

21 November 2014

Nga mihi o te wa kia koutou me to whanau. Once again it has been a big couple of weeks for the students and staff. Here is a recap of some of our highlights.

Athletics

Benneydale Athletes have been diligently practicing their field events under the tutelage of our esteemed teacher aide Graeme Plenderleith (Centre). On the 10th of November these students travelled to the Taumaranui Interschools competition. Despite a large pool of elite athletes Orepa, Mike and Ariana came first in both shot put and discus and Tejay came first in discus and 2nd in shotput. These four students will now travel to represent Benneydale School as a part of the Taumaranui team in Hamilton for the Waikato Athletics Day. It is great for the school to return to this elite event after being absent for many years. Congratulations and good luck to these young athletes.



DoC visit

On 21st November Kina Tucker from DOC came to talk to the students about the importance of protecting our native birds. The students have been inquiring about native wildlife and this was a great opportunity for students to learn from an expert. Students were excited to see the Kokako close up as the native bird is their school symbol. Benneydale students are stepping up as future leaders to protect what makes Benneydale and NZ unique.



Miniball

Congratulations to all the students who played mini ball this season. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and commitment from all the students throughout the season. A massive 'Thank you' to Wayne and Alicia Fraser for coaching and organising the students every week. It is really appreciated. Our team, who played in last weeks semi finals were pipped at the post and the final score was 31 - 41. The season has now come to an end and we hope more students get involved next year.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL CAMP

- All forms need to be back by this Friday 24th November
- Please make payment of \$50.00 (Senior) and \$25.00 (Juniors) to the front office
- Please let us know if your child is not attending camp or if you need new forms

Parents attending Camp

Senior

- Alicia Fraser
- Daphne Nathan
- Leanne Cressy

Junior

- Hannah Connolly
- Leanne Turner
- Anna Price
- Graeme Plenderleith

There will be an important meeting for all helpers on Monday 4th 3.10 in the staffroom

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

BOT ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Wayne Fraser and Tauva Kaleopa who are the successful candidates for the Benneydale School Board of Trustees. We look forward to continuing to work with you on the Board.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 29th November	Waikato Athletics Champs
Monday 1 st December	Parent helper meeting
Tuesday 5 th - 8th December	School Camp
Tuesday 19th December	Prize Giving at 5pm
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term 4 - Family picnic at school 12.00

The KIWI CHRISTMAS School Art Competition

To celebrate the release of New Zealand's first family festive season movie, *KIWI CHRISTMAS*, Madman Entertainment NZ is running a nationwide School Art Competition. The winning entrant will win a free private screening of the movie for their class. To enter, children aged 12 and under simply need to create a piece of artwork that depicts their favourite thing about the summer holidays in New Zealand. The top five entries will be posted on the Kiwi Christmas Facebook page and the entry with the most 'Likes' after five days will win a KIWI CHRISTMAS prize pack

Entries can be submitted via email or by post. SCAN & EMAIL TO: kiwichristmas@madman.co.nz

SEND VIA POST: Kiwi Christmas School Art Competition /- Madman Entertainment New Zealand PO BOX 47426

Ponsonby Auckland 1011 ALL ELIGIBLE ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY:

6PM ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24th



