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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：

Our students have also had another fantastic term. I am extremely proud of their effort, progress and hard work both inside and outside the classroom. The quality of work that our students are producing is of an extremely high standard. In addition to this, each learner is striving to be a good citizen and a good human. It has been a pleasure to award a number of Principal and Academic Pins this week to a large number of children. It is a testament to how hard our students are working that I have had to order another 100 academic badges for the remainder of 2026. Handing those out and seeing the smiles on their faces is always the highlight of my week.

A reminder that your child's mid-year report will be arriving home this afternoon. These reports provide an important opportunity to celebrate your child's progress, recognise their strengths, and identify the next steps in their learning.

We know that the refreshed curriculum and new reporting language are different from what many families have experienced in the past. That's why our Deputy Principal and Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Lauren Tyler, has developed a series of short Parent Partnership videos to help make learning, assessment and reporting easier to understand. I strongly encourage every family to take a few minutes to watch them. They explain the reporting language, what your child's report means, and practical ways you can support learning at home. Inside the report envelope, you will find an infographic insert that has been designed to help you understand your child's progress, as well as the QR codes below to help you easily access the Parent Partnership Video Series.

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Video 1

Why learning at BIS is more
focused and explicit

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Video 2

Understanding the new
assessment language

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Video 3

Understanding your child's
report

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Video 4

Supporting learning at home

You'll also notice something a little different for our students. Yesterday, we launched our Progress League. A fun way to help students understand that everyone is on their own learning journey. Just like in sports, every player develops different skills at different times. The Progress League reinforces an important message: it's not where you start that matters, but the progress you make through effort, perseverance and practice. My thanks to Lauren for her creativity, energy, expertise and time she has taken to share these videos. These videos are unique to BIS and reflect Lauren's intention to inform our parents in 2026 using a new, well-thought-through approach. As a parent, I encourage you to view these videos multiple times so that you can confidently talk to your children about their progress and achievements.

When your child's report comes home, I encourage you to sit down together and talk about it. Celebrate their successes, discuss their next steps, and use the report as a starting point for meaningful conversations about learning. Together, the partnership between home and school makes a powerful difference to every learner's success.

From Monday, 20 July, you will be able to book your 15-minute Student Learning Conference via Hero. I strongly encourage all parents to take advantage of this important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievement. It is also an opportunity to discuss pastoral care and to celebrate the many successes our students are achieving this year.

Madagascar Jr auditions have been in full swing all week, with call-backs happening today. Our Directors, Matt and Sam, have informed the students that cast announcements will be sent via email on Tuesday. This is due to the larger number of auditions and the commitments both Matt and Sam have to their own shows over the weekend.

Our School Cross Country is taking place in the first week back in Term 3 on Thursday, 23 July. The PTA will be selling ice blocks at the finish line; they can be pre-ordered via the Online Shop or purchased in limited numbers on the day.

Matariki

My thanks to Mr Jed Hagger, Matua Catterall, Matua Scott, Whaea Riri, and the many parents who supported our Kapa Haka rōpū at Bayswater Primary last Saturday. The group had been working hard alongside Takapuna Grammar and should be incredibly proud of their performance. As a Kapa Haka rōpū they have embraced a lot of new learning and are looking forward to performing in front of the school and at other events towards the end of the year. Matariki falls in the school holidays this year. Mānawatia a Matariki (Celebrate, honour, and welcome Matariki) and enjoy the winter break.

A huge congratulations to David Westwood, who has been cast as the iconic Cat in the Hat, and Nate Ryan Chang, who will be playing the Mayor and the Judge in *Seussical KIDS!* Catch their performances at the Rose Centre at the end of July as part of the Glass Ceiling Arts Collective North Shore's annual musical theatre production.

As it is the last day of the term, I wish to acknowledge the support of our community. My thanks to all those parents who have helped out on zone days, managed and coached sports teams and contributed to the life of the school. I would also like to acknowledge our professional and dedicated teaching staff. It has been a long but productive term with plenty to celebrate as a community.

We congratulate the following students who received the Academic Pin at assembly: Juno Donaldson, Marni Horn, Zachary Yang, Anna Liu, Andrea Skelton, Emma Tunstall, Angelo Vodanovich, Jovia Ho, Mae Wilson, Isla Fletcher-McGrevy, Nina Craighead, Lulu Burge, Nicole Garde, Gangmin Lee, Sam Heard, Finn Gibson, Leon Zhu.

