)
Roma Park (R6)
Orlando Bennet (R8)
Otis Tong (R8)
Matthew Devassy (R8)

Thank you to the Book Battle sponsors, Barfoot & Thompson Browns Bay and Scholastic, and a special thank you to our parent volunteers, Debbie Barber and William Glen, for accompanying and supporting the teams on the day. What a fantastic celebration of books and learning!



Mathex Challenge Success



Our Year 7 and 8 Mathex teams put on an outstanding performance at the 2026 North Shore Mathex Challenge, competing against some tough competition from across the region.

Our Year 7 team achieved an incredible result, scoring the maximum 100 points with more than two minutes still on the clock — a fantastic display of problem-solving, teamwork, and mathematical thinking.

Our Year 8 team faced a particularly challenging paper but showed great determination, working right through until the final seconds. Their persistence and commitment were a credit to them.

With more than 400 competitors taking part, we were especially proud to see both of our team runners recognised with awards for sportsmanship and demonstrating excellent values. Congratulations to Orlando and Leon — a wonderful reflection of the character we value at our school.

Well done to all our Mathex students for representing our school so proudly!

Fashion Designers of the Future!



In Technology classes, our Year 7 students have been developing their design thinking skills through a series of creative challenges. Students are tasked with identifying a problem, planning a solution using simple materials, creating their design, and reflecting on the final outcome.

Last week, students took on the challenge of becoming fashion designers! Their mission: create a formal business outfit suitable for an important meeting after their original clothes had been ruined in an unfortunate accident. The designs then took centre stage as students showcased their creations in a very special catwalk moment.

The results were fantastic — creative, innovative, and incredibly stylish! Watch out Ralph Lauren and Gucci, there may be some future designers coming through from BIS!

Our hall foyer was transformed into a mini fashion exhibition, with photos of each creation displayed and students voting for their favourite designs. We had an amazing number of votes cast, showing just how much creativity and effort went into each piece.

Congratulations to our top three business suit designs:

1st place: Business Suit #1

Zoe Parmenter, Ivy-Lee Carew, Lucy Becker & Willa Rose

2nd place: Business Suit #9

Cooper Pearson, Iguumel Tsogterel & Leo Fraser

3rd place: Business Suit #10

Mila Laurenson, Nina Hjelm, Saoirse McLeod & Neve Ballard



Backpack Design Challenge



The creativity continued with our Backpack Design Challenge! This competition was a huge hit, with so many students casting their votes that we had to keep refilling the voting papers.

Every design received plenty of support, but our top three backpack creations were:

1st place: Bag #6

Jayden Chen & Toby Woodhead

2nd place: Bag #5

Yuna Shimizu, Merieti Nawaia & Taein Kim

3rd place: Bag #8

Irène Alberio, Hazy Park & Akansha Chand

Well done to all of our Year 7 designers! Your creativity, collaboration, and willingness to think outside the box were fantastic to see.



BIS Dance Off 2026!

Last Friday, our students took to the stage for our annual BIS Dance Off, showcasing incredible creativity, confidence, and passion for performance.

It was a fantastic afternoon filled with energy, impressive routines, and plenty of support from our audience. Students wowed the crowd and judges with their choreography, teamwork, and commitment to their performances.

Congratulations to all of our dancers — it was wonderful to see so many students share their talents and celebrate a love of dance.

Dance Off Results

- 🥇 1st Place: Hazel Singh
- 🥈 2nd Place: Evie Macfarlane, Emma Macfarlane, Charlotte Wong & Aria Kingi-Kita
- 🥉 3rd Place: Karlia Dunne

A huge thank you to everyone who participated, supported their friends, and helped create such a positive and encouraging atmosphere. We are already looking forward to seeing what next year's performers bring to the stage!

