

# KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 June	Senior swimming sports Rooms 7-10
4,5 July	Footnote Dancers at school - workshops
6 July	Sausages for sale at lunchtime
8 July	Term 2 ends
25 July	Term 3 starts
28 July	Marrzipan drama classes start
4 Aug	Proposed parent movie evening
8 Aug	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm staffroom
9 Aug	Year 6's to Evans Bay Intermediate
12 Aug	School photos
24 Aug	Free Performance Wellington Orchestra
26 Aug	Eastern zone swimming sports
29 Aug	Dress rehearsal school performance
<b>30 Aug</b>	<b>School Production at St Patrick's College</b>
31 Aug	Sausages for sale at lunchtime
12 Sept	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm staffroom
14 Aug	Eastern zone miniball at ASB
15 Aug	Proposed school disco
21 Aug	Sausages for sale at lunchtime
23 Sep	Term 3 ends

## TERM DATES FOR 2017

### Term 1:

Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 13 April

### Term 2:

Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July

### Term 3:

Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

### Term 4:

Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

## Holidays:

Waitangi Day Monday 6 February

Queen's Birthday Monday 5 June

Labour Day Monday 23 October

Easter and ANZAC Day fall within holiday period

## NEW STUDENTS

Gabriel Room 1  
Caitlin Room 1  
Nhi Room 4

## MATARIKI DAY

Last Thursday we held a particularly successful Matariki Day, starting in the hall with our kapa haka group and an explanation of Matariki; and finishing ten hours



later with a celebration in the hall. Celebrations such as Matariki make everyone realise how special Kilbirnie School is in the way parents, teachers and children work together. We had a wonderful group of parents who assisted with electives and the preparation of the kai for the evening, and we had all of the teachers and teacher aides working with groups of children on a multitude of Matariki-based elective choices.



It's great to be able to offer the students a wide range of learning activities and

certainly enhances our programme when we can incorporate as many curriculum areas as possible. One of the great things of the day was to see the students relate to each other, the different age groups working with and supporting each other, with everything from flax weaving to scrubbing vegetables and making kites. An important aspect of our bicultural programme is to teach our students/tamariki to be respectful of others and to be aware of tikanga Māori.

Yesterday we enjoyed an amazing presentation and performance using traditional Māori musical

instruments from Alistair Fraser. On Monday next week we have Ray Ahipene-Mercer coming to school to re-tell the story of Ngake and Whataitai. Ray spoke to our students at the ceremony to open the waharoa following its installation by Jake Yocum, we then walked all the children out through the car park and back under the waharoa. Now that the new pillars, designed by students and so beautifully crafted by Jake, have been installed it will be terrific to repeat this following Ray's korero.

#### FOOTNOTE DANCERS – MARRZIPAN DRAMA

You will notice from the diary dates on the first page that we have scheduled a school production for Tuesday 30 August. This production involves the entire school and is staged at St Patrick's College in Kilbirnie. Our hall has a capacity of just over 200 people therefore is not suitable for a full school production with students and parents. We are still in the planning stage for our production however in preparation for the event we are involving our students in dance workshop with Footnote Dancers in the last week of this term, and secondly with drama workshops with Marrzipan Drama in the first four weeks of the term. Drama and Dance are two important aspects of the arts programme and it will be great for students, and teachers, to learn from the professionals.

ParentLink has donated \$5000 to the school to assist in the funding for the above two programmes. It is great to see that these funds are being used to support the school programme in the arts area, in a similar way to last year when ParentLink supported the Artrageous Art programme. I would certainly like to thank Larissa and her hardworking committee for this contribution.

#### ANOTHER BURGLARY!

Last night the school was broken into **once again**, this time fifteen Surface Pro machines and eight laptops were stolen from the teachers' workroom in the administration building. Room 6 was also entered; the junior block was forced however entry not made. This is obviously becoming a serious concern to us, particularly as the buildings are now alarmed. For some unexplained reason the alarms were not set off, this is currently being investigated by the alarm people.

Schools such as ours are becoming targets for this type of crime and it is an unfortunate reality that we are spending funds on security and replacements at

the expense of other resources. We will be making an insurance claim for the stolen machines.

**Please ring 111 if you become aware of any suspicious activity around the school.**

**Mike McGimpsey**  
Principal

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

##### Winter Performance W/Shop for budding actors

Years 5 – 8 at Rata Studios, Strathmore  
[Jackie@ratastudios.co.nz](mailto:Jackie@ratastudios.co.nz) or [facebook.com/ratastudiosnz](https://www.facebook.com/ratastudiosnz)

##### Holiday Computer Classes

5-15year olds – Minecraft, 3D games, coding...  
[www.grnadtraining.co.nz](http://www.grnadtraining.co.nz) or Ph Ed 499 2211

##### Soccer Italian Style coming to Wