

NEWSLETTER



Belmont Intermediate School



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：

Today, our school was a sea of yellow as we came together to support Daffodil Day and the Cancer Society's vital work supporting people affected by cancer. Daffodils are a bright symbol of hope, strength, and life, reminding us of the power of community in supporting those affected by cancer. At the time of writing this, we have raised an incredible \$1,483.00 - a fantastic achievement! Thank you to all our students, families, and staff who donated, wore yellow, or bought a daffodil.

We have a number of events coming up in the coming weeks including our school disco next Wednesday night and the AIMS Games the following week. Our teams are well prepared and I want to acknowledge the coaches and managers for their hard work over the last several months. I am looking forward to supporting our teams and individual athletes throughout the week.

Takapuna Grammar Transition

To help support a smooth transition from Belmont Intermediate to Takapuna Grammar School next year, we will be sharing end-of-year assessment data with TGS as part of their placement process. This information will be provided alongside our Overall Teacher Judgments (OTJs). TGS staff will also have the opportunity to meet with our Year 8 teaching team to discuss each student individually. Please note that responsibility for next year's class placements remains with TGS.

In addition, our Year 8 students will have a transition visit to TGS in mid-September. The purpose of this visit is to familiarise our BIS students with TGS and give them a taste of a "day in the life of" a Year 9 student. Year 8 teachers will be in touch shortly with exact dates and further details for these visits.

Our students have enjoyed a huge amount of success at musical and sporting events over the last fortnight. I encourage you to read the rest of the newsletter and celebrate their many achievements. Our assembly on Monday is packed with certificates, trophies and awards to acknowledge the success that our learners have enjoyed. We are extremely proud of how well our learners continue to represent our school and community.



Preparations for Madagascar Jr are well underway with costumes arriving, rehearsals in full swing, props being made and sourced and lighting technicians scoping our requirements for the show. From a make up and face painting perspective, we would love to have some parent support with this. If you have experience in face painting or are handy with a make up brush please contact me at nhill@belmontint.school.nz. We have four shows during the week beginning 12th October: Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Friday matinee and evening.

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our Presenting Partner, Fresh Choice Hauraki, for their invaluable support. We also extend special thanks to our Gold Sponsors, Nicola Jones Insurance and Chris Batchelor from Bayleys Real Estate, our Silver Sponsor, Mark and Nicole Delaney of Viridis, and our Bronze Sponsor, Lauren Willis of Whitlock Williams Limited. Their generous sponsorship plays a vital role in making this event possible.

Ngā mihi nui

Nick Hill
Principal/ Tumuaki

Tickets Coming Soon!

Our signboards will be going up around the local area shortly, so keep an eye out for Madagascar Jnr appearing in the community! Tickets will also be going on sale soon, with more information to follow.

We can't wait to share the hard work, creativity and talent of our students with you when Madagascar Jnr hits the stage this October!



Props Are Underway!

Our Art Director, Larissa Johnson, and room 2 teacher, Michelle Barry, have a wonderful team of student artists working behind the scenes to bring the world of Madagascar Jnr to life. From birthday cakes to fake sushi and steaks, our props team has been busy creating the props and backdrops requested by our production team. It is fantastic to see our students using their creativity and skills to play such an important role behind the scenes. There is plenty more to come over the next few weeks as our team continues creating for the show!

A request from our Props Team:

Do you have a complete cardboard box from a fridge or tall washing machine that you no longer need? We'd love to repurpose it as a prop! The boxes need to:

- Have a square-shaped top (not thin like a TV box)
- Be tall enough for a student to stand inside
- Have all four walls/sides intact



Merit Mentions

Room 1	Sehasna Munugoda Hewage Jake Kim	For her perseverance and effort in writing. She has worked diligently to improve her persuasive writing skills to write a quality letter. For his consistent effort and skill in maths. He works hard to challenge himself and support others in their learning.
Room 2	Estel Chou Catherine Ma	For the kind and supportive way you stepped up to help with the speeches. Your eagerness to help others is greatly appreciated. For your uplifting presence in the classroom. Your kindness and care for others make you a pleasure to have in Room 2.
Room 3	Indii Michell Xavier Stirling	For her progress and effort in maths, and for showing kindness and respect to those around her. For consistent hard work and effort in all subjects. Xavier works well with all partners, and is an excellent role model in Room 3 - well done!
Room 4	Lucy Millen Dylan Trestour	For her consistent focus and effort in class, and for showing kindness, encouragement and support towards others. For displaying a growth mindset with your learning and utilising feedback effectively. Keep up the fantastic work!
Room 5	Rosa Balgarnie Augie Scovell	Rosa has shown outstanding focus and enthusiasm for learning. She now takes great pride in producing high-quality work that reflects her true potential. Augie consistently demonstrates exceptional leadership skills in class. She brings positive, helpful energy every day that benefits the entire Room 5 learning environment.
Room 6	Eleanor Engstrom Campbell Main	Eleanor's boundless energy and joy bring unmatched enthusiasm to every PE class. Her positive attitude makes active learning fun for everyone! Ka pai, Eleanor! Campbell has stepped up brilliantly as Vice Class Captain. His reliability, initiative, and strong leadership make him a fantastic role model for our classroom! Ka pai, Campbell.
Room 7	Sophia Arnott Charlotte Cadogan	For demonstrating consistency, effort, and a positive attitude towards her learning. Sophia is beginning to see the results of her hard work. Ka pai! For showing growing confidence and proving what she is capable of as a learner. Charlotte's effort and perseverance are helping her make positive progress. Well done!
Room 8	Florence Clipson Josiah Hana-Wheeler	Florence has adapted to life at BIS incredibly well. She brings positivity and enthusiasm to all she does and has become a well-valued member of the class. Ka pai, Florence! Josiah has shown excellent temperament and attitude to his work these past few weeks. We have seen a creative side to his writing. Keep it up, Josiah!
Room 9	Maddison Byrne Rio Ha	For consistently demonstrating our school values through her hard work, dedication and focus. She approaches every challenge with a positive attitude. Ka pai Maddie! For being an absolute delight in the classroom with a great sense of humour and fantastic values. Always ready to deliver his best efforts. Well done!
Room 10	Emma Tunstall Séamus Conroy	For consistently showing respect to peers and teachers and upholding the school's core values with pride. For showing growing confidence in your learning and for your positive attitude. Thank you for approaching each task with enthusiasm.
Room 11	Max Fu Sophie Zhang	For your fantastic effort and eager attitude to build strong connections with your peers since joining our school this term. For your consistent effort and growing confidence in your learning. Keep up the fantastic work!
Room 12	Jay Zhuang Sophia Edmonds	For demonstrating genuine care for his classmates and friends and showing great respect. Jay is a shining example of a BIS student with strong values. Sophia has started Term 3 with an excellent focus and determination. She is going above and beyond to achieve academic success. Ka pai!
Room 13	Esmee Poole Jamie Armour	For consistently producing work of a high quality. Esmee comes to school, ready to learn and have fun while doing so. Keep it up, Esmee! Jamie comes to school every day with a smile on his face, and treats everyone with kindness. Furthermore, he approaches every task with a growth mindset! Well done!