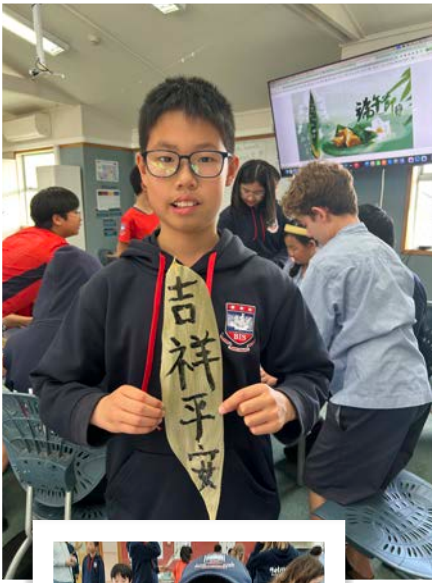


Celebrating Duānwǔ Jié 端午节 (Dragon Boat Festival)

Yesterday, an enthusiastic group of students gathered to celebrate Duānwǔ Jié, also known as the Dragon Boat Festival. Students learned about the festival's history and traditions before sampling zòngzi, parcels of sticky rice wrapped in bamboo or reed leaves - a classic festival treat!

Students tried three different flavours: sweet red bean, savoury pork and salted egg yolk, and chestnut and pork. They also practised writing auspicious Chinese words such as 平安 (píng'ān), meaning "peace and safety", on traditional zòngzi wrapping leaves. Some of our Chinese international students also shared the celebration by delivering zòngzi to teachers and staff around the school.

Our students embraced the opportunity to experience an important Chinese festival, try something new, and celebrate the wonderful cultural diversity of our Belmont Intermediate community. 端午安康! (Wishing everyone peace and good health this Dragon Boat Festival!)



Ancient Civilisations Come to Life

As part of their Integrated Studies unit on Ancient Civilisations, our Year 8 students recently visited Auckland Museum to support their learning and research as they prepare to create their own museum exhibits.

During the visit, students took part in a session led by one of the museum educators, exploring the seven key features of a civilisation and gaining a deeper understanding of how ancient societies were formed, organised, and sustained.

Students also had the opportunity to explore the museum's extensive collection of artefacts and exhibitions, gathering ideas and inspiration for their own projects. One of the highlights was learning about Sousa the mummy, which sparked plenty of curiosity and discussion. Through x-ray technology, museum researchers discovered that Sousa was likely between 18–35 years old when she died and had a severe tooth infection.

The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for students to connect classroom learning with real-world artefacts and historical evidence. The knowledge and ideas gathered will help bring their Ancient Civilisations exhibits to life in the coming weeks.



Caring for Our Environment



A big thank you to four of our students who have been setting a fantastic example by showing initiative and care for our school environment.

Eddie Ison, Ed Luxton, Jordan Porter, and Campbell Main spent time around the school grounds collecting rubbish left behind. Together, they filled three large bags, helping to make a positive difference to our shared spaces.

Their actions are a great reminder that small choices can have a big impact. Looking after our environment is something we all have a part to play in, whether that is reducing waste, using bins correctly, or taking responsibility for the spaces we enjoy every day.

Thank you Eddie, Ed, Jordan, and Campbell for demonstrating our school values and inspiring others through your actions.



Year 7 Natural Disasters Inquiry

As part of their current Natural Disasters Inquiry, our Year 7 students had the opportunity to hear from two experts who brought their learning to life with real-world experiences.

Students were fortunate to welcome Dr Nicholas Pondard, Lead Disaster Risk Management Specialist for the World Bank. Nico shared insights into his work analysing earthquakes in New Zealand and around the world, including projects in Turkey. Students learned how scientists monitor and study seismic activity to better understand natural hazards and help communities prepare for future events.

The students also heard from Mr Andy Lester, an Emergency Management Advisor who was serving as Chief Operating Officer at Christchurch Airport during the 2011 Christchurch earthquake. Andy shared a powerful firsthand account of the events surrounding the earthquake, including the response, recovery efforts, and the important role the airport played in supporting emergency operations.

These presentations provided students with a valuable connection between their classroom learning and the real world, deepening their understanding of natural disasters and the importance of preparation, resilience, and community response.