Congratulations to these students who received a Principal's Certificate at Formal Assembly: Bradley Hou, Estel Chou, Elizabeth Wilson, Ryan Zhang, Kingston Clarke, Gia Baskerville, Izzy Richardson, Nina Hjelm, Enayah Maqsud, Maisie Barber, Ruby Moon, Samuel Morunga-Low, Scarlett Riddington, Matilda White, Leo Simons, Ellie Williams, Henry Nicholls, Jayden Wang, Lily Purdom, Elena Stephenson, Ezra Meredith, Noah Faulkner.



Ngā mihi nui

Nick Hill
Principal/ Tumukahi

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar		
Week 1	Mon, 20 July	Term 3 Starts
	Tues, 21 July	New Parent Evening - 6:30pm in the Hall
	Thurs, 23 July	Cross Country
	Fri, 24 July	2027 In-Zone Enrolments Open
Week 2	Mon 27 - Fri 31 July	Sports Camp 2
	Mon, 27 July	Open Day Tours
	Tues, 28 July	Open Day Tours
	Wed, 29 July	NH Netball Zone Day (Girls)
	Thurs, 30 July	NH Netball Zone Day (Boys)
Production Rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm to 3pm		

2027 Enrolments at Belmont Intermediate School

2027 New Parent Information Evening – Tuesday, 21 July at 6:30pm in the School Hall
(No pre-registration is required, students are welcome to attend with their parents/ caregivers)

Open Day Tour 1 - Monday, 27 July 11:15am
Open Day Tour 2 - Tuesday, 28 July 9:00am
(Parents accompany their students for the tours which start from the School Hall)

2027 Enrolment Dates

Online in-zone applications open Friday, 24 July 2026
Please apply via our website
www.belmontint.school.nz/join-us/enrolment
Enrolments close on Friday, 28 August 2026

We look forward to meeting you

Merit Mentions		
Room 1	Evie Porath Marcus Auger	For her integrity and humility in the classroom. Evie consistently shows respect to her peers and teachers, bringing a calm, caring, and welcoming energy to Room 1. For consistently striving to achieve personal excellence. With a strong work ethic, Marcus completes tasks efficiently and to a high standard.
Room 2	Leo Vivian Victoria Zheng	For giving every task a go and approaching his learning with determination and a positive attitude. His fun and friendly nature brings energy to room 2. For consistently putting a great deal of effort into her work and taking pride in completing tasks to the best of her ability. Well done Victoria!
Room 3	Violet Evetts-Perry Mac Hoang	For showing real focus and effort in maths learning; Violet has been working really hard to ask questions, and apply her understanding. Well done Vi! Mac consistently shows excellence in class, ensuring that he is giving 100% to each lesson. This shows in the work that he produces, which is showing good progress.
Room 4	Ben Kalupahana Liv Piper	For his focus and commitment to learning. Ben approaches all tasks with determination and makes the most out of every learning opportunity. For demonstrating perseverance and a positive attitude towards learning. Liv consistently displays the school values of respect and courage in all that she does.
Room 5	Louise Lancelot Aucktons Sudsang	Louise exemplifies our school value of creativity in all she does. Her kind and bubbly nature makes her a meaningful asset to our learning environment. Aucktons consistently gives everything he does 100%, whether on the sports field or in the classroom; he demonstrates excellence and a growth mindset.
Room 6	Milly White Jetta Webb	Milly is an exceptional student whose academic confidence grows stronger by the day. She consistently pushes herself, eagerly tackling new challenges with determination. Jetta is a hardworking student who is always eager to assist her teachers and peers. Her constant willingness to help creates a positive and collaborative classroom environment.
Room 7	Ed Luxton Sophia Arnott	For showing increased diligence and focus in his learning. Ed has demonstrated that when he applies himself, he is capable of producing work to a high standard. Keep it up! For showing that hard work and determination lead to success. Sophia has become a positive example to her friends and is demonstrating a more focused approach to her learning.
Room 8	Greta Smith Elsa Lu	Great has shown excellent progression in her mathematics this term. Her mathematical fluency and calculation strategies have been impressive. Keep it up! For displaying courage to speak and write in English throughout the day. Keep up this effort for the rest of the year Elsa!