Room 14	Rhiannon McAnally Joshua Yang	For consistently showing kindness and respect to her peers and teachers, and for always putting in her best effort in class. Well done, Rhiannon! For his positive energy and determination in class, and for making steady, commendable progress in all areas of his learning. Keep it up, Joshua!
Room 15	Kian Vakili Maria Okumura	For a wonderful start at BIS, demonstrating great perseverance and resilience while settling into a new school. Well done, Kian! For being a kind and supportive member of Room 15. Your initiative and willingness to help others is wonderful to see. Keep it up, Maria!
Room 16	Archie White Sophie Masters	For his exceptional academic focus, continuous effort, and unwavering kindness and encouragement of others. Awesome work, Archie - the hard work is paying off. Sophie, your dedicated effort, improved focus, and positive attitude are truly paying off. It is wonderful to see your diligence rewarded with such fantastic academic outcomes.
Room 17	Roman Garland Harvey Proud	For your dedication and continued effort to challenge yourself, while generously helping those around you with maths. Your hard work does not go unnoticed! For your hard work and dedication in class. You are making fantastic progress and showing how capable you are. Keep up the great work!
Room 18	Zac Everett Lily Moerdyk	For his consistent hard work and effort in all subjects. Zac is persistent in achieving success in his learning and does so with a smile on his face. Ka pai! For consistently applying herself in all she does. Lily is rising to the extra challenges set in maths, improving in writing, and doing it all with a smile. Ka pai!
Room 19	Theo Thomas Nora Zhang	For being a resilient learner who consistently puts in effort. Your perseverance is showing in the amazing progress you've made this term! For being a kind and considerate classmate who puts others' needs ahead of your own. Your teamwork and communication skills are really improving. Well done, Nora!
Room 20	Chloe Southwell Elijah Steytler	For consistently applying herself in all that she does. Chloe approaches every opportunity with dedication and always strives to do her best. Ka pai Chloe! Elijah has had a fantastic start to the term. He consistently applies himself and gives his best effort in everything he does. Keep up the great work, Elijah, ka pai!
Room 23	Jasper Qin Sophia Tian	For your positive attitude and always showing up to class with a smile on your face. You have shown me how hard working and diligent you are. For your hard work and dedication in maths. You are making great progress and showing how capable you are. Well done!
Room 24	Room 24 (the best class ever)	For the incredible effort you have shown throughout the year. Your positive attitude and determination have made me incredibly proud. Most importantly, the kindness and support you show one another make Room 24 a special place to be. Thank you for being such a fantastic class. I appreciate every single one of you!

Specialist Merit Mentions

Science	Clara Freeman, Ava Morreau, Georgia Westgate, Aki Cheung, Grace Peart, Anisha Anisha, Amy Cui, Joe Marie Mamon, Nia Thomas, Maddison Byrne, Lucy Becker, Isabel Palmer Sanderson, Chloe Southwell, Eden Hick, Georgia Wensor, Cleo Topham	The students have shown a great can-do attitude in science, participated well in experiments and group work, and produced a very good standard of work.
Food Tech	Tracy Oo, Beth Reed, Franko Hansen, Wilde Meredith, Martha Duncan Tahlia Bates, Mika Besier, Thawdar Han Win, Austin Wang, Lucas Macklin, Arizona Wells, Imogen Gallagher	For their excellent focus, effort, engagement and application to all tasks in food technology. For their impressive start to food technology, displaying a positive, focused, collaborative and hard-working approach to all tasks.
Languages	Leon Sowman, Fletcher Jessop, Lulu Burge, Claire Knight, James Maddigan, Sophie Masters, Elijah Steytler	For a fantastic re-start to your Chinese learning journey. Your positive energy and enthusiasm for learning have been excellent. 加油!
Visual Art	The 'Production Props' elective group	For your hard work, dedication and effort in creating wonderful props to use in the production, you have made such a great start!
Hard Tech	Izzy Crawford, Finn De Vrij, Kira Sawyer, Joel Osterdijk, Kohlton Williams, Jesse Legarth, Mae Wilson, Matilda White, Jasper Brant, Blake Lee, Isa Cutfield, Harriet Phillips	For a very high productivity rate, and great workmanship coupled with team work.

