

# 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：

During the week, we have enjoyed visiting authors, book character parade, a cake baking competition and snippets of books being read over the intercom. My thanks to Charne Botha and Bianca Steyn for organising such an enjoyable experience for our staff and students.

Last week, we celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is an annual celebration for all New Zealanders to show their support for the Māori language, an official language of this country. It represents the resilience, adaptability and endurance of our language. Please read on in the newsletter for visual images of the week from our classrooms.

As a community, we have enjoyed another action- packed, productive, and successful term, both inside and outside the classroom. Our students are thriving and taking all the opportunities that are afforded to them. Having been in several classrooms over the last two weeks, the quality of work, effort and progress is evident for all to see. In addition, and of equal importance, is the way in which our students communicate with each other and their teachers. The mutual respect is evident and contributes to a thriving culture within our school. Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank our teaching staff for their ongoing commitment to the school's intent and ethos.

You would have received a letter from the board yesterday via HERO confirming our 2026 ERO report. We are extremely proud of the report as it captures the essence of our school and highlights many areas of strength. As the principal, I am extremely proud of my support staff, administration team, teachers and students.

Please see the confirmed report [here](#).

Madagascar Jr is almost ready to land with over 500 tickets already sold. We have plenty of capacity for more tickets to be sold, so please visit our website and encourage friends and family to purchase tickets. BIS students are able to watch the matinee on Friday, but must purchase a ticket.

**Book your tickets [here!](#)**



I trust that you will all enjoy some quality time with your children, family and friends over the holidays. Stay safe and we look forward to finishing the year together next term. Term 4 commences on Monday, 12 October.

Congratulations to these students who received a Principal's Certificate at the Formal Assembly on 18 September: Isla Lee, Catherine Ma, Cyrus Carmen, Josh Baddeley, Stella McQuoid, Zoey Schmidt, Rio Ha, George Kennedy, Angelo Vodanovich, Joanie Mackrill, Marlon Petersen, George McDonald, Wolf Schroder, Clara Freeman Lauren Eaglen, Sophie Sickling

We congratulate the following students who received the Academic Pin at assembly: Austin Ge, Edward Foster, Roma Park, Otis Tong, Enayah Maqsud, Theodora Neville Wilson, Isabella Lusty, Caleb Thumath, Max McKenzie, Linden Zheng, Kira Sawyer

Ngā mihi nui

Nick Hill  
Principal/ Tumuaki



## Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

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| Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 October |                   | Production Rehearsals in the holidays |
| Week 1                          | Mon, 12 October   | Term 4 Starts                         |
|                                 | Wed, 14 October   | Madagascar Jr. Show 7pm               |
|                                 | Thurs, 15 October | Madagascar Jr. Show 7pm               |
|                                 | Fri, 16 October   | Madagascar Jr. Show 1pm and 7pm       |
| Week 2                          | Tues, 20 October  | Auckland Champs Basketball            |
|                                 | Thurs, 22 October | Athletics Day                         |
| Week 3                          | Mon, 26 October   | Labour Day. Public Holiday            |

## Merit Mentions

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| Room 1  | Margaux Sumner-Brown<br>Bradley Hou  | For her continued effort and enthusiasm, both in the classroom and in her extracurriculars. Margaux is a positive role model in Room 1. Ka pai!<br>For his collaboration and innovation during our rocket-design challenge. Bradley was a positive group member who put thought and time into the creation of his rocket.                                      |
| Room 2  | Seth Fu<br>Martin Phantang           | For his enthusiasm and a positive, "can-do" attitude toward every new challenge. His ambition to excel is especially evident in mathematics and integrated studies.<br>Martin consistently brings a warm, positive energy to our classroom through his friendly nature and genuine kindness toward others. Room 2 is lucky to have you.                        |
| Room 3  | Summer McKnight<br>Frank Liu         | Summer has an excellent attitude to learning, and works to make sure she is stretching herself. She is a real role-model in class, and sets an excellent example to others.<br>For his consistent hard work, particularly in our rocket-design project. Frank is working collaboratively, conducting research, and applying his knowledge well.                |
| Room 4  | Ava McLeay<br>Charlotte Wong         | For consistently showing a positive attitude and putting in your best effort in class. Your determination and willingness to keep trying are making a real difference—well done!<br>Charlotte's positive attitude and commitment to her learning are commendable. She embraces extra-curricular opportunities with enthusiasm and confidence. Kai pai!         |
| Room 5  | Alex Liang<br>Belle-Edite Richardson | Alex is a kind and gentle presence in Room 5. He continues to work beautifully with others, demonstrating our value of respect and humility.<br>Belle has been showing a developing positive attitude toward her learning. She is becoming confident working independently and also sharing her ideas in whole-class discussions.                              |
| Room 6  | Dominic Glen<br>Beau Vivian          | Dom is an exceptional all-round student who leads by example in both his academics and extracurriculars, while consistently displaying our school values. Ka pai, Dom!<br>Beau is a fantastic student who loves pushing himself in every task. Always ready to lend a helping hand, he is a wonderful support around the classroom. Ka pai, Beau!              |
| Room 7  | Coco Taylor<br>Molly Lin             | For demonstrating good leadership as Class Captain and consistently showing care and respect towards others. Your commitment to Room 7 makes you a great role model. Ka pai!<br>For being a dedicated student who consistently strives for excellence in all that you do. Your positive attitude, and commitment to learning are truly commendable. Well done! |
| Room 8  | Elsa Liu<br>Orlando Bennett          | Elsa has been a pleasure to teach this term. Her courage in continually practising English as a second language has been very impressive. Well done, Elsa!<br>For showing an excellent attitude to your mathematics work. Orlando, I am forever impressed by how you think through difficult problems in class. Keep it up!                                    |
| Room 9  | Karmah Elsayed<br>Cassandra Reid     | For your beautiful manners and positive attitude. You are dedicated to your learning and always try your best. Well done!<br>For always being willing to help others when needed, you are kind, patient and always strive for excellence in all that you do.                                                                                                   |
| Room 10 | Estelle Laurence<br>James Graham     | Thank you for joining our class with such a positive attitude and kind heart. Your hard work already shines through, and we're so lucky to have you with us!<br>For consistently showing respect to peers and teachers and upholding the school's core values with pride.                                                                                      |
| Room 11 | All of Room 11                       | For demonstrating exceptional Care, Connection, and Collaboration across all that you do. Thank you for your hard work, kindness to one another, and wonderful class attitude. Well done, Room 11!                                                                                                                                                             |
| Room 12 | Jay Zhuang<br>Jovia Ho               | For showing excellent school values, especially integrity. Jay is a kind and caring student who is incredibly valuable to Room 12.<br>For exhibiting excellence in your academic work. Jovia has an incredible work ethic and exceptionally high standards. Well done!                                                                                         |
| Room 13 | Beth Rigby<br>Leon Sowman            | For another successful term. Beth, your excellent work ethic and effort you put into your academics and sport are commendable. I am so proud of you!<br>For consistently striving for excellence across all academic areas, your ability to contribute to our learning is incredible. Congratulations on another successful term!                              |

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| Room 14 | Jasper Brant<br>Mae Wilson                   | For his outstanding work ethic, academic excellence, and constant willingness to go above and beyond for others, demonstrating maturity and respect. Well done, Jasper!<br>Mae leads by example through her outstanding effort, respect, and generosity toward others. Keep it up, Mae!                                                  |
| Room 15 | Harry Wilson<br>Irene Alberio                | For his outstanding hard work and commitment to his academics, particularly in mathematics. Well done Harry, keep up the great work!<br>For consistently demonstrating our school values. Irene, your positive attitude, kindness, and support of others set a wonderful example, well done!                                             |
| Room 16 | Eric Anish<br>Avyan Yadav                    | For consistently applying yourself to achieve personal excellence. Eric, your hard work, kindness and consideration towards others will take you far. Thank you; you are very much appreciated.<br>For always putting in a tremendous effort into everything you do. Avyan, thank you for being a positive and caring member of Room 16. |
| Room 17 | All of Room 17                               | A huge thank you to Room 17 for an amazing Term 3! Your hard work, kindness and positive attitudes have been so appreciated. I am incredibly proud of everything you have achieved this term.                                                                                                                                            |
| Room 18 | All of Room 18                               | Room 18 has had a fantastic term. Everyone has worked hard, made huge progress in their learning, and have treated each other with kindness and respect. They should be proud of themselves and each other. Ka Pai!                                                                                                                      |
| Room 19 | All of Room 19                               | Room 19 has had a fantastic Term 3! They have shown great effort, perseverance and a positive attitude towards their learning. Their kindness, teamwork and willingness to support one another have made Room 19 a wonderful place to be. Well done, Room 19.                                                                            |
| Room 20 | Anders Hobbs<br>Quinny Yeoman                | For your dedication to your bookwork and classroom learning. Anders, your concentration and commitment to your learning have improved immensely!<br>For her exceptional dedication and commitment this term. Quinny balances her co-curricular commitments and schoolwork with pride and determination. Ka pai!                          |
| Room 23 | Hunter Bruce<br>Doris Liu                    | For your beautiful manners and positive attitude. You are dedicated to your learning and always try your best. Well done!<br>For being a wonderful member of Room 23. You take pride in your learning and complete work to a high standard. You did an amazing job on your IS project!                                                   |
| Room 24 | Isabel Palmer<br>Sanderson<br>Merieti Nawaia | For the maturity, respect and kindness you both show to those around you. You are both always willing to lend a hand, support others and be someone people can rely on. The respect you show towards both adults and your peers is a wonderful example to others. You should be incredibly proud of the people you are becoming.         |