Merit Mentions

Room 9	Zoe Parmenter Joe Mamon	For all your hard work, Zoe, you consistently demonstrate dedication and a positive attitude in all subject areas. Well done! For your outstanding effort in participating in Kapa Haka and for consistently applying feedback to improve your work. Well done, Joe!
Room 10	Leon Hsu Mireine Eiamsirak	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	Austin Wang Isaac Sorensen	For the wonderful care and loyalty you show by looking out for your friends. Your willingness to always offer a helping hand makes you a fantastic classmate! For the bright, bubbly energy you bring to our class every single day. Thank you for your hard work to achieve your goals!
Room 12	Jay Zhuang Luna Ma	For your positive attitude and collaborative work during Integrated Studies. Thank you for your positive attitude and willingness to work hard for your peers. Luna has consistently worked at a high level in class and taken on a strong leadership role in collaborative work. Well done, Luna.
Room 13	Martha Duncan Joanie Mackrill	For your consistent academic effort throughout the term. Martha, you can be proud of your achievements! I am proud of you! Joanie has been an asset to our classroom environment, quietly leading by example and consistently giving her best effort to all tasks.
Room 14	Jesse Legarth Kalisi Gray	Jesse demonstrates a quiet determination and has shown a good commitment to his learning, steadily improving in all areas. Well done, Jesse. For her kind and caring nature in the classroom and always offering to help. Kalisi sets a great example for her peers, well done!
Room 15	Isla Fletcher-McGrevy Shundai Nakamura	For your dedication and positive attitude. Isla you consistently deliver work to a high standard and set an incredible example for those around you. Well done! Shundai is an extremely hard working member of Room 15. He tackles all challenges with a great attitude and perseveres in his learning. Keep it up!
Room 16	The whole of Room 16	For being such a hard working and fun class to teach. Be very proud of all your wonderful achievements this year. You all deserve an amazing 2 week holiday.
Room 17	Emelia Kelly Boadicea Todd	For your positive attitude towards learning, your dedication to excellence, and your genuine enthusiasm for school. Keep up the great work, Emelia! For consistently showing kindness and respect to peers and teachers, and upholding the school's core values with pride. Keep it up!
Room 18	Moses Ebrahim Luke Harbour	For his dedication and perseverance in class. Moses has shown great creativity in completing his museum exhibition and strong understanding when writing. Ka pai! For his focus and positive attitude. Luke is a hard working member of room 18 and consistently displays the school's values of respect and courage. Well done!
Room 19	Abel Lines Amy Cui	Abel has taken a clear step up in his mathematics, showing increasing mastery of algorithm methods with growing confidence and accuracy. Keep up the great work! Amy consistently shows care by building positive connections with her classmates and other members of the school community. She contributes to a supportive environment by including others, showing kindness, and working collaboratively.
Room 20	Ida McAlpine Raymond Chang	For your humility and dedication to your learning. Ida, you have successfully balanced your sporting commitments with your academic responsibilities, consistently demonstrating maturity, organisation, and determination. For your commitment to learning and academic growth. Raymond, you have made impressive progress both socially and academically this year. Keep up the fantastic work, Raymond!
Room 23	Brax Doddrell Doris Liu	Brax has shown continual perseverance in his work and dedication to helping his classmates this half year. He approaches challenges with determination and strives to do his best. Doris is a determined and focused student who approaches her learning with diligence and care. She consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic in the classroom.
Room 24	Noah Cooper-Crawford Lola Huata	Noah's willingness to seek clarification and take ownership of his learning is helping him make positive progress in class. Well done, Noah. Lola is showing growing confidence in Maths by asking thoughtful questions when needed and is developing the skills to tackle challenges with increasing confidence.

Specialist Merit Mentions

Science	Quinny Yeoman, Sophie Sickling, Lana Sawyer, Aye Thitsa Hlaing, Dana Kim, Elena Stephenson, Leila Fisher, Sophia Edmonds, Alisa Li, Lulu Aitchison-Studd	For excellent results in your biological drawings and adaptations.
Food Tech	Leon Sowman, Casimir Collins, Luna Ma, Elena Stephenson, Ida McAlpine, Hugo Stebbing, Kayden Luu, Raymond Chang, Lynda Amosa, Claire Knight, Jushya Mahantesh-Gilmour, Dalton Smith	For their excellent attitude and conscientious approach to all aspects of food technology.
Languages	Yufei Wang, Doris Liu, Ling Gong, Laura Wang, Corina Chew, Eva Ding	Using your depth of knowledge to support the learning of your peers. Wonderful work! 教学相长
Visual Art	Harriet Phillips, Jahziel Luga, Joshua Yang, Charlotte Rataul, Marcus Nguyen, Mae Wilson, Chloe Nicholls, Amy Cui, Isabel Palmer Sanderson, Cleo Topham, Dulcie King-Cole	For exploring gel printing processes creatively.
Hard Tech		
Music	Eli Little-Codling, Aria Kingi-Kita, Sophie Zhang, Valentina Cabrera, Kingston Clarke, James Garnham. Esmee Poole, Liv Bellerby-Juillard, Finn de Vrij, Martha Duncan, Ellie Williams, Daniel Chen.	For your dedication to developing your ukulele skills and confidently leading your class in music-making. For working with great dedication in songwriting class. Your hard work is paying off!
Dance/Drama	Jura Fletcher-McGrevy, Zac Everett, Zoe Smith, Lily Purdom, Harley McLeay, Gwyneth Flanagan, Declan Takuira, Seb Tyler, Phoebe Rose-Stewart, Victoria An, Bailey Kent, Eli Manjengwa	For their excellent effort, positive attitude, and great contributions during dance and drama lessons. Well done!
ESOL	Yuna Shimizu, Aria Lin, Yitong Xu, Rachel Ling, Ryo Euda, Shundai Nakamura	For your positive attitude and determination when learning new vocabulary, and for growing in confidence as English language learners.