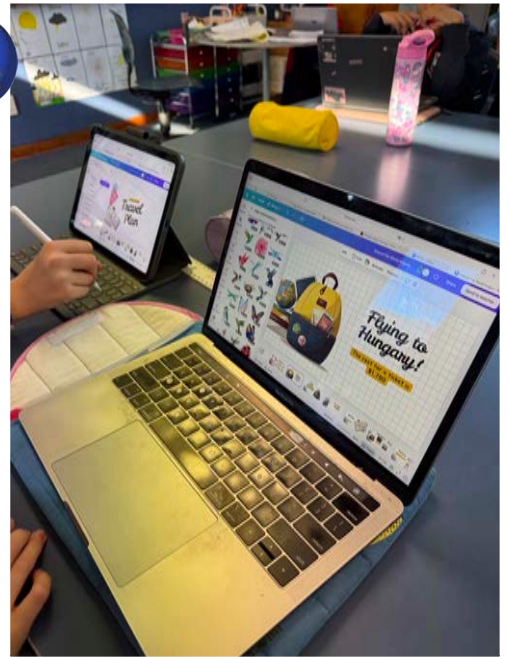
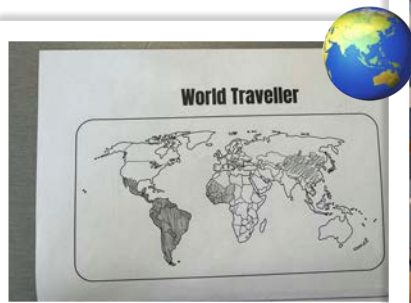
Electives Update

Around the World

The Around the World elective has given students the opportunity to explore different continents and discover what makes each place unique and fascinating. Using their own "passports", students have been collecting facts, completing activities, and learning about the culture, landmarks, and features that make each destination special. From sketching famous architectural monuments in Europe to investigating interesting places around the globe, students have enjoyed taking a closer look at the world beyond our own backyard.

Students have also taken on the challenge of planning a 14-day adventure to a destination of their choice, working within a \$6,000 budget. Their travel plans have required careful research and decision-making, including comparing flights and accommodation, considering multiple modes of transport, and selecting activities and regions to explore.

It has been fantastic to see students developing their research, budgeting, and problem-solving skills while creating some exciting travel itineraries. We look forward to seeing the final trip plans and getting some inspiration for future adventures!



Math Extension Elective Update

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The Math Extension elective provides students who love mathematics with an opportunity to deepen their understanding, tackle new challenges, and extend their problem-solving skills.

Recently, our mathematicians have been exploring the world of Algebra, developing confidence with multi-step equations and learning how to break down complex word problems into manageable steps. Through rich challenges and discussions, students have been strengthening their reasoning, persistence, and ability to approach problems in different ways.

We're loving the dedication and curiosity our students continue to show as they extend their learning across a range of mathematical concepts.

Ten students think of a number then perform various operations on that number. You have to find what the original numbers were.

Menu Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Level 4 Help More

This is level 1: Whole number THOAN problems. You can earn a trophy if you get at least 7 questions correct.

? $\times 2$ $+ 4$ $= 18$

Michael says:
"I think of a number. I double my number and add 4 the answer is 18"
What number was Michael first thinking of?

Joshua says:
"I am also thinking of a number. If I multiply my number by 2, and add 2 the answer is 36"
What number was Joshua first thinking of?

Matthew says:
"I think of a number. I multiply my number by 3 and add 3 the answer is 48"
What number was Matthew first thinking of?

Forming and Solving Linear Equations

Allowance Increase

Alex gets a weekly allowance. Last week, Alex had \$24 saved. After three weeks of saving the same weekly amount, Alex has \$60. How much does Alex save each week? Write and solve an equation for the weekly savings.

Tickets to a School Event

Tickets for a school fundraiser cost the same amount. Joseph buys 4 tickets and spends \$34.25 in total, which includes a \$1.25 booking fee. How much does each ticket cost before the fee? Build and solve an equation for the ticket price.