Specialist Merit Mentions

Music	Clara McPherson, Belle-Edite Richardson, Nellie Rais, Marcus Auger, Allegra Child, Hazel Singh, Clem Whittington, Wolf Schroder, Timothy White, Pippa Job, Archie White, Mira Ataseven	For brilliant engagement in music class. Your hard work and positive attitude make you a great role model for others and have helped you achieve a strong level in your own learning.
Dance/Drama	Isla Edwards, Mila Gladwell, Violet Evetts-Perry, Isaac Sorensen, Nia Thomas, Willa Shapiro, Maria Greig, Maddison Byrne, Rio Ha, Eli Hughes, Henry Collier, Grace Peart	For their excellent effort, positive attitude, and great contributions during dance and drama lessons. Well done!
ESOL	Sophia Tian Yuna Shimizu Jingkai Yu Seth Fu	For showing courage (Kaha) by asking questions and always working to be the best you can be in ESOL class. For showing humility (Tu Whakaiti) when you are so helpful to other students in our ESOL class. For showing humility (Tu Whakaiti) by helping others with Technology in our ESOL class. For demonstrating creativity (Auahatanga) and using your critical thinking skills in ESOL class. I enjoy your humour and enthusiasm.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Week 7	Mon, 31 August	Formal Assembly
	Wed, 2 September	School Disco (7pm - 9pm) Kings Football Exchange Out-of-Zone Enrolment Applications Close
	Fri, 4 September	EPro8 In-School Trials (1-3pm) Top Notes performance at Belmont Primary (Block 1)
Week 8	Sat, 5 September	AIMS (5 Sep to 11 Sep) In2Art Exhibition (5 Sep to 22 Sep)
	Wed, 9 September	Kids Sing (12pm to 9pm)
Production Rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm to 3pm		

Disco Fever!

Our students are getting very excited for next week's school disco! So excited, in fact, that they decided to put their creativity to work and design their own posters to promote the event around the school.

Don't forget to grab your tickets through Kindo!

Your ticket includes entry, a slice of pizza and plenty of fun on the dance floor. We can't wait to see everyone there!



So far Belmont Intermediate School has raised

\$1,483

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A Sea of Yellow!

Our school was certainly looking bright today! From yellow clothing and accessories to plenty of smiles, our students and staff really embraced the spirit of Daffodil Day.

It was fantastic to see our whole school community getting behind this important cause and showing that small acts of support can make a big difference. A huge thank you to everyone who helped turn BIS yellow!



LifeChanger NZ - Supporting Our Year 8 Learners

We are thrilled to be welcoming LifeChanger NZ back to Belmont Intermediate this term following the success of last year's programme with our Year 8 students.

Starting last week, all Year 8 students will participate in six workshops designed to strengthen wellbeing, resilience, self-awareness, and positive connections as they prepare for the transition to high school.

To help whānau understand the programme and continue conversations at home, we have attached the [LifeChanger NZ Family Booklet](#). The booklet outlines the content of each workshop and includes a short video from the LifeChanger NZ Director, explaining the purpose and vision behind the programme.

We encourage families to take some time to explore the booklet and discuss the learning with their child throughout the programme.

 **LifeChanger**



Rocking the Stage at BandQuest

What a fantastic night for our BIS musicians at BandQuest last week! We are incredibly proud of both our Year 7 and Year 8 bands, who took to the stage and delivered outstanding performances.

Year 7 – Heat Wave

Congratulations to Kingston and George, who were awarded Best Alternative Instrument Role for their fantastic percussion playing.

Year 8 – Neon Soul

It was a particularly memorable night for Neon Soul, who took home the Best Original Song Award, and an incredible **THIRD PLACE OVERALL!**

This was our first time competing on an intermediate-only evening and our first-ever BandQuest placing, making the achievement even more special.

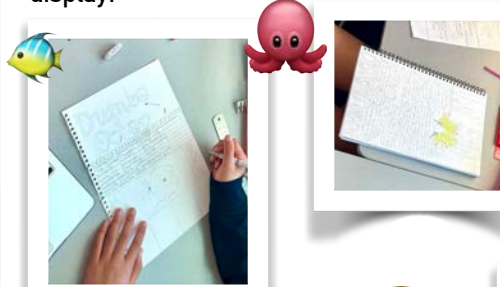
A huge congratulations to all of our performers for their hard work, creativity and confidence on stage. We would also like to thank Ms Piper for her fantastic support of our students.