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PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Understanding your child's learning

A series of short videos designed to help families better understand learning, assessment and reporting at BIS.

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Parent Partnership Video 3: "Not yet on track."





Parent Partnership 4: How can you help your child's learning







Stronger partnerships between home and school



Clear, easy to understand information



Know where your child is achieving



Working together for every learner

School News



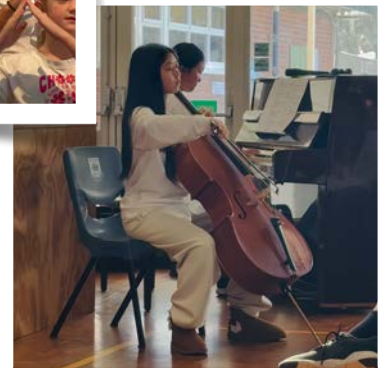
Celebrating Culture, Creativity and Student Talent

Last week, BIS came together for a special Cultural Assembly celebrating the incredible musical and cultural talents of our students. We were delighted to welcome over 100 parents, whānau, and friends who joined us for this special occasion.

Our students shared a wonderful range of performances, from the opening karakia and waiata by our Kapa Haka group, through to our choirs, Top Notes, Treble Makers, Percussion Group, Ukulele Group, chamber ensembles, and a beautiful traditional Chinese guzheng performance.

It was fantastic to see our students perform with such confidence, passion, and pride. A huge thank you to all our performers, staff, and supporters for helping bring this celebration to life. A special thank you to Ms Piper for her dedication in working with our students and bringing together such a wonderful showcase of talent.

We are incredibly proud of the way our students share their talents and contribute to the diverse and vibrant culture of our school community.





Mānawatia a Matariki



Our BIS Kapa Haka Rōpū had the honour of performing at the Matariki Festival hosted by Bayswater Primary School over the weekend.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their mahi with the wider community. Their confidence, commitment, and pride continue to grow with every performance, and we are incredibly proud of the way they represented BIS.

A huge thank you to Bayswater Primary School for the invitation and for creating such a special Matariki celebration, and to everyone who came along to support. A special thank you to Matua Catterall, Matua Scott, Whaea Riri and Mr Hagger for the time, energy, and passion they continue to give to our Rōpū.

Ka mau te wehi!

Credit to
Kathryn Nobbs
Photography.



Ka mahuta a Matariki i te pae, ka mahuta ō tātou tūmanako ki te tau.
When Matariki rises above the horizon, our aspirations rise to the year ahead.

As part of our Matariki celebrations, students in Rakino and Motutapu enjoyed a meaningful learning experience this term. They rotated through a range of activities exploring the different stars within the Matariki cluster and their significance.

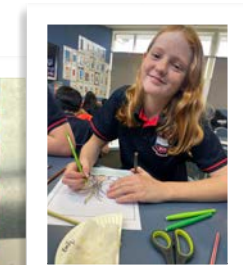
The rotations provided an opportunity for kaiako (teachers) to work with students from across the teams, helping to build connections and strengthen our sense of community.

Students created toi (art) to display in classroom windows and entered the BIS Window Display Contest. To conclude the unit, students reflected on the reasons and ways we celebrate Matariki and took on the role of kaitaki (guardian or caretaker) by helping prepare the kura (school) environment to welcome the new year.

Student highlights

- Augie (Room 5): "My highlight was working with new kaiako and being creative when making toi."
- Sienna (Room 5): "The Pohutukawa star stuck with me because it's about remembrance. I remembered my pet budgie Rover and added a special rau (leaf) for him to our class tree."
- Maddy (Room 9): "I enjoyed learning about Waiti and Waitā (moana and freshwater). I learned how important they are for the creatures that live in the wai (water) and why we must whakaute (show respect) for them."
- Lucia (Room 9): "My favourite part was reflecting on all the whetū (stars), learning ways to celebrate, and doing a school clean-up so our taiao (environment) is ready for the new year."
- Javier (Room 10): "I learned the meaning of 'tapu'—it's about sacredness. It doesn't mean we can't enjoy something, but that we should whakaute (respect) it."
- Nico (Room 1): "I liked discovering how different cultures view the Matariki cluster - some celebrate fewer than nine stars. I also learned that in Japan they call the cluster Subaru, which is the name and logo of the car company."

