



# KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 May	Board meeting 7pm in staffroom
17 May	Assembly celebrating World Diversity Day
18 May	School Cross Country
20 May	Nominations close for board elections
23 May	Fundraising Runathon*
25 May	Class trips to Te Papa Voting papers sent out for board elections
1 June	Eastern Zone Cross Country
3 June	Election date for Board of Trustees
<b>6 June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Holiday</b>
7 June	Fundraising Meeting
8 June	Eastern Zone Cross Country postponement
9 June	Votes counted for board elections
16 June	Matariki Day
20 June	Board meeting 7pm staffroom – first formal meeting for the new board
4,5 July	Footnote Dancers at school - workshops
6 July	Sausages for sale at lunchtime
8 July	Term 2 ends

\*Please note the change of date for the Runathon.

## NEW STUDENTS

Hunter	Room 1
Cameron	Room 1
Abhik	Room 1
Imogen	Room 8
Luke	Room 5
William	Room 6

## SCHOOL TOPIC: EARLY NEW ZEALAND

Last term the topic of healthy eating was studied throughout the school, this term all classes are looking at the topic of early New Zealand. It is important our students learn about and appreciate New Zealand's historical and cultural background.

The **Junior Syndicate** are looking at early Māori life, through the telling of myths and legends. A forthcoming visit to Te Papa will give the children an opportunity for "hands on" experiences. We also look forward to celebrating Matariki later in the term and to join in rotational activities focussing on different aspects of Māori life.

The **Senior Syndicate** will be looking at how the first settlers got to Aotearoa. We start by briefly

imagining what life was like before any humans arrived. We will then investigate how they navigated and where they chose to settle. Following this we will start to look at sites of significance to Māori in our local area and as we progress through the term we will be linking our inquiry to the Matariki celebrations. As part of our unit we will have a trip to Te Papa and Te Wharewaka o Poneke.

The **Middle Syndicate** are intending to have a weekly topic of study. For example; looking at housing one week and the next the land and the impact people have had on it, sports and games, art and weaving followed by foods etc. This is an exciting Inquiry unit and we are all looking forward to learning and then sharing the learning with you

## WORLD DIVERSITY DAY

This year our school will celebrate World Diversity Day (Saturday 21 May) at a special assembly next Tuesday, 17 May. World Diversity Day has been developed by the United Nations to "provide us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to live together better". It also fits with one of our three goals for Inclusive Schools, of drawing on our students' language, culture and identity to shape their learning goals and experience.

We have a high number of students from different cultures at our school, nineteen to be precise, so we are inviting as many as possible to introduce themselves in their native language, as well as hopefully wear traditional costume if appropriate. We plan to hold the special assembly at 11.30, followed by shared lunches in each syndicate.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is increasingly used by parents and caregivers as a way of finding out what is happening at school. We are continually adding features and information about the school to our website therefore it is probably timely to detail the main features. Please take a look on the following: [www.kilbirnie.school.nz](http://www.kilbirnie.school.nz)

### Upcoming Events:

You can click onto the calendar to see scheduled events until the end of 2016. It also shows the dates for the school holidays as well as school and fundraising events.

### Latest News:

This details recent school events, often with accompanying photographs. We currently have information about the upcoming Board of Trustees elections, as well as recent assemblies.

The top bar of the website outlines the main site sections.

#### **About Us:**

- Our school, including our recent ERO report
- Our people
- Policies and procedures

#### **Everyday Stuff**

- Sports draws
- Lunch orders
- Managing headlice
- Methods of payment to school

#### **Our Community**

- Parentlink
- After school care
- Pool
- Hall hire
- Roading Issues

#### **Enrolment Information**

- New entrant information
- Enrolment forms
- Enrolment zone information

#### **News and Events**

- Newsletters
- Trustee News
- School term dates

#### **Contact Us**

- Street and postal addresses
- Bank account details for school payments

I would certainly like to thank Soazik from school for managing the school website and being so vigilant in making sure it is kept as up to date as possible.

#### **SPORTS UPDATE**

**Katrina Te Rito**

We had 9 Floorball teams take part in the after school league at ASB in Term 1, as well as a Mini Water Polo team and a Touch Rugby team. The children had a lot of fun and on behalf of all the families involved I would like to thank our dedicated group of coaches who made it all possible: Amanda Bulman, Nicole Jackson, Rachel Weld, Steve Gadd, Ash Dunstan, Amanda McCaw, Melissa Tait, Arianna Matsis, Rob Gordon, David Isaia and Karl White. Thanks also to the team managers. This term we have 7 teams entering the after school Miniball League. We also have our School Cross Country coming up on 18 May and our Senior Swimming Festival on 28 June.

#### **PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL!**

We are aware that there are a lot of roadworks near the school at the moment and parking is difficult but we ask that parents still be aware there should be no parking on yellow lines, double parking or stopping over the school driveway to drop off/pick up children.

Any of the above may mean that a child is not seen by moving traffic.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Mike McGimpsey**  
Principal

#### **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. 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](http://www.bigwash.co.nz) or call 021 08255753

##### **Kelly Sports Term 2 programmes**

[www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) for more info

##### **Kids X Country Series**

Over winter months at various Wgtn venues

Pre-schoolers through to Year 8

<https://www.athleticshub.co.nz/our-programmes#kidsxcountry>

##### **Jennian Homes Mothers Day Fun/Run/Walk**

Sunday 8 May on Wgtn waterfront.

When registering you will be asked to nominate your school who will then be in the draw to win a share of \$50,000 of sports equipment

<http://www.jennianmothersday.com> to register

##### **Learn Mandarin Chinese**

Island Bay Comm Centre Term 2

[www.nihaocc.org.nz](http://www.nihaocc.org.nz) for more info

##### **Wgtn Diving Club at Aquatic Centre**

5-17 years old [www.wellingtondiving.org.nz](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) for info

Free trial

##### **LCF Fun Languages**

After school language club French, Spanish, Mandarin  
Annick 021 462042

##### **Race to Explore Wgtn Zoo & Greater Wgtn**

Orienteering adventures

[www.citysafari.org.nz](http://www.citysafari.org.nz) for more info

##### **Community Music Junction**

Group singing & marimba classes 4-12 years old

[communitymusic@xtra.co.nz](mailto:communitymusic@xtra.co.nz) or ph 8025298

##### **Kids Cross Country Series**

Winter months around Wellington

First up – Karori Park Sunday 15 May.

Pre-schoolers to Year 8's.

[www.athleticshub.co.nz/our-programme#kidsxcountry](http://www.athleticshub.co.nz/our-programme#kidsxcountry)

##### **Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool**

[www.wellingtondiving.org.nz](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) or call/text Barbara on 027-485-8888.

##### **Configure Express Kilbirnie**

Offer child minding Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
10.15 -12.15pm

For more info visit [www.configureexpress.co.nz](http://www.configureexpress.co.nz)

##### **Mogmusic Private Tuition**

Piano, recorder, guitar, ukulele, trumpet, violin

Ph 384 8213

Mention school and we receive \$20 donation

##### **Roller Disco Fri 27 May**

Kilbirnie Rec Centre

Dress up as your favourite movie or TV character

Pre-sales only from the Rec Centre