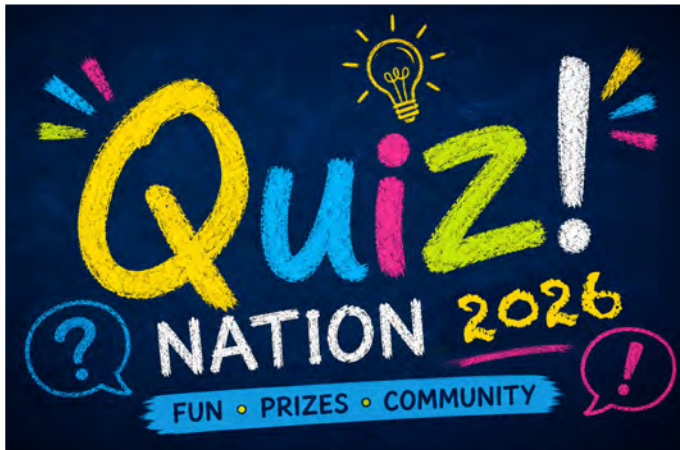
## Specialist Merit Mentions

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| Science    | Ezra Meredith, Hunter Bruce, Lola Huata, Maddie Gaylard, Merieti Nawaia, Moah Faulkner, Oscar Thompson, Reid Myhre, Rose Taingahue, Taein Kim, Tom Congdon, Yuna Shimizu                | These students all worked exceptionally together with their groups and as a class, when conducting the last experiment of the term. Well done.                                                                |
| Food Tech  | Lauren Eaglen, Thomas Manger Woodbridge, Miguel Jimenez Lacalle, Maggie Sievers, Evie Bird, Taein Kim, Noah Faulkner, Hannah Chang, Marcus Auger, Ashton Still, Emily Moore, Bowen Toia | For their impressive work in food technology sessions, displaying a positive, focused, collaborative and hard-working approach to all tasks, including helping others where needed.                           |
| Languages  | Dalton Smith, Linden Zheng, Jaime Chambers, Wolf Shroder, Elena Stephenson, Keira Henry-Hurinui, Dawn Wang                                                                              | For outstanding effort, energy, and enthusiasm in continuing your Chinese learning journey. You're fantastic - 很棒!                                                                                            |
| Visual Art | Ros Chapman, Melody Yu, Francis Nawaia, Henry Yu, Estel Chou, Roya Rice, Matilda White, Gwenno Smith, Juno Donaldson, Fletcher Jessop                                                   | For great construction and creation of sculptural forms.<br><br>For giving up their time to work on school production props.<br><br>For the wonderful commitment shown in creating a stunning clay sculpture. |

## Specialist Merit Mentions

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| Music       | Imogen Manning, Flynn Hunt, Coco Wang, Ryan Zhang, Constance Qiu, Anna Nguyen, Sophia Edmonds, Jovaan Hopwood, Keira Henry-Hurinui, Alisa Li, Lily Moerdyk, Seb Tyler       | For consistently putting their best foot forward, taking pride in their learning, and setting a fantastic example for others through their effort and attitude. |
| Dance/Drama | Maria Okumura, Mae Wilson, Elaine Sun, Leo Fraser, David Westwood, Neve Ballard, Saoirse McLeod, Nixon Thompson, Ciara Walker, Violet Wilkinson, Lucia Morrison, Ryder Wang | For their outstanding commitment, positive mindset, and valuable input throughout dance and drama lessons. Keep up the wonderful work!                          |
| ESOL        | Dea Panares, Johnny Yuan, Jason Yuan, Molly Lin, Carol Novaes                                                                                                               | For Courage (Kaha), trying hard with your work and striving to be the best that you can be in ESOL class.                                                       |

## SCHOOL NOTICES



### Quiz Nation is happening!

Our school leaders have created 70 Quiz Nation questions covering a huge range of topics. Students will have the school holidays to research, learn and memorise the answers before sitting the quiz again in Week 2 of Term 4.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page over the holidays! We'll be sharing some of the questions each day to help students get ready.