Ngā mihi (thank you) to all taura (students) and kaiako who took part in this reflective and creative celebration of Matariki.



Electives Update

Karaoke Club

Karaoke Club has been a fantastic opportunity for students to step into the spotlight in a fun, supportive, and encouraging environment. Each week, students choose their favourite songs, with lyrics displayed on screen just like a real karaoke experience. Whether performing solo or inviting friends to join them, students receive plenty of encouragement, applause, and support from their peers.

It has been wonderful to see students grow in confidence, express themselves through music, and enjoy the chance to share their voices in a positive and welcoming space.



Board Games in the Library

The Board Games elective has been a popular choice this term, giving students the opportunity to relax, connect with others, and enjoy some friendly competition each week. Held in the school library, students have access to a range of classic and familiar games, creating a welcoming space to unwind and have fun with friends.

Beyond the games themselves, this elective has been a wonderful example of our school values in action. Students have shown kindness, patience, and inclusiveness, with everyone welcome to join in. It has been fantastic to see students building connections and creating a positive, supportive environment together.



Book Makers Club

Book Makers Club has been a wonderful space for students to explore their creativity and bring their ideas to life through storytelling. Each week, students use creative prompts to inspire characters, settings, and exciting storylines, developing their skills as writers and storytellers.

The highlight of the club has been seeing the freedom students have to follow their own creative paths. Many have taken their ideas beyond the weekly prompts, creating multi-chapter stories, graphic novels, and imaginative worlds of their own. It has been fantastic to see students' confidence grow as they experiment with writing, illustration, and the endless possibilities of their imagination.



Fairy Mischief by Phoebe Rose-Stewart



In the deep forest of the Cornus territory I met a friend who loved me dearly. She would give me gifts like her fairy dust, share her home with me and lead me along a comforting path yet the only thing in return I gave her was myself staying. For a year my life lived with no troubles found except for the few times I muddled up my words and forgot some traditions. I felt like a free woman, free from the world of my past. Until one day she left me, finding out who I really was, a dreaded, ghastly, horrifying slime of a human. And they all fled from me.

"Lenore? Oh, Lenore I've been searching for ages, I solved the tree! I did it! Oh, Lenore." I would say as I wandered through the sea of jungles and the region of black waters in search of someone who accepted me, loved me. I never found the Cornus territory again and I did question it at first but I realised one important thing: When everything seems at its worst it will get better. And there as I backed my thought track up I found something to distract myself with, a strange library, hanging from a cliff...

Short Film Making

The Short Film Making elective has given students the opportunity to explore storytelling through the lens of a camera. Students have been developing their own film ideas, experimenting with camera angles, movement, and perspectives to bring their stories to life.

They have enjoyed exploring different locations around the school and learning how creative choices can shape the mood and impact of a film. Some students are taking their projects even further by preparing to enter the OnScreen 2026 Short Film Competition for Year 7 and 8 students. It has been fantastic to see their creativity, collaboration, and confidence shine through.



From the desk of our BIS Media Committee

THE BIS BUZZ

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OUR VOICE.

What Is Going On At School?

A Student's Perspective by Alisa Li and Jovia Ho

As winter approaches, various activities are taking place at our school. Get ready for a brief overview of what's happening at BIS!

Cultural Assembly

In Week 10, we had an amazing performance by a huge range of our students, showcasing their unique talents on stage! Big applause to the students who bravely stepped up—it is not an easy thing to do! Thanks to Kapa Haka, Chamber Groups, Treble Makers, Percussion Group, and Top Notes for such an outstanding experience.

Upcoming Production

Good luck to all students trialling for the upcoming production, Madagascar Jr! It is a production led by professionals from outside the school and, of course, our wonderful principal, Mr Hill. The trials are set for this week, Week 11. It will be such an amazing show—we can't wait! (Whisper Keep an eye out for the tickets before they sell out! ;D)

National Young Authors Fair

The National Young Authors Fair is one of the world's largest student book-writing competitions, hosted by BriBooks. They have returned to New Zealand for a second edition. It is a fun challenge for anyone who is passionate about writing and wants to step out of their comfort zone. Have a crack at it, even if you don't win!

