

Berkley Normal Middle School

NZ AIMS GAMES - Something to be proud of!

The annual NZAIMS games for middle school students were held in the Bay of Plenty last week. This event has grown to having 4600 athletes competing in 16 sports codes. The very best in both sports excellence and sportspersonship was on show; it is the nursery of our national sporting talent.

Six years ago a group of Tauranga Principals thought it was time to celebrate the outstanding achievements of emerging adolescents. Their vision is growing as a major event on the NZ sports calendar. Last week was a fantastic showcase of what is best about our young people.

A Berkley team of 72 competed in 11 sports (8 individual and 3 team). Our medal tally was two gold, four silver, and one bronze.

Congratulations to:

- Gold Medals
Bronwyn McNally Indoor Bowls - singles
Bronwyn McNally/Melita Bargh Indoor Bowls - Pairs
- Silver Medals
Isobel Van Staden - swimming
Tara Vishwanath/Kacey Bennett Badminton - Pairs and Team
Josh Beattie/Matthew Graham Badminton - Pairs
- Bronze Medals
Josh Beattie/Matthew Graham/ Douglas Shephard - Team

Berkley was the "best" Waikato school finishing in 11th place on the medal table out of 121 schools.

UPCOMING EVENTS

13Sept	Inter school basketball Enrolment ballot
14 Sept	Y9 inter school indoor netball
14/15 Sept	Production - The Rocky Monster Show
17 Sept	ASB Spelling Bee comp
19 Sept	Farewell Makuhari travellers
22 Sept	Mahi Tahi Focus Korero
27 Sept	Inter school table tennis
28 Sept	Dance
29 Sept	Aranui PREP, market day
01 October	Makuhari travellers return
2 October	Student group to OPC
6 October	Team singing competition
7 October	Last day of term 3
25 October	Term 4 begins

The Rocky Monster Show

Next week, Wednesday and Thursday at 7.00pm, a cast of over 90 students will perform in our biannual production. This is an interesting show set in the 1960's. The theme is developed through song, with familiar tunes, dancing, and interesting characters played by talented actors. Tickets are now on sale. Prices are:

- \$25 for a family (2 adults/2 children)
- Adult \$10.00
- Child \$5.00

Tickets can be purchased in the Learning Centre before school from 8.00-8.30 am and lunchtime from 1.15-1.45 pm. We look forward to seeing you there supporting our young talent.

International Baccalaureate

Application for candidacy is about two weeks away from being submitted. This is a very comprehensive process. Later this year there will be an opportunity for members of our community to meet and have a Q & A evening. We have prepared an information booklet providing details. Copies are available at our Office.

UPCOMING BOT ELECTIONS

Berkley Normal Middle School runs an election system where every 18 months half of the Board's positions are up for election. As on all Boards of Trustees, each elected member sits for a three year term. Currently we have six Board of Trustee Members. In November there will be elections held to elect three positions. The other half of the Board will continue with their current appointments. Those existing members are Stephen Ng, Kate Rys, and Tracey Gunn.

Of the three remaining Board of Trustee Members, two have indicated that they will not re-stand as their children have left Berkley.

This presents a fantastic opportunity for our School Community. We actively encourage members of our School Community to consider standing for election. Not only are current parents eligible but people with an interest in the wider community can stand for election. Perhaps you know someone with children who will be attending Berkley in the foreseeable future. We hope that parents with a vested interest in the school future will seriously consider putting their names forward for election. Nominations close on Friday 4 November.

The current Board would expect that people who stand are passionate about the school and education. Being a member of a Board of Trustees involves decision making around strategic planning, finances, employment of significant personnel and ensuring that the school's legal obligations are met. Any of the current Board would be happy to discuss with people who are interested what sorts of skills are required. We encourage our School Community to actively support the upcoming elections to ensure that we continue to have a strong, passionate, and skilled Board to continue the important work that is currently underway.

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Waikato Science Fair

The following students from Berkley have been awarded prizes at the 2011 NIWA Waikato Science Fair:

Douglas Shephard, Freddie Ray, Gabrielle Dumble, Ira Azmi, James Van Der Klip, Kate Bizo, Matthew Graham and Sam Dickson.

Gabrielle won the Material World category, and won a special prize: NZ Institute of Chemistry Junior Award (\$110).

James was 3rd Y7/8 in Living World (\$30).

The others were highly recommended and won books.

ICAS Science and Spelling

Once again we have more than our share of High Distinction and Distinction recipients.

Science:

High Distinction = 4, Distinction = 7

Spelling:

High Distinction = 3, Distinction = 6

Michelle Tiang is the top student in New Zealand and will receive a gold medal at a ceremony in Wellington later in the year.

International Experience

A party of four students leave for a two week cultural exchange to Japan on Monday 19 September. Students from Makuhari Junior High School will host them. We are part of a Waikato Middle School student group of 26 who hosted students in March of this year.

SPCA Fund Raiser

This was a Student Council initiative. They raised \$789.00 via a mufti day, food, raffles etc. Student councillors travelled to the Hamilton SPCA headquarters and presented them with a cheque. Our TV camera crew went along to capture this moment so it can be shared with the school.

School Dance

When: Wednesday 28 September

Time: 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Admission: \$5.00 with parent signed invitation

Theme: Rugby World Cup

The canteen will be selling drinks for \$2.00 and chips for \$1.50. Parents are to collect their child from inside the Rec Centre at 9.00 pm.

HELP ~ Indoor Bowls

We are looking for any unwanted bowling mats to supplement our programme (we do have the current NZAIMS champions). Please contact Peter McAuley at school 8566537 if you are able to help.

Consequences of Brain Injury in Childhood (COBIC)

“To find out more about the effects of brain injury on child development, researchers from the University of Waikato are looking for children and adolescents (6 -17 years) who have not had a head injury to take part in their research study. To find out more, email COBIC@waikato.ac.nz or ring 07 8384466 ext 8082.”

Dawn Willix-Payne - Clinical Researcher - COBIC Study

Community News

Edventure, Outdoor School Holiday Programmes

Oct 10th-14th Complete Outdoors Week \$265- The Great Trout Hunt and much, much more... This programme is designed to get kids (aged 8-13) interested in learning about the Waikato River and the amazing environments around it and in it. It includes our very own entry in the annual "**Waikato River Trout Contest**", with lots of great prizes, fun and competitions. It's not all about fishing though, we have also planned other popular activities like caving, hut building and tramping. We also have a great wet weather contingency that will still keep your kids active and happy these holidays.

For more info or an enrolment pack ph 02102241576 or visit www.edventure.co.nz

School Holiday Golf Programme 2011 St Peter's Golf Academy - St Peter's School, Cambridge

Monday 10 October - Friday 14 October
New Zealand's leading Golf Academy is offering 5 days of golf coaching, fun and games for girls and boys aged 7-18.

* 9.00 am to 3.00 pm daily.

* Students need to provide their own lunch and drink.

* All coaching will be provided by coaches from the St Peter's Golf Academy.

Programme will cover full swing, bunkers, chipping, pitching, putting.

* Included two off-site visits to play at a golf course.

* The programme is designed for **any** budding young golfer.

* Free Srixon cap and glove.

* Clubs provided if required.

* Full video analysis provided.

* Daily prizes.

* Strictly limited to the first 30 registered boys and girls.

* All this for just \$300.00.