Inquiry in Action

Room 20 has been hard at work during their latest Inquiry sessions, researching their chosen ocean organism and exploring its characteristics using the MRS C GREN model.

Students have been busy turning their learning into creative posters, showcasing what they have discovered about their ocean organisms. It has been fantastic to see their curiosity, creativity and growing knowledge on display!



Wild About Wildlife!

A huge congratulations to Marni Horn, who has won the Wild About Wildlife Bookmark Design Competition run by Dorothy Butler Bookshops!

With more than 1,100 entries across three age categories, Marni's design was selected as the winner of the Year 7–8 category — a fantastic achievement for our budding artist!

Even more exciting, this is the second year in a row that a Belmont Intermediate student has won the competition. What an incredible achievement!

Well done to all our students who took the time to create and submit their wonderful artwork for this year's competition. We love seeing our students share their creativity beyond the classroom!

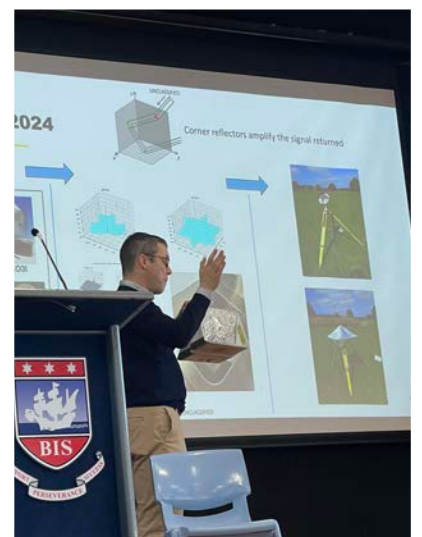
Exploring Space and Rocketry



Our Year 7 students recently had the exciting opportunity to learn more about space and rocketry with a visit from Austin Chamberlain from Defence Science and Technology.

Austin shared a fascinating video from a recent space experiment and brought along a small mock-up of a satellite payload, giving students the opportunity to see and handle the equipment. He also introduced students to a SAR4SaR (Synthetic Aperture Radar for Search and Rescue) — an innovative, low-cost, foldable floating marine reflector designed to be detected by radar satellites passing overhead.

Our students asked some insightful questions and were highly engaged throughout the session. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world science, engineering and space technology.



THE BIS BUZZ

BIS SPEECH FINALS



ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, EIGHT STUDENTS FROM YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 COMPETED IN THE BIS SPEECH FINALS.

NOAH EIEM PLACED FIRST WITH HIS SPEECH, "WHY MATHS IS A SECRET CONSPIRACY"—A SPEECH ABOUT THE MOST DISLIKED SUBJECT AND HOW IT IS A PLOY TO WASTE KIDS' TIME. ETHAN BARRETT TOOK SECOND PLACE WITH A SPEECH ABOUT HOW MUCH PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA HURTS BOTH HIM AND ITALIANS. THIRD PLACE WAS TAKEN BY ALISA LI WITH HER SPEECH, "THE LIFECYCLE OF STATIONERY", ABOUT THE LIFE OF PENS, PENCILS, HIGHLIGHTERS, AND ALL THE OTHER DEBRIS FOUND IN AN OVERFLOWING PENCIL CASE. IT WAS A GREAT AFTERNOON OF EXCELLENT PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Daffodil day



CANCER IS A TERRIBLE DISEASE EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD—including New Zealand—SO WE NEED TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM IT. THIS IS WHY THE CANCER SOCIETY CREATED DAFFODIL DAY, A DAY WHERE SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WEAR YELLOW TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE AND RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THIS AFFLICTION. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A GOLD COIN AS A DONATION ON AUGUST 28; THIS MONEY WILL GO TO SCIENTISTS, DOCTORS, AND PATIENTS' FAMILIES TO HELP FIND A CURE AND SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED. WEAR YELLOW TO HELP ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WITH THIS ILLNESS TO NEVER GIVE UP THE FIGHT.

