

# KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21 Mar	Board Meeting 7pm staffroom
25 Mar	Good Friday Holiday
28 Mar	Easter Monday Holiday
29 Mar	Easter Tuesday Holiday
13 Apr	Sausages for sale at lunchtime
15 Apr	Term 1 ends

## NEW STUDENTS

Noah Room 1

## SCHOOL CAMP

I would like to thank all of the people involved with what was, once again, a most successful camp. Tony, Peter, Margaret and Alison all worked extremely hard and I am sure they were just as tired as the children by 3pm Friday. There is a tremendous amount of organisation that goes into the camp and on behalf of the school community big thanks for offering an amazing experience for the children. A particular bonus for us was not only having a great number of parents willing to pitch in, but also having well-behaved children making the most of the opportunities offered. It was certainly great to see how they supported each other as some of the activities were a little more challenging to some.

Some reflections from the children in Room 8:

*At camp we went on the confidence course. It was made of tyres, nets, ropes and wooden wheels. It was very long and you had to dodge roots on the track a lot. In our cabins there were eight beds and we each chose our bed. We played two-ball soccer and we also went kayaking. We had very nice food and everyone brought snacks for afternoon and morning tea. We also had biscuits, crackers and fudge. We also had hot chocolate at camp. On the way back we stopped at Hang Dog with our lunch but we could only eat after the course.*

**Luka.**

*On the first day I was so happy because I had waited for this day since last year, so I woke up at 7.30. when I got to camp I started to miss my family but I*

*had to get over it. There was a big water slide 105 metres long, and a pool. At night when it was dark and I was fast asleep, Isla, Caitlin and Charlotte saw a possum. The next day we went kayaking, I had lots of fun and we played splash bag, I got all wet. The last day of camp we went rock climbing. I almost got to the top, then we headed to the park and then back to school.*

**Paris.**

*Camp was so much fun! I loved the water slide, the water slide was almost 105 metres long. The swimming pool kept getting deeper and deeper. I stayed up past midnight chatting. We had a game of two-ball soccer and it was fun. The confidence course didn't build any confidence in me it just made me show confidence. Tomas and I didn't know how to play cricket so we just got some cricket balls out and played with them.*

**Hector.**



**Part of the confidence course.**

## TOILET BLOCK DEVELOPMENT

The senior toilets are now open, much to the delight of the senior students who now have a little less walking to do. A mirror in each area as well as hot water is certainly an improvement on the previous toilets. We hope to open the new junior toilets shortly, along with the refurbished resource room areas to be used by the senior students. Plans are currently being finalised for the opening between Rooms 9 and 10.



## PARENT/CHILD TUTORING PROGRAMME

Jacqui Brown

The Junior Syndicate runs a parent/child tutoring programme which involves parents/grandparents or other volunteers coming along to help out with reading at school. This programme involves 4-5 parents who have had training in the basic reading strategies, provided by the school.

Each volunteer attends for about an hour each week, same day and same time. They work one on one with children who need extra help with their reading. They will be working with the same children each week, so a bond is built up between them.

Once these children have made significant progress, then another group of children are chosen. Feedback from the parents involved in the programme has been very positive and they feel they have learnt the strategies they need to help support their own child in their reading at home.

If you would be interested in being involved in this programme, or know of a grandparent/volunteer who may be interested to join us, please contact Jacqui Brown.



## JUNIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

The junior syndicate recently held their swimming sports in our school pool. They had a variety of activities, thoroughly enjoyed by all.



**Mike McGimpsey**  
Principal

## Check your Apple wall plug adaptors!

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

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**We have replaced our wall adaptors for the school machines; we have an additional 20 left in the school office so please contact Liz if you have a machine needing a replacement adaptor.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Artrageous Kids

Easter Tuesday Fun Day 29 March

April Holiday Programme – see notice board

Big Kids Holiday Programme – see notice board

[www.artrageouskids.co.nz](http://www.artrageouskids.co.nz) for more info & venues

### Hataitai Neighbours Day

Hataitai Bowling Club Sunday 20 March 2-5pm

### Fencing for over 6 year olds

ASB Sports Centre on Mondays

[Nz.wfc@outlook.com](mailto:Nz.wfc@outlook.com) or 021 0592558 Ping Yuan

### Little Sprouts Easter Country Fair

Sunday 20 March at Battle Hill Farm, Pauatahanui

Scavenger hunt tickets on sale now \$7.50 per child

[www.littlesproutseastercountryfair.co.nz](http://www.littlesproutseastercountryfair.co.nz)

### Newtown Movie School Holiday programmes

[www.newtownmovieschool.co.nz](http://www.newtownmovieschool.co.nz)

Craig 021 966277

### YMCA Camp Kaitoke

Holiday programmes-bookings now open

[www.ymcawellington.co.nz](http://www.ymcawellington.co.nz)

### El Rancho Holiday programmes

[greg@elrancho.co.nz](mailto:greg@elrancho.co.nz) for more info

### Indoor Ice Skating Rink

"Frosty Spot" 85-87 Port Road, Seaview

[www.facebook.com/Frostyspoticerink/](http://www.facebook.com/Frostyspoticerink/)

### April School Holiday events

Check out [www.citywrigglers.co.nz](http://www.citywrigglers.co.nz) to find a playground, holiday programmes and much more.

### Weta Workshop Holiday programme

7-12 year olds – making movie magic

Book online <http://wetaworkshop.com/visit-us/workshop-tours/tour/school-Holiday-programme>

### Holiday Computer Classes

Minecraft, 3D Games, coding and much more

[www.grandtraining.co.nz](http://www.grandtraining.co.nz) or Ph 488 0787

### Miramar Rangers AFC – First Kicks

Ages 4 – 6 – commences 2 April

Shin pads are compulsory

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