Birthday Party Planning

Ella is planning a party. She spends \$8 per guest on food, plus a fixed \$32 for decorations. If she spends a total of \$104, how many guests are coming to her party? Set up and solve an equation for the number of guests.

CONNECTING RULES

Here are some equations that are true when $x=3$ and $y=4$ but there is at least one mistake. Click on the ticks and crosses to show this piece of work correctly marked.

$x + y = 7$ ✓✗	$x - y = -1$ ✓✗	$y - x = 1$ ✓✗
$2x + 3y = 18$ ✓✗	$5x - 2y = 7$ ✓✗	$4y - x = 13$ ✓✗
$xy - 10 = 2$ ✓✗	$180 - 2x + y = 178$ ✓✗	$20x - 3xy = 33$ ✓✗
$x^2 + y = 13$ ✓✗	$10x - y^2 = 25$ ✓✗	$y^2 - x^2 = 7$ ✓✗
$x^2y + 13 = 49$ ✓✗	$x^3y^2 - 2x = 152$ ✓✗	$x^2y^3 = 591$ ✓✗
$x^3 + y = 31$ ✓✗	$5(x + y) = 35$ ✓✗	$3y + x = 4$ ✓✗

Ocean Explorers

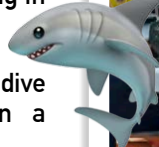
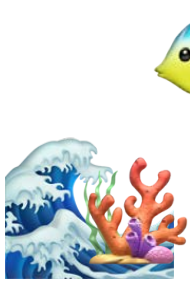
The Ocean Explorers elective recently had the opportunity to welcome a very special guest, Jacob, a diver with the Royal New Zealand Navy. Students were fascinated to learn about his work and the important role the Navy plays in protecting our moana, both here in Aotearoa and around the world.

Jacob shared insights into life as a diver, demonstrated how sonar technology works, and brought along a dive helmet for students to explore. There were plenty of great questions — including lots about sharks! — as students discovered what a career working in and around the ocean can look like.

A highlight for many students was the chance to try on the dive helmet themselves, bringing the experience to life in a memorable way.

It was fantastic to see the curiosity and enthusiasm of our Ocean Explorers as they deepened their understanding of the ocean and the people who help care for it.

Ko au te moana, ko te moana ko au.
(I am the ocean, and the ocean is me)



EPro8 Engineers

The EPro8 elective gives students the opportunity to put their creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills to the test through hands-on engineering challenges.

Working in teams, students design, build, and experiment as they tackle a range of practical challenges. They are learning how to think critically, communicate ideas, adapt their plans, and persevere when things don't always go exactly as expected.

Through building and testing their creations, students are developing an understanding of engineering principles while discovering that successful solutions often come from teamwork, trial and error, and creative thinking.

It has been fantastic to see our young engineers working together, sharing ideas, and bringing their designs to life!



From the desk of our BIS Media Committee

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The Beginner's Guide To Silent Ball!

By Alisa Li and Jovia Ho

Welcome back to article 2! Today we shall discuss the most competitive classroom game of all time, silent ball. For those who do not know what this game is, it is a simple challenge; you must throw and catch the ball completely silently... Make a sound, and you are out! Additionally, if you drop the ball or throw it too high or low (making it uncomfortable for the receiver), you are also OUT! Your teacher may add custom rules to make the game more challenging... Prepare yourself to stand on one leg or make one-handed catches—with your non-dominant hand! Now that you have understood the basics, let's get into the juicy tips!

Keep one eye on the ball at all times, especially when there are two silent balls in play! Don't let them sneak behind you, or you might get knocked out!

Stand strategically. If you want less encounters, no nasty surprises, and access to the full vision of the room, stand with your back against the wall and at least 2 arm's lengths away from other players, preferably where there are little to no students. Standing behind furniture will decrease the chances of you receiving the ball as well.