#### Get fundraising!

Quiz Nation is also our main school fundraiser for the year. Students are encouraged to collect sponsorship from whānau, friends and the wider BIS community.

👉 Set up your fundraising page:

<https://belmontquiznation.raiseit.co.nz/>

#### Prizes

Fantastic prizes are up for grabs, including a private movie screening at The Vic for the top fundraising class, prizes for our top Year 7 and Year 8 fundraisers, and spot prizes for students who return their sponsored funds on time. Every dollar raised helps us provide additional resources and opportunities for BIS students.

Thank you for getting behind Quiz Nation, supporting the PTA and Belmont Intermediate!

BELMONT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

# Homestay Families Needed

We are looking for caring and welcoming families in the BIS community to host our International students in 2027.

Our students are from Japan, Korea, Thailand, China and other countries.

Our students will stay from 2 weeks to 1 year or more.

Share your home and culture while building meaningful connections with students from around the world.

**Interested?**

For more information, please contact Lee, International Student Director

Lee Rang Lim | [llim@belmontint.school.nz](mailto:llim@belmontint.school.nz) | 021 233 5281

## Māori Language Week



It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain new knowledge and develop a deeper appreciation for Aotearoa New Zealand's indigenous language, te reo Māori. Throughout the week, our school community celebrated the richness of te reo Māori and explored the important role language plays in shaping our identity, culture and connections with one another.

We focused on incorporating more key te reo Māori words and phrases into our classroom routines. Students practised using greetings, instructions and everyday expressions, helping te reo Māori become a natural and visible part of our school environment.

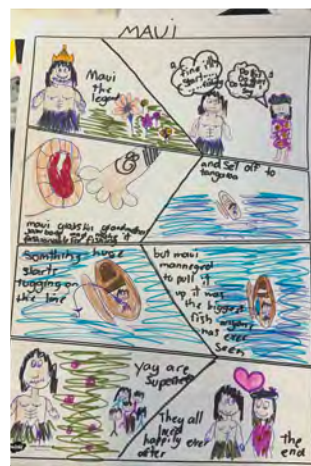
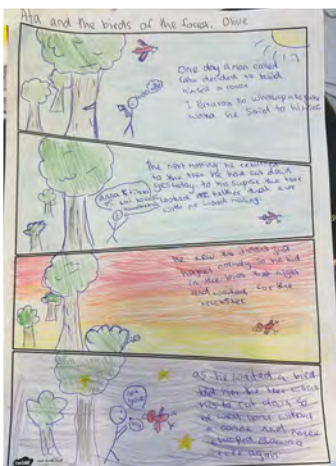
Our learners also enjoyed discovering different Māori games and taking part in a range of engaging activities. Through play, discussion, creativity and exploration, students further developed their understanding of Māori culture while building confidence in using te reo Māori. It was a special opportunity to explore our country's identity and appreciate the beauty of our shared culture.

Celebrating te reo Māori gives our Māori tamariki mana and helps them feel important, valued and seen in our school. When their language and culture are visible and celebrated, it affirms their identity and strengthens their sense of belonging within our school community.

### A Whakataukī for Our Learning

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

This whakataukī reminds us that our relationships and connections are at the heart of learning and belonging. When we celebrate te reo Māori together, we strengthen our connections with one another and help ensure that the language continues to thrive.



In music, the students were learning about taonga puoro - Māori music instruments - during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. Here, they are trying our porotiti that our taonga puoro group made for the school earlier in the year. Porotiti make the sound of wind and are connected to Tawhiri, the god of the winds.



## Book Week 2026



What a fantastic week celebrating books, stories and imagination at BIS!

A big thank you to our visiting author, Annelies Judson - former BIS teacher and now writer and poet - for sharing her inspiring message about the power of words and some beautiful poetry with us.

Wednesday saw Book Character Dress-Up Day! Our students brought their favourite characters to life, while our teachers took things VERY seriously too, with the specialist team taking the best-dressed win. Student winners will be announced next term.