Matariki Festival Featuring Kapa Haka

Last weekend, our school Kapa Haka group participated in the Matariki Festival at Bayswater Primary. They performed exciting songs and haka, including Whakataka Te Hao, Rerenga Wairua, Tika Tonu, and E Minaka Ana. You all performed with all your hearts, and we are proud of you! (Thanks to Jade for providing information!)

Sports Camp

Our Sports Camp Team 1 was sent off from the 15th to the 19th of June to participate in an exciting competition against many schools from across the North Shore. They successfully performed their chant, which has been in progress for many weeks. Welcome back!

Lunchtime Sport

by Vinny and Jasper

Lunchtime sport is an exciting competition that is played during the term in which the four school houses compete to win and earn house points. In lunchtime sports, you don't have to sign up; you just have to turn up on time with your PE gear on and play. The house captains coach the team on the day of the game, which happens every Tuesday and Thursday. Each term we play a different sport. This term we played football, one of the most exhilarating sports, and rumours have it we are playing netball next term.

The four houses in our school are Cuvier, Tiri, Brett, and Pencarrow. All the houses are desperate for the win because it grants house points and gets them one step closer to winning the House Cup at the end of the year. This term the houses played intense matches of football.

After six exhilarating rounds—each team playing every other team once—the results came in. Brett and Pencarrow were competing for 3rd and 4th place, with Cuvier and Tiri fighting for first place. After an intense match, Pencarrow beat Brett 3-1, giving them the title of 3rd place. At the same time, Cuvier and Tiri had a fierce game, but when time was up, it was still even. So the two teams went into penalty shootouts. While it was still extremely tight, Tiri won, bringing them the title of first place.

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SPOTLIGHT ON... MS ROOKE

Interviewed by: Otto and Kobe
Written by: Chris

Two of our media service team, Otto and Kobe, recently caught up with Ms Rooke (room 15) to get some additional info on her life. Did you know that before teaching here, she was actually a swim instructor at a summer camp where she realised she loved helping people? She loves preparing kids for their next big chapter, which is why she'd choose to teach Year 6 if she couldn't teach Year 8. Plus, if she could steal anyone's job for a day, she'd pick Melissa in the office just so she could have some fun being noisy on the loudspeaker!

Classroom life is pretty wild, which is why she picked the exploding head emoji to describe the shocking things that happen every day. She thinks her students are super energetic, but she'd still ban ridiculous TikTok songs, silly noises, and people constantly saying "67". Also, if you're planning on using the classic "my Wi-Fi went down" homework excuse, don't bother, because she knows you were just up all night gaming. She has seen it all, including the hilarious time a student claimed he "accidentally" spray-painted his Birkenstock shoes bright gold. We all know that it was NOT an accident.

When she's not reading, boating, or heading to Wellington, Ms Rooke warns that her personal warning label is "BEWARE: short-fused and short-tempered". She even dropped a massive secret that she's secretly besties with the FIFA World Cup writers to help get a better team. If a zombie apocalypse ever hits the school, she's tracking down Mrs. B from Room 20. She never stresses and would easily terrify the zombies away. Wrapping it up, she's incredibly proud of everyone's epic Ancient Civilisations projects.

buzzing with life



Daffodil Day – Friday 28 August 🌻💛

This year, BIS is supporting Daffodil Day by fundraising through our school donation page. Rather than collecting cash donations, we are encouraging our community to make their contribution online.

To show our support, students are invited to wear yellow mufti on Friday, 28 August, and help us turn the school yellow for this important cause.

To donate, simply scan the QR code or click the link [here](#). Every contribution helps support the Cancer Society's work, providing care, support, and hope for people affected by cancer.



*Yellow
Mufti
Day*

Sports

AIMS Games Hip Hop Team

Our AIMS Games Hip Hop Team wrapped up their Term 2 training this week after a fantastic term of hard work, commitment, and creativity. Led by Emma Wildman, the team has been preparing for the prestigious AIMS Hip Hop Competition, taking place at the end of Week 7 next term.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have the support of talented dancers Hanae Choi and Harmony, who generously shared their expertise, choreography, and passion with our students.

We are extremely proud of the dedication and enthusiasm shown by every member of the team and look forward to seeing them take the stage at AIMS in September as they defend last year's 2nd place.

Ava McLeay
Ciara Walker
Estel Chou
Eva Ledeneva
Georgia Misur
Holly Steel
Isla Nielson
Lily Purdom
Mackenzie France
Maggie Sievers
Maia Perry
Sophia Edmonds
Violet Wilkinson
Zoe Leggott





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On the Court

Our Netball team had a fantastic game last week, securing a 22–10 win over Northcote. The team showed great teamwork, determination, and skill throughout the match, with our Principal, Nick Hill, joining the sideline support and cheering the team on.