The centre of the room is usually where people pass around the most. If you want the chance to shine, then place yourself where players receive the most. But if you want to stay lurking in the shadows, steer clear of the heated routes and avoid eye contact the best you could. Beware of the sneaky trick! Some students may purposefully make eye contact with someone else, making it seem like they are passing to them while planning to throw to you. Classic but effective, a difficult no-look pass! Keep your eyes peeled and watch their body language. Tricksters tend to tense up, stare a little longer, and keep their body purposely not facing you while they are using this sacred technique. You can try it too!

This is a common mistake, but, friendly reminder, KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT. If you want to last longer in this life-or-death survival game, start with the basics that some people ACTUALLY miss. Don't try and pull a risky 'across-the-room' stunt; you will have a higher chance of getting out. Stick with short-distance passes and easy-to-catch underhand throws. Contain your giggles and chatter. Keep your mouth in good order, breathe through your nose, and maintain a neutral expression while chaos breaks out around you.

And this concludes the 'Beginner's Guide To Silent Ball', where, in this classroom environment, it's as deadly as Squid Game—one wrong move and you are out! Use these tips and tricks and you will be the professional silent-ball player that everyone fears. Have fun and stay safe! Good luck! You'll need it...

FIFA CLASS ALLOCATION

TO BUILD SOME SCHOOL SPIRIT AROUND THE UPCOMING WORLD CUP, WE ARE ASSIGNING A TEAM TO EVERY CLASS!

THESE WERE THE RESULTS:

YEAR 7

ROOM 1 - JAPAN
ROOM 2 - AUSTRALIA
ROOM 3 - ENGLAND
ROOM 4 - IRAN
ROOM 5 - MOROCCO
ROOM 6 - PARAGUAY
ROOM 7 - COLUMBIA
ROOM 8 - TURKEY
ROOM 9 - AUSTRIA
ROOM 10 - SWEDEN
ROOM 11 - URAGUAY

YEAR 8

ROOM 12 - USA
ROOM 13 - CROATIA
ROOM 14 - NORWAY
ROOM 15 - NETHERLANDS
ROOM 16 - PORTUGAL
ROOM 17 - FRANCE
ROOM 18 - EGYPT
ROOM 19 - GERMANY
ROOM 20 - SPAIN
ROOM 23 - MEXICO
ROOM 24 - BELGIUM

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Staff Spotlight

Inside Room 1's Newest Arrival: Ms Goodman!

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I have always loved school and learning, so I wanted to support others to have the same passion.

Where are you from?

I grew up on the Kāpiti Coast after moving from England at age four. I did all my schooling in the Paraparaumu/Raumati area. My primary school was right next to my high school, so most of our school went there. Later, I moved to Hamilton for university and stayed to teach at an intermediate school once I finished studying.

What are your favourite food, animal, and colour?

My favourite food is pasta, my favourite animal is a giraffe, and my favourite colour switches between pink, lilac/purple, and yellow.

Have you always had the dream of becoming a teacher? If not, what other job did you want to pursue?

I changed my mind A LOT growing up. When I was younger, I wanted to be an author. During high school, I considered teaching children from the ages of 2-11, psychology, or health and well-being. I think, at the back of my mind, I have always had the idea of teaching; I just needed to keep learning and exploring the subjects I enjoyed first.

What would be a quote that you think the whole school should hear?

I love the whakatauki 'He Waka Eke Noa'. We are all in this waka together. It relates perfectly to the classroom as we're on this journey together, and we need to be cooperative to become successful.

Did/do you have any random or impressive talents?

I am pretty good at remembering car licence plates...

What would you do if you were principal for a week?

Great question! I would probably spend time walking around each classroom to get to know everyone, see the amazing learning, and organise fun events during the afternoons.

There it is, 12 facts about the new Room 1 teacher, Ms Goodman. Asking teachers—new at BIS or old—about their lives will always tell us new things about them.

By McKayla Tuba and Gwen Smith

buzzing with life

Sports

Water Polo Winterfest

Our AIMS Water Polo team had their first hit-out of the season over the weekend at the Water Polo Winterfest, featuring teams from across the North Island.