BEST DRESSED STAFF: SPECIALIST TEAM

## Bake Off Winners

### Best Concept:

Bella and Lucy - Willy Wonka



### Best Originality:

Mika Besier - Room 6



Overall Winner:  
Honey Pot - Beth Rigby  
Room 13



### Best Presentation:

Koby and Otto - Harry Potter (Room 17)

Eva - Fancy Nancy (Room 2)

Claudia - Hungry Caterpillar (Room 3)

Sadie and Poppy - Ben and Holly Ladybug (R12/13)



### Best Precision:

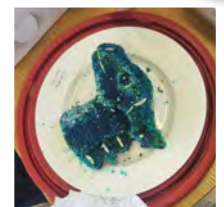
Frieda - Wings of Fire (Dragon Cake) Room 24

Sophie - Monster Book (Room 24)

Lou - Hedwig Cake (Room 10)

Zoe & Constance - Hungry Caterpillar (Room 6)

Maggie - Harry Potter (Room 19)



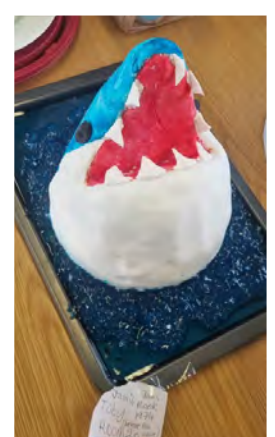
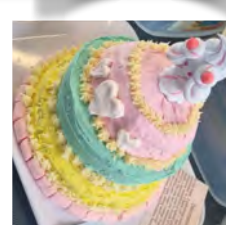
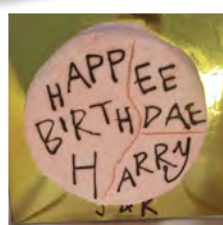
### Best Flavour:

Blake Lee - Charlie and the chocolate factory (Room 14)

Caleb, BC and Cooper - Cookie Monster (Room 13)

Johnny and Ryo - Harry Potter (Room 13)

Ros - Harry Potter Hedwig cake (Room 1)



### Best Creativity:

Daisy - Winnie the pooh (Room 15)

Toby - Jaws (Room 20)

Ros - Harry Potter Hedwig cake (Room 1)

Zoe and Thitsa - Pokemon (Room 16)

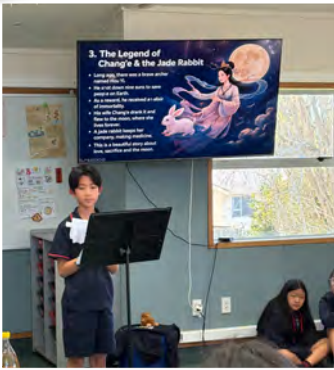
## Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration 中秋节庆祝活动

Today, we celebrated the traditional Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. The International Department invited all international students, parents and room teachers to come together and celebrate this special occasion.

During the celebration, everyone had the opportunity to learn about the traditions and stories behind the Mid-Autumn Festival. Our international students also gave a wonderful performance of the Chinese song May We All Be Blessed with Longevity (《但愿人长久》), combining traditional Chinese instrumental music with singing. Mrs Xiong also performed the traditional Chinese instrument, the hulusi, giving everyone an opportunity to experience the unique charm of traditional Chinese music.

After the performances, everyone enjoyed sharing mooncakes and traditional snacks in a warm, relaxed atmosphere, spending time together to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival.

It was a wonderful cultural experience and an opportunity for our school community to learn more about Chinese culture while celebrating the values of togetherness, sharing and good wishes.



## Wonder Project 'Rocket Challenge

Our Year 7 students have been reaching for the stars as part of the Wonder Project Rocket Challenge. Over the past few weeks, students have explored the science, engineering and technology behind rocketry before putting their learning into action by designing and building their own rocket prototypes. Working collaboratively in engineering teams, students shared ideas, solved problems, tested their designs and made changes to improve their prototypes. They quickly discovered that engineering is all about testing, learning from what doesn't work and trying again!

The excitement reached new heights on Launch Day, as students watched their carefully designed rockets take flight. There were plenty of cheers, celebrations and moments of anticipation as teams saw their prototypes leave the launch pad. Launch Day was a fantastic opportunity for students to celebrate their hard work and see their classroom learning come to life. A huge ka pai to our Year 7 students for the creativity, collaboration, perseverance and enthusiasm they demonstrated throughout the challenge. What an exciting way to explore STEM and experience the work of real engineers!



Freya Saltis is our resident axolotl expert and knows just about everything there is to know about these fascinating creatures! She's written a letter to Mr Hill asking the school to get a pet axolotl. What do you think — should BIS get an axolotl?