BANDQUEST BLAST

BANDQUEST—AN AMAZING EVENT WHERE BANDS FROM SCHOOLS ACROSS AUCKLAND PERFORM COVER SONGS AND ORIGINAL SONGS. NEON SOUL IS THE ROCKIN' YEAR 8 BAND THAT WON TWO AWARDS, INCLUDING THIRD PLACE OVERALL. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT BIS HAS PLACED IN THE COMPETITION, WITH A SPECIAL MENTION FOR THEIR PHENOMENAL ORIGINAL SONG.

HEAT WAVE IS OUR AMAZING YEAR 7 BAND, WHERE KINGSTON AND GEORGE WERE AWARDED "BEST ALTERNATIVE INSTRUMENT" FOR THEIR PERCUSSION PLAYING! MS PIPER IS EXTREMELY HAPPY WITH THE PERFORMANCES OF BOTH BANDS BECAUSE THE STUDENTS WORKED HARD TO LEARN THEIR PARTS AND PUT ON A GREAT SHOW. BOTH BANDS REALLY NAILED IT.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO REPRESENTED OUR SCHOOL IN BANDQUEST 2026.

Written and designed Gwen Smith, Scherazade Boow and McKayla Tuba



Basketball

Georgia Roberts for the A-Team - Last Tuesday, BIS had three teams who represented Belmont Intermediate in the basketball zone day which was held at Eventfinda Stadium.

The A team was undefeated the whole day in their pooling games to then play Kings Way in the quarter final beating them with the score being 32 to 2. After a quick water break, we moved on to playing Carmel in the semi-final, smashing them with a score of 17 to 5. Off to the final we went, versus Northcross, which was our toughest game yet, by securing the win at 19 to 7.

We all went back to school with a massive smile on our faces, happy with the big win. The team will now compete at Auckland Champs at the start of term 4!



Chloe O'Neill for the B-Team - Last Tuesday, the year 8 B team attended the Girls Basketball ZD at Eventfind Stadium. We started off the day by playing Whangaparoa which was a tight 10-10 draw.

Our 2nd game of the day came; we played Northcote's A team. This team usually beats us by, let's just say, a lot! But not this time, as we won by one point. In the final pool game we played Pinehurst, where we smoked them 26 to 7; after this game, our team was really pumped. Believing that we could do anything!

Now we had to play Carmel, a team we have beaten, lost to, and even tied against; both teams gave it their all in the last five seconds; we missed a shot that could have tied it. We ended up coming 6th out of about 19 teams. Thank you to all the scorers and refs, and our two amazing coaches, Indi and Scarlett. We couldn't have done it without you.

Augie Scovell and Poppy Wigram for the C-Team - Last Tuesday, the Year 7A girls basketball team competed in the basketball zone day at Eventfinda Stadium. The girls were full of excitement and played 4 tough games against mainly all Year 8 teams. The girls showed lots of courage and didn't give up.

The day started off strong with a good win against Birkdale, after that the matches were close. The girls all had so much fun developing their skills ready to implement in their Monday night competition. It was last minute as the Northcross team pulled out but the girls showed up with a great attitude and all ready to play.

Thank you to Aurelia for coaching and to Sally for managing the team during the day, we really appreciate it!



Seb Peacocke, Rocco Riggall and Frank Cockayne - On August 19th the Year 8 boys basketball team participated in the North Harbour Zone Day. Our Year 8 boys played amazingly in the basketball zone day, finishing the tournament in second place. They lost 1 of their games in the pool stages but still made it out of the pool stage to play Glenfield in the quarters and win by 3. The semi finals were tight, but the team got a 1 point win over Wairau with a loud crowd watching.

The final was another close game against Northcross, losing by 4 which is a huge improvement considering we played them 3 weeks before and lost by 30. The boys showed great teamwork, resilience and effort to make it to the finals. Our many thanks to Mr. Hagger for coaching and all involved in supporting the tournament. Ka pai lads.



Netball

Makaia Anesi and Mackenzie France: Last Thursday the 7/1 netball team went to Auckland Champs after a long hour drive, we played 7 games at the Auckland Netball Centre in St John's. We won all four of our pool games coming first qualifier in our pool.