Congratulations to the team on another great performance!

Girls Basketball Success

A huge congratulations to our Girls Basketball team, the Bullets, who achieved an incredible result in the North Shore Girls Intermediate Basketball competition.

Competing in the highest grade level (Grade 1), the team showed outstanding determination and teamwork. After a thrilling one-point win over Murray's Bay in the semi-final, the Bullets went on to defeat Northcross in the final — a team that had remained undefeated throughout the competition.

This is an incredible achievement, particularly given the size of the schools they competed against. The Bullets entered the competition as underdogs but continued to grow, improve, and show the true spirit of BIS throughout the season. We are incredibly proud of their success!

The team:

Ava Morreau
Chloe Southwell
Harriet Phillips
Sophie Sickling

Bonnie Robinson
Georgia Roberts
Makaia Anesi

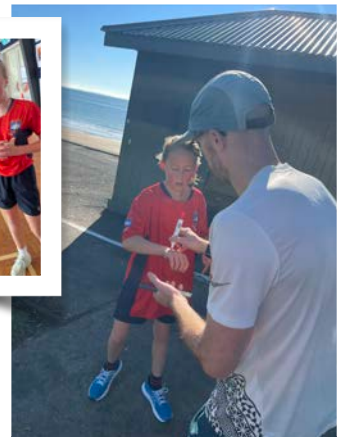


Cross Country Training at Narrow Neck

Students have been making the most of the beautiful winter weather by training at Narrow Neck Beach in preparation for our upcoming Cross Country event. Running across different surfaces and navigating the natural terrain has been a fantastic way to build fitness, confidence, and resilience.

These sessions have also provided an opportunity to revisit our learning around *tūrangawaewae* — strengthening our connection to the places where we belong and recognising the importance of caring for our local environment.

We have been incredibly impressed by the determination, perseverance, and encouragement students have shown each other throughout their training. We look forward to seeing their hard work shine at Cross Country!



News Headlines! 🏃🏃

Our BIS Breakfast Run Club was featured on TVNZ Breakfast last week, with the news team visiting to highlight the amazing commitment of our students, staff, and parent volunteers.

Each Wednesday morning, around 70 students meet before school to run to Narrow Neck Beach and back - starting the day with fresh air, movement, and plenty of positive energy. Rain or shine, our runners continue to show up and embrace the challenge.

The club is a wonderful example of our BIS spirit, encouraging our community to prioritise wellbeing, build healthy habits, and start the school day ready to learn. A huge thank you to everyone who makes this happen each week!

Visit our Facebook page to watch the clip.



Success Outside of School

Artistic Swimming

Congratulations to Cassandra Reid, who recently competed at the NZ North Island Artistic Swimming Competition held in Auckland from 19–21 June. Cassandra showed dedication, teamwork, and commitment throughout the event, achieving an impressive 2nd place in the 12U team category.

A fantastic achievement — well done Cassandra! We are proud to celebrate your success.



Success Outside of School – VEX Robotics

Congratulations to Raymond Chang and his team (2996G), who recently took part in the VEX IQ Robotics Competition Scrimmage #1. This practice event marked the beginning of the new competition season and gave teams the opportunity to test their robot designs, learn the new game rules, and gain valuable competition experience.

Raymond and his teammates completed multiple matches, worked collaboratively, and competed alongside teams from schools and clubs across the region. While there were no official rankings or awards at this scrimmage, it was a fantastic opportunity to build skills and prepare for the official VEX Robotics competitions later this season.

VEX Robotics challenges students to design, build, and programme their own robots while developing skills in engineering, coding, teamwork, and problem-solving. We look forward to following Raymond's team as they continue their robotics journey!



Making Moves Beyond the Classroom

Congratulations to our BIS Chess teams who recently competed in the North Shore Intermediate Regional Interschools Chess Competition. Both teams represented BIS with great skill, focus, and sportsmanship.

Our Belmont A team competed in the Qualifying Division, with Joel Wong achieving an outstanding result by going undefeated and earning the second-best individual player award across all qualifying teams. Yan Lu had a fantastic performance, receiving the Best Girl medal as the only female competitor in the division.

Belmont B also had a strong showing, finishing 8th out of 17 teams in the Major Division. It was wonderful to see our students embrace the challenge, enjoy the competition, and represent BIS so proudly.



Notices & Community News

SMASH TENNIS
HOLIDAY CAMP PLAY. LEARN. HAVE FUN.