Axolotls by Freya Saltis

Have you ever seen an animal that looks like it's smiling all the time? I have! And it's called an Axolotl, and I think it's the coolest animal in the world. It has fluffy gills, lives underwater, and can even grow back parts of its body. Today I am going to tell you some facts about Axolotls.

I would like to talk about an Axolotl. Everytime I look at one, I smile! How axolotls took over the world of wildlife and created such a funny amphibian creature. They have so many secrets about them and can bring so many science revelations. Axolotls are a kind of salamander and they inhabit wetlands and lakes in Mexico.

Axolotls can also live in captivity, as a pet or specimen in a science lab. They are used in scientific research because of their unusual ability to regenerate their body parts or limbs such as their gills, eyes and brain. They can regrow them over a period of months and restore the tissues in special cases and can grow an extra limb.

Axolotl is carnivorous; they eat worms and insects. Their life expectancy is around 10-15 years. To live in the tank they need around 150 litres of water and it should be 16-18 degrees celsius. For the food they eat trout and salmon pellets frozen or live bloodworms and earthworms.

I think our school needs to get an axolotl as a pet to look after it and study it so that it can become our lucky charm. Axolotls are amazing animals. We should help protect them so we can stay safe for the future.



# THE B.I.S. BUZZ

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## What if?! Teachers Having Superpowers:

### What If Edition 1:

Think about your teacher. What type of person are they? Strict, fun, annoying?

Well, what would happen if they had SUPERPOWERS?!?! Would it suit their personality? What subject they teach? Maybe even their personal interests. But most importantly, how would they use it to their ADVANTAGE? Welcome to the B.I.S. Buzz article "What If?!"

### Power 1 - Mind Reading!

It's a typical Tuesday morning. You plop your bag down and get ready for another boring day. First thing. A test. Of course. It's algebra; you're really bad at it. A

horrible, awful, absolutely pure evil thought pops into your head. You start peeking ever so slightly at your seatmate's sheet. You know they're smart and clueless, the perfect person to cheat off of. You make your moves strategically. A fake yawn here, an arm stretch there, unnoticeable movements. But your teacher's head snaps at you so quickly you feel it might snap off! "My desk. NOW!"

A teacher with mind reading is definitely a win for them, but a mighty LOSS for you.

### Power 2 - Weather Manipulation!

A collective groan echoed in the classroom as rain started to hammer down on the roof. That's it. Your life is OVER. You are sitting in your classroom, mindlessly staring out the window, watching the rain platter onto the pavement with your face in your hands. It's House Sport today. And you REALLY don't want to skip it.

But then... BOOM! The sky instantly cleared up and the rain stopped pouring down. You whip your head around and see your teacher, ever so amazing, clearing your day for you. But then again, you wouldn't get out of doing P.E. ever again.

Sighhh... The joy can't last forever.

### Power 3 - Invisibility!

If you're a true Gen Alpha or Gen Z, you'll know the importance (or unimportance) of A.I. This majestic tool is well known worldwide for their tremendous help. But what if teachers had invisibility? That'll be a completely different story. They would sneak up behind you without a trace and absolutely scare the living daylights outta you when they reappear and start lecturing you about why A.I. ruins creativity, makes you dumber, not allowed in school, blah blah blah. That'd be a boring talk and necessarily creepy.

An invis teacher is not a fun one for sure!

So there you have it. Mind reading, Weather Manipulation, and Invisibility. Great powers but not so great if YOUR teacher had them. It would almost cancel out all the sneaky things you could typically get away with on a day-to-day basis. So be grateful for what you can cheat off now; you might just not have it later. Welp! That concludes our first "What If" article of our brand-new series. Hope to catch you again soon!

### Signing out,

-The B.I.S. Buzz, Alisa Li & Jovia Ho

### Special mentions:

-Series idea, inspired by the book "What If" by Randall Munroe (You should read it; it's really, really good !)

-Topic idea, Pippa Van Shaik! (Thanks! We really had writer's block...) :>

## SPORTS



### Volleyball Zone Day

This week saw two epic days of volleyball wrap up, with some fantastic results for our BIS teams!

Our Boys A team battled their way to 3rd place, narrowly missing the final after losing their semi-final on golden point! The Boys B team also performed strongly, finishing 10th out of 22 teams.

On Day 2, it was the girls' turn, with our Girls A team taking out 1st place! They will now represent BIS at the Auckland Championships in Term 4. Our Girls B team also had a great day, finishing 10th.