The team had a great quarter final, smashing it and winning by ten points, but in the semi final we sadly lost to Clendon Park. Meaning we would play off for third and forth. In our final game we played to our absolute best managing to win against Holy Cross. Such a great way to end the season coming third. Good job to all the girls who played the tournament. Thank you Toni Street and Sally Scovell for giving up your time to coach and manage our team. We really appreciate it!

Year 7 Netball Dominates!

What an incredible season for our Year 7 netball teams! Following the finals at Netball North Harbour, five of our Year 7 teams finished as grade winners — a fantastic achievement for our students and a wonderful reflection of the depth of talent across our Year 7 programme.

Congratulations to:

- BIS 7/2 – 25–20 vs Wairau 7/1
- BIS 7/3 – 24–16 vs AJHS 7/2
- BIS 7/5 – 19–4 vs Carmel 7/3
- BIS 7/7 – 23–9 vs Norcross 7/9
- BIS 7/8 – 10–9 vs Northcote 7/5

The 7/8 final provided a particularly dramatic finish, with the scores level at the final buzzer. In overtime, Freya Downie stepped up to sink the winning shot and secure the title! The 7/7 girls were watching from the sideline, and the celebrations - and noise - were certainly memorable!

Perhaps the most impressive part of the day, however, was the school spirit. Teams supported each other throughout the finals, with students, parents and grandparents cheering from the sidelines for their fellow BIS teams, whether they were waiting to play or had already finished their own games.

With so many teams achieving success, BIS will be very well represented at prize-giving on 15 September. A huge congratulations to all our Year 7 netballers, coaches, managers and supporters on an outstanding season! What a fantastic achievement for our school.



Pre-AIMS Rippa Tournament

Brax Doddrell & Tom Congdon: On Wednesday, the mixed AIMS rippa team played in a pre-AIMS tournament with many different schools. The first 3 games were rough as we lost to Orewa, Murrays Bay, and Helensville. It was challenging as we only lost by 1 or 2 in each game.

Fortunately, we came back winning our next 3 games against Glen Eden, Whangaparaoa, and Murrays Bay by a decent margin. We all had lots of fun and are excited for AIMS.



Geared Up for AIMS Games!

Our AIMS Football Team received a very special surprise this week, with Angus Woodhead, National Sales Manager – Wholesale Skechers & Dr Martens NZ, presenting the team with a set of Skechers Elite football boots, generously sponsored for our players to wear at the upcoming AIMS Games.

These are no ordinary boots - they are the Harry Kane Player Edition, designed for one of the world's elite strikers and now helping our own footballers take their game to the next level!

A huge thank you to Angus and Skechers for supporting our team and helping make this AIMS experience even more memorable. We can't wait to see our players put their new boots to the test!

Bring on AIMS!



The Harry Kane Player Edition boot. Engineered for champions and crafted in collaboration with one of football's most elite strikers. This exclusive design features Kane's signature and embossed HK logos, with a striking red and white colorway that pays homage to his current clubs. Every plus symbol throughout the upper represents the extra effort that Harry gives every day to improve and work hard, adding up to a big difference. 36 of the plus symbols are in gold to commemorate his remarkable 36-goal debut season in Munich to earn the European Golden Boot. With a meticulously crafted fit optimized for accurate ball striking.

Cross Country Auckland Champs Success!



Some pretty awesome results from the Auckland Cross Country Championships today! Our students put in an outstanding effort, with some fantastic individual placings — and some huge team results to celebrate as well!

Year 7 Girls

🥈 Summer McKnight – 2nd
10th - Isla Nielsen
13th - Louise Lancelot
20th - Margaux Sumner-Brown

Year 7 Boys

🥈 Aucktons Sudsang – 3rd
12th - Nixon Thompson
20th - Cristobal Luzzi

Year 8 Girls

🥇 Bonnie Robinson – 1st
12th - Jura Fletcher-McGreevy
20th - Quinny Yeoman

Year 8 Boys

9th - Tom Congdon
18th - Harry Cockayne

And the results get even better... three Auckland Championship team wins! What an incredible achievement for our runners.