The team performed incredibly well, finishing 7th in Grade 1 — a fantastic achievement and a 15-place improvement from last year's result, where BIS finished 22nd!

A huge congratulations to all the players for their hard work, commitment, and teamwork. We're excited to see what the rest of the season brings!

A big thank you to coaches Ben Logan and Zane McAlpine for their time, guidance, and support.



We Made History!

Our BIS Boys Football Team has achieved something truly special this year, winning the Auckland Championships for the very first time!

The boys showed incredible determination throughout the tournament, holding their nerve to defeat Sacred Heart in a dramatic penalty shootout in the semi-final before going on to beat Auckland Normal 1-0 in the final.

Congratulations to every member of the team on this historic result. We are incredibly proud of you all! A huge thank you also to our coaches, supporters and whānau who have backed the team every step of the way.

We look forward to cheering the boys on when they represent BIS at the AIMS Games later this year!



Sports Camp 1 – A Week to Remember!

Our Sports Camp 1 team has returned from Totara Springs in Matamata with an incredible achievement — finishing as overall runners up!

After four action-packed days of competition against schools from across the country, our students showcased outstanding skill, determination and teamwork across a huge range of sports.

The final day was all about semi-finals, finals and the much-anticipated team chant! BIS entered the day with 9 semi-final appearances and came out firing, winning 7 of those semi-finals to earn a place in the finals for wallball, tag, girls' basketball, croquet, football, foosball and tennis.

The team celebrated victories in wallball, croquet, football and tennis, while putting up an incredible fight in the remaining finals. The close finishes were a great reflection of the talent and resilience within our team.

Beyond the results, the true highlight of the week was seeing our students support one another, show fantastic sportsmanship and proudly represent BIS both on and off the field.

The week finished with a swim, music and plenty of celebrations before the team headed home — tired, proud and full of memories.

A huge thank you to all staff, supporters and whānau who helped make the week such a success. We are incredibly proud of our Sports Camp 1 team!



Lunchtime Clubs

Literacy Club



We're excited to introduce a new section in our newsletter celebrating the many lunchtime clubs and student-led initiatives happening across our school.

On 11 June, we held the first meeting of our new Literacy Club — an initiative started by Lauren Eaglen, Eadie Coles, and Kalisi Gray.

The Literacy Club provides a quiet, welcoming space for students to read, write, and draw without the distractions of a busy lunchtime environment. It is a place for students to share their creativity, discuss the books they're reading, and connect with others who share a love of stories and imagination.

Students meet on Day 3 at lunchtime in Room 22. We look forward to seeing this club grow and celebrating the wonderful ideas and creations that come from it.



Success Outside of School

Zander Strikes Gold at Karate NZ Open

Congratulations to Zander Chandra, who represented his club at this year's Karate NZ Open held in Auckland, with competitors travelling from across the region, including Australia, Tahiti and New Caledonia.

Competing in the 12–13 age category for the first time, Zander entered three events and achieved an incredible result - winning Gold in all three!

- 🏆 Premier Kumite 12–13
- 🏆 Premier Kata 12–13
- 🏆 Team Kumite 10–13

A fantastic achievement and a great example of the dedication, discipline and perseverance that Zander demonstrates both inside and outside of school. Well done, Zander!



BIS Students Making Their Mark

We love celebrating the amazing achievements and talents our students pursue beyond the classroom.

Congratulations to Charlotte Rataul (Room 20), who has recently been showcasing her creativity and passion through both writing and singing.

Charlotte took part in a recent singing showcase through her local singing school, performing alongside three other BIS students. It was a wonderful opportunity to share her talent, build confidence, and celebrate a love of music.

Charlotte has also achieved success in the Artland Writing Competition, run by Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki. Charlotte entered her writing piece and was thrilled to be awarded a prize for her work.

Well done, Charlotte! Your creativity, dedication, and willingness to share your talents are an inspiration. We are very proud to celebrate your achievements.