Congratulations to all our players for their skill, teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. What a fantastic couple of days of volleyball!



## SUCCESS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

### Best & Fairest at the Global Games NZ Junior Girls Rugby Festival

Congratulations to a fantastic group of BIS girls who recently travelled to Taupō to represent North Shore Rugby Club at the Global Games NZ Junior Girls Rugby Festival.

The three-day festival featured U13 and U11 grades, with the North Shore U13 team made up of 14 girls - 12 of whom are BIS students! Clara McPherson, Maaika Clissold, Pippa Lane, Neve Ballard, Charlotte Boys, Zoe Mules, Ciara Walker, Gia Baskerville, Olive Watkin, Lucia Morrison, Maddison Byrne and Annabelle James all represented their school and club with pride.

The team was awarded the U13 Best & Fairest Team Trophy, recognising the team that consistently demonstrates fairness, respect and positive conduct throughout the festival. The award is based on points given by opposition teams and referees, making it a particularly special achievement.

The girls played some fantastic Rippa over the three days, taking on teams they don't usually get the opportunity to play. Their award recognised not only their performance on the field, but also the way they represented themselves and their club both on and off the field. Congratulations, girls - what a fantastic achievement!



## Chess Championship Success!



Last week, eight BIS students represented the school at the Auckland Junior High Chess Championship, competing across two teams in the Major Division. Our students put in some excellent performances, with both teams finishing strongly:

🥈 BIS 1 — 2nd place

🥉 BIS 2 — 6th place

A special mention goes to Max McKenzie, who was recognised as the best player on Board 3, finishing the tournament with an impressive 5 wins and 1 draw.

Congratulations to Howard Liu, Yan Lu, Max McKenzie, Roman Garland, William Watters, George Scarfe, Josh Baddeley and Edward Foster on their hard work, determination and excellent sportsmanship. You represented BIS brilliantly!



## Sophia Shines on the International Stage

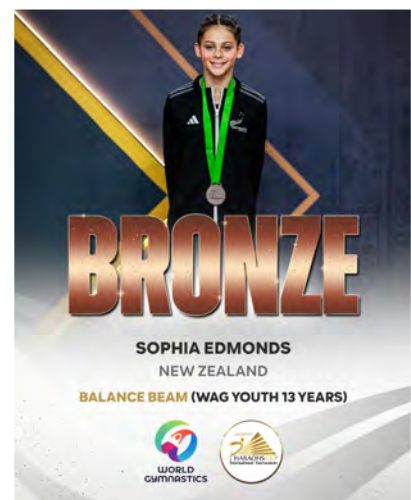


The Pharaoh's Cup in Egypt has just come to a close, and we are incredibly proud of Sophia Edmonds and her outstanding results.

Competing against gymnasts from 30 countries, Sophia has returned home with a bronze medal on balance beam and an impressive 4th-place finish in the all-around competition.

This was Sophia's first international competition, making these results an incredible achievement. We are especially proud to see her representing New Zealand and wearing the silver fern on the international stage.

Congratulations, Sophia! What an amazing accomplishment — we can't wait to see where your dedication, determination and talent take you next.



## Wiremu Selected for Representative Team



We are delighted to celebrate Wiremu Catterall, who has been selected to represent the Hokianga Storm U12 Representative Team at the upcoming Tamariki Tournament.

This is a fantastic achievement, with Wiremu selected from many talented tamariki across the region. He will proudly represent his whānau, iwi and culture, as well as Belmont Intermediate School, on the tournament stage.

We are proud to acknowledge the commitment, hard work and dedication Wiremu has shown to earn this opportunity. Congratulations, Wiremu — we wish you and the Hokianga Storm all the very best for the tournament!



## NOTICES & COMMUNITY NEWS



These school holidays, The Vic has a great range of new release titles for the whole family! For more info on our films and events visit [www.thevic.co.nz](http://www.thevic.co.nz)

## Ready to bake beautiful sourdough at home?

I run regular hands-on beginners workshop for anyone curious about the magic of sourdough - from caring for your starter to recognising when your dough is perfectly proofed.

After more than 10 years of baking sourdough for friends and whānau, I'm excited to share how rewarding and surprisingly simple it can be.

Join me in my Takapuna kitchen for a relaxed afternoon for nibbles, fresh sourdough, and practical guidance on mixing, folding, shaping, and building confidence with the process.

You'll leave with your own jar of sourdough starter and the confidence to bake a loaf at home.



### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- How to care for and maintain a healthy sourdough starter
- How to build dough strength
- How to recognise when the dough is proofed
- Shaping your dough
- Baking methods for home ovens
- The essentials you need to make sourdough at home

### WORKSHOP DETAILS:

Location: My home at Hauraki Corner (full address provided after booking)  
Duration: 2-2.5 hours  
Group Size: Maximum of 8 people  
Cost: \$100  
For info about the next class please contact me:  
Pip Davis  
[crustandcrumbnz@gmail.com](mailto:crustandcrumbnz@gmail.com)



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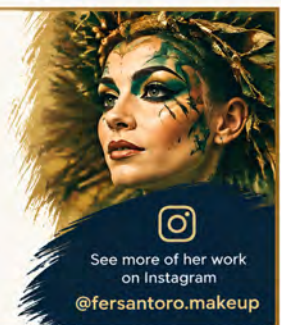


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# October School Holiday Bookings open now!

Book on Humanitix or email [hello@noughtywasters.co.nz](mailto:hello@noughtywasters.co.nz)

**NOUGHTY WASTERS MAKERSPACE**

**Week 1**  
Sep 29-Oct 1st:  
**Puppet Party**  
Ages 4-12, \$80  
9am-3pm  
Mornings in the makerspace  
Afternoons outdoors

**Week 2**  
Oct 6-8th:  
**Junk Orchestra**  
[localmaking.org](http://localmaking.org)  
**RESOURCE RECOVERY**

**Explore E-waste**

register through: [maddy@devonportcommhouse.co.nz](mailto:maddy@devonportcommhouse.co.nz)

**KID & TEENS Market**

**18 October**  
**10AM - 12PM**

A market run by our local tamariki + rangitahi

**\$10** per market table, limited spaces  
A market for the kids + teens, run by the kids + teens!  
Sell your homemade wares, preloved goods or magic tricks!

**DEVONPORT COMMUNITY HOUSE**

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# ONE NIGHT ONLY

**the Witches**

**TICKET DETAILS:**  
\$30 INCL. DRINK OR TREATIE  
**DRESS UP STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**  
prizes to be won

**30.10.2026**  
THE VIC THEATRE  
**5.30PM**

[devonportcommhouse.co.nz/events](http://devonportcommhouse.co.nz/events)

**VOLLEYBALL WORKSHOP**  
\$60 PER DAY

**LED BY LOCAL TEACHERS**

**VOLLEYBALL**  
7th & 8th October  
Ages 11 - 15  
Harbour Beach Volleyball

SportsCamps4Kids run a 2-day Volleyball Workshop, offering fun, high-energy sessions. Running from 9:00am to 2:30pm each day, it's a great way for kids to stay active, make friends, and develop their skills. Our workshops are suitable for all skill levels.

**SPORTSCAMPS4KIDS.CO.NZ**

# HAVE A GO NIGHT!

Wednesday 14 October, 5:15pm, One Domain 2 Akoranga Drive, Northcote.

Keen to give athletics a go? At Takapuna Athletics Club there's a place for everyone on the track or in the field. Just want to have fun with your friends and be active? Everyone's welcome!

<https://www.takapunaathletics.co.nz/>  
Email: [takapunaathleticsclub@gmail.com](mailto:takapunaathleticsclub@gmail.com)

**TAKAPUNA ATHLETICS CLUB**

**SHORE CITY**

# What's On

*School Holiday Fun!*

|                       |                                                                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2 SEPT</b>         | <b>Bubs Club with Claudia Robin Gunn</b><br>10am   Centre Court                 |
| <b>28 SEP - 2 OCT</b> | <b>Build a Bear Workshops</b><br>Bookings Essential   Centre Court              |
| <b>3-8 OCT</b>        | <b>Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Workshops</b><br>Free - Bookings Essential   Centre Court |
| <b>31 OCT - 1 NOV</b> | <b>Halloween Scavenger Hunt</b><br>Mall Hours   Collect from Centre Management  |
| <b>31 OCT</b>         | <b>Face Painting &amp; Balloon Twisting</b><br>1pm-5pm   Centre Court           |

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**TAKAPUNA BIG BIKE PARTY**

**FREE EVENT**

**ONE MOR LAP**

A free, family-friendly celebration of bikes, with fun challenges, games, bike skills and races, food and music - all about getting Takapuna riding.

Come on your own, with your family or your friends - all are welcome, no matter what your skills are!

**Saturday 17 October 1pm-5pm**

**Takapuna Primary School**

**RIDE YA BIKE TO JOIN IN THE FUN!**