

KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday 1 April 2016

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12 April	Three-way conferences 2pm – 8pm
13 April	Sausages for sale at lunchtime Three-way conferences 2pm – 5pm
15 April	Term 1 ends
2 May	Term 2 starts
11 May	Sausages for sale at lunchtime
16 May	Board meeting 7pm in staffroom
18 May	Eastern Zone Netball at ASB
25 May	Fundraising Runathon
1 June	Eastern Zone Cross Country
3 June	Board of Trustees Election
6 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
8 June	Eastern Zone Cross Country postponement
20 June	Board meeting 7pm staffroom
4,5 July	Footnote Dancers at school - workshops
6 July	Sausages for sale at lunchtime
8 July	Term 2 ends

NEW STUDENTS

Oli	Room 1
Henry	Room 1
Flo	Room 1

THREE WAY CONFERENCES

These will be held in the last week of the term, Tuesday 12th April and Wednesday 13th April. On both days class lessons will finish at 2pm and children are free to go home if they have parental permission. If they are to stay at school they are to report to the hall for a video. We do not allow children to remain in the school playground.

Please note that once again interview times are booked through www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Next week we will send all parents and caregivers an event code, as well as the time bookings are open.

If your child has turned six years of age before the conference, their portfolio will indicate their level of achievement in relation to the national standard level of achievement. This fits within the requirements of the National Standards legislation.

TERM 1 ACHIEVEMENT DATA – GOALS FOR 2016

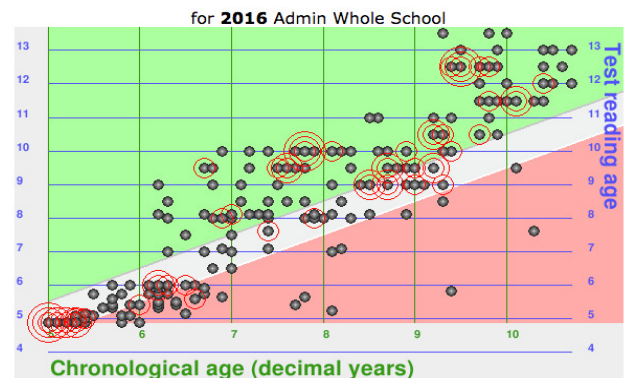
At the previous Board of Trustees meeting we discussed student achievement, particularly relating to our achievement focus areas for the year ahead. Our National

Standards results from the end of 2015 show that over 80% of our students are achieving “at” or “above” the standard in reading, writing and mathematics. We have no students at the “well below” area in these subjects.

Achievement Information for the end of Term 1:

- We have 85% of our students currently working on or above their chronological age in reading. For all of the 218 students tested by either Running Record (Years 1-2) or PROBE (Years 3-6), the average difference is 0.74 years above
- The achievement of Māori and Pasifika students is quite similar to that of the general student population; achievement in the lower and higher ranges is shared across genders.

Reading age wedge graph T1(Beg)



- The above graph shows the majority of students working within their age band (white) or above their age band (green). Those working below their age band (red) receive additional support from the class teachers and our teacher aides. The large number of red circles at the beginning of the graph refers to the new entrant children who have only been at school for a short time and are learning the strategies and skills to be successful independent learners.

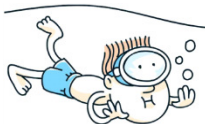
At the recent Board of Trustees meeting we also spoke about the focus on numeracy professional development. This year we are once again working with Louise Miller from Cognition Education. **We are targeting the lower achieving students as well as the students achieving at the expected level who may have the potential to achieve above the expected level.**

The scope of the work as defined by the school and shared by Cognition Education is to provide professional learning and development in mathematics in order to support the teachers and school leaders to develop and enhance the teaching of mathematics across the school. This work builds on the progress made in this area of

school development in 2015. One particular area is to develop Rich Mathematical Activities (RMAs) to promote deep thinking and authentic learning in mathematics. This will apply to students needing learning support and to those needing extension.