🏆 Year 7 Girls Team – 1st Place

🏆 Year 8 Girls Team – 1st Place

🏆 Year 8 Boys Team – 1st Place

A huge congratulations to all of our students who competed today. Your hard work, determination and commitment have certainly paid off!





Building Connections Through Year 7 Sport

Students from Rakino and Motatupu have been coming together for a range of activities, including Year 7 sport, providing valuable opportunities to connect, collaborate and build relationships across the two teams.

These experiences are helping students get to know a wider group of peers and develop a stronger sense of tūrangawaewae as they prepare to come together as Year 8 students next year. By building these connections now, we are helping to ensure a positive and confident transition into Year 8, with students already familiar with, supporting and learning alongside one another.

It has been fantastic to see our Year 7 students embracing these opportunities and strengthening the sense of community across both teams.



SUCCESS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Celebrating Musical Achievement

Congratulations to Sonya Liang, who was recently named the Overall Winner of the Ara Music Competition. Sonya was also recognised as the top-performing student at the Primary/Intermediate School level, earning the Award for Excellence and a \$1,500 prize.

The Ara Music Awards is one of Auckland's prestigious music competitions, attracting talented young musicians from across the region. Sonya was delighted to have her musical achievements and dedication recognised through this fantastic result.

We are incredibly proud of Sonya and the commitment she continues to show to her music.



Striking Gold in Gymnastics

Congratulations to Sophia Edmonds, who enjoyed an outstanding day at the Auckland Gymnastics Championships in Manukau, taking home gold in the all-around competition.

Sophia also helped her team secure gold, along with individual gold medals on bars and vault and a bronze on beam.

We are incredibly proud of Sophia's achievements and her qualification to represent the Harbour Region at Nationals in September. What a fantastic accomplishment!



Open Circle Markets Coming to Takapuna

Looking for something fun to do with the whānau this Friday?

Head along to Killarney Park, Takapuna on Friday 28 August, from 3pm–6pm for a free, family-friendly afternoon featuring a great selection of food trucks, live music and a relaxed community atmosphere.

Entry is free, so gather the family and come along for some delicious food and a great afternoon out!

[Find out more and see the food truck line-up on Facebook](#)



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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*T&Cs Apply. New clients only.

VAUXHALL SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO



SUNDAY 20 SEP
11AM - 2PM

EXOTIC ANIMALS
FOOD + DRINK
UNICORN RIDES
INFLATABLE COURSE
VERTICAL BUNGY
RAFFLE + PRIZES
FACE PAINTING
DRESS UP
FAIRY TRAIL + MORE!

KOHA ENTRY
ALL WELCOME

SPRINGTOPIA.CO.NZ



love
tennis
SUN 13 SEPT
10AM - 2PM



EVERYONE IS WELCOME
AND IT'S FREE!

Love Tennis Open Day: Sunday, 13
September 10 - 2pm

Takapuna Tennis Club, 5 Bracken Ave
Kids and adults can try out tennis for
free. Rackets supplied, free sausage
sizzle, free mini coaching sessions for
kids and adults. Reduced membership
price for new members.

2027 STARTS NOW.

START YOUR WESTLAKE STORY ON THE WATER.

Coming to Westlake Boys High School in 2027?
Before your first day, join other Year 8s for a fun afternoon on the
water and discover one of Westlake's most successful sports.



ZERO EXPERIENCE
NEEDED



MEET YOUR
NEW MATES



TRY SOMETHING
EPIC



GET OUT ON THE
WATER IN A BOAT!

YOUR WESTLAKE
ADVENTURE
STARTS HERE.

REGISTER NOW

LOCATION:
North Shore Rowing Club,
Lake Pupuke

HAVE A GO DAYS:
1 & 21 August after school
29 & 30 September holiday camp