Notices & Community News

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JULY HOLIDAY CAMP 

WEEK 1: MON 6 – THURS 9 JULY **HALF DAY: 9AM - 1PM**
 WEEK 2: MON 13 – FRI 17 JULY **FULL DAY: 9AM - 3PM**
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TUESDAY 30TH JUNE 2026



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Sun 21 June, 10.30 for 11am start
 Windsor Reserve, Devonport

Free soup for the brave & bold!
 come in costume!

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 Wedding & Events

TGS Rugby is excited to launch its very own Holiday Rugby Programme these school holidays! Open to Year 6, 7 and 8 students, this two-day programme is designed to help young players connect, develop their rugby skills, and experience the TGS Rugby environment through fun, game-based learning. The programme will also provide valuable leadership and coaching opportunities for our student coaches, while helping raise funds towards our 2027 Rugby Tour to Australia. For more information and registration details, please see the attached flyer. The register click <https://forms.gle/1WySV6NFEmCtZGWc8>

TGS RUGBY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Join us for a rugby holiday program designed to develop your skills, ignite your competitive spirit.

Who Can Join?
 Open to boys and girls aged 10-13 years. Limited to 50 participants. This is your chance to train alongside the current 1st XV players and take your game to the next level!

How much does it cost?
 \$75 per person
 Each person receives a training t-shirt

VENUE: TGS - FRONT FIELD & GYM
DATES: JULY 13th & 14th
COST: \$75 PER PERSON - INCLUDES A TRAINING T-SHIRT
CONTACT DEAN WATKINS @d.watkins@tgs.school.nz

Program Highlights

- ✓ Skill Development
- ✓ Positional & Game strategy
- ✓ Structured Games
- ✓ Team bonding activities

Spots are strictly limited to 50 participants. Don't miss your chance to be part of something special this holiday season!

REGISTER HERE

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NORTH SHORE 2026 INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

School Chess Development
Chess For Fun

Date: 25/06/2026
Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm
Venue: Northcote Intermediate
Organiser: Michael Chen
Entry Close: 20/06/2026

Please send information below to nsjchess@gmail.com for entry.

- Name of school.
- School's chess contact's name and email address.
- Event supervisor's name and email address (if different).
- Players names in each team, Must Rank Players based on skill level Table 1 (strongest), 2, 3 and 4 (weakest), Reserve: (If has one and can only play at 4th Table)
- Please provide player Rating if known

Championship is divided in two division:

QUALIFYING:
6 games of 15 Mins + 5 Sec
(4 players per team, 1 reserve allowed)
School Top 4 players only, TOP 3 teams qualify for the NZ Chess Federation National Final at the end of September at Auckland this year, other top teams can apply for wild cards.

MAJOR: 7 games of 15 Mins + 3 Sec
(4 players per team, 3 players can also join) School other players, no Limits on how many teams per school.

Tournament is an all-day event with the approximate timeline as follows:

- Doors open 8:30am
- Check in 8:30am-9:00am
- Welcome 9:15am
- First round 9:30am
- Prize giving 1:30pm

Entry fee: \$95 per team, Invoice will send to school

Other information

Prizes
There will be a Trophy for Winner of the Championship.
Medals for Top 5 teams of both divisions.

Team
Players must be ranked in order of strength; the order must be declared before the start of the event and must not change during the event. The Organiser has the right to change the team order if he/she thinks it is unfair.

Players
Year 7 and Year 8 only

Tie Break
Tie Break systems will be used in this tournament to prevent equal placement.

Guardianship
Visiting school teams must have an adult (teacher, parent, or guardian) present responsible to supervise them. The Guardian must report to the Organizer on arrival, teams which arrive without such a supervisor will not be allowed to take part.



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School Holidays July 7-9 and 14-16

come to 1 day or all 3!



Week 1: Journey to Ancient Egypt

- create historical props and costumes
- build a time machine
- Immersive storytelling and dramatic play

SEGA



Week 2: DIY Arcade Game

- Learn about electronics
- Experiment with game simulators
- Create a video game using found objects


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