SWIMMING SEASON ENDS THIS SUNDAY

The school swimming pool will close this Sunday, 3 April. It has been a fantastic swimming season with many hot days to enjoy the pool. We are very fortunate to have a group of volunteers who, along with Brian our caretaker, have maintained the pool over the last season. I would certainly like to thank these people, without them our pool would not be available for use in the school holidays or weekends.



We have had a very successful season with Aquazone as well, with almost all of our Year 1 – 3 children participating in the Learn to Swim programme. At a time when we hear of so many drownings in the water it is great to feel that we are providing our children with some essential aquatic skills.

Pool key refunds (\$20) are available from Liz in the school office. We would expect the 2016/17 swimming season to start around Labour Weekend.

Mike McGimpsey
Principal

Check your Apple wall plug adaptors!

Apple has announced for a nationwide wall plug adapter recall. Certain wall plug adapters shipped from 2003 to 2015 with Mac and certain iOS devices may create a risk of electrical shock if touched.

Connect NZ are partnering with your school to help you get these replaced... FOR FREE!

Just ask your office admin at school for support.

The team at Connect NZ provides industry leading business technology equipment and software as well as services to keep it all running smoothly. Our portfolio includes products for an IT network, phone systems, audio visual equipment and video conferencing. We will set it up and keep it running smoothly.



Go to www.apple.com/nz/support/sc-wallplug-adaptor/ for more info

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See Liz in the school office if you have a machine needing a replacement adaptor.

KILBIRNIE SCHOOL ASC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kilbirnie After School Care Holiday Programme
18 to 29 April, 8.30 – 5.30pm
\$35 per day or \$40 per trip or cooking day, in the hall at school.
In April, become Picasso, battle it out at Laser Force, bake some treats and go to the pool. There'll be fun for everyone.
Contact 027 230 4798 or kasc10@gmail.com for bookings and more information.
Programme and booking form available on <http://kilbirnieasc.weebly.com/>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tunnel Laundrette Promotion

Each \$10 (18kg) wash sold at Hataitai 4 Square in the month of April we will donate \$5 to your school. The 18kg wash is perfect for large items like duvets, blankets and sleeping bags.

Purchase a \$10 wash token from Hataitai 4 Square, tell the person at the 4 Square which school your child attends, it will be noted and counted.

For instruction on how to use the 18kg machine go to www.bigwash.co.nz or call 021 08255753

Renouf Tennis Centre Holiday Programme

Ages 5 – 9+ half day or full day programmes

tristan@planitpro.co.nz or 385 6294, 027 3571221

ASB Holiday Football @ Wakefield Park

Boys and Girls 5 -12 year old

Register www.ibujuniors.org.nz

YMCA Holiday programmes

Various venues across the Wgtn region

www.ymcawellington.org.nz for more info

Holiday Craft Classes & B/day parties

Details at www.CraftHouse.co.nz

Little Dog Barking Family Shows

Guj Guj for 2-10 year olds

Duck Death & the Tulip for 2-102 year olds!

Info at www.littledogbarking.co.nz

Inverloch Art Holiday programmes

School Holiday Programme

Harbour City GymSports

Holiday programme 9-3pm 5-12 year olds

office@hcg.org.nz or Ph 386 4443 for info

Wgtn Harrier Athletic Club

Alexander Road

Julie 380 6377 for more info

Cashmere Ave School Fair

Sunday 10th April 11-3pm rain or shine

Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics

Recreation 'give it a go' classes for girls 5+

Sat 9th April 10.30-11.30

Anglican Chinese Mission, Glenmore St

www.rhythmicgym.nz

Life Flight Open Day

Sun 10th April 10 – 2pm

Life Flight Air Rescue Centre

(near Warehouse, Lyall Bay)

Entry by donation

Child Care Positions at Primary Schools

Several After School Care Centres are looking

for staff. www.ymcagreaterwellington.org.nz for info

Weta Workshop Holiday programme

7-12 year olds – making movie magic

Book online [http://wetaworkshop.com/visit-](http://wetaworkshop.com/visit-us/workshop-tours/tour/school-Holiday-programme)

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Miramar Rangers AFC – First Kicks

Ages 4 – 6 – commences 2 April

Shin pads are compulsory

www.miramarrangers.co.nz for more info