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**
***NO CAMP ON MATARIKI FRIDAY 10TH** **DROP OFFS WELCOME FROM 8.30AM**



BOOK NOW: WWW.SMASHTENNIS.NZ or TEXT JO: 021 493 489


Takapuna Grammar School

Enrolment applications for Year 9 students wishing to attend Takapuna Grammar in 2027 open on 1 July 2026.

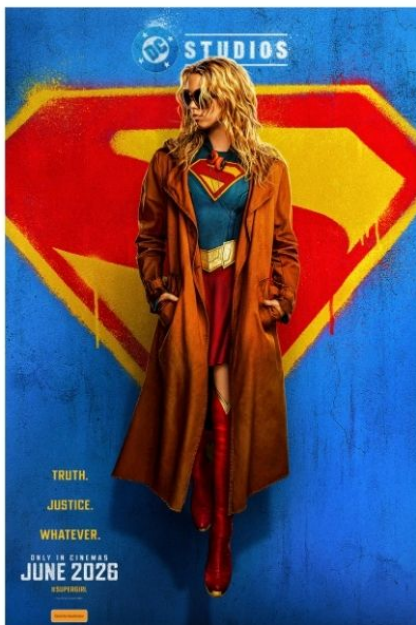
APPLY ONLINE AT
www.takapuna.school.nz/enrolment

IN ZONE STUDENTS
Once enrolled a confirmation email will be sent containing a booking code to attend an enrolment interview on either Wednesday 19 August or Thursday 3 September.

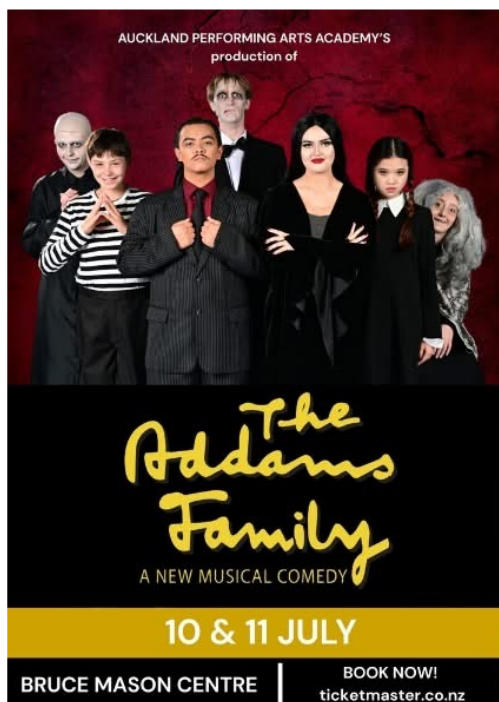
OUT OF ZONE STUDENTS
Applications close on 2 September for the Year 9 ballot which will be drawn on 9 September. Successful applicants will attend an enrolment interview on 16 September.

OPEN EVENING - THURSDAY 23 JULY
Prospective students and families are warmly welcome to attend. Sessions begin at 4.00pm and 5.30pm with a presentation from our Principal followed by school tours.

We look forward to meeting you soon.



These school holidays, The Vic has a bunch of fun movies and giveaways to be won! For more info on our films and events visit www.thevic.co.nz



Featuring Belmont Intermediate students



Lulu Aitchison-Studd
Dance Troupe, Ancestor



Bella Morrah
Featured Ancestor



NETBALL YEAR 7 & 8 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

SKILLS AND GAME PLAY SESSIONS RUN BY THE TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL PREMIER NETBALL TEAM

PLAY FUN AND COMPETITIVE NETBALL SKILLS GAMES

IMPROVE YOUR PASSING AND ACCURACY

MEET OTHER KEEN NETBALLERS

WORK ON CHANGE OF DIRECTION AND MOVEMENT



\$60 A DAY
OR \$100 FOR 2 DAYS

MONDAY 6 JULY 10AM - 3PM
TUESDAY 7 JULY 10AM - 3PM
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

HELD IN THE TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS HALL
LIMITED TO 30 STUDENTS A DAY

MORE INFO & REGISTER HERE

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TGSPREMIERNETBALL@GMAIL.COM
FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT THE TEAM AT TOURNAMENT WEEK 2026

Road Works Reminder

A reminder of the road works taking place over the school holidays. Seacliffe Avenue will be closed to traffic while the road is resurfaced. Work will take place during the day and overnight for approximately 10 days. Buses and traffic routes will be affected during this time. While you won't need to worry about student drop off or pick up during the holidays, there will be delays and changes to travel routes if you are travelling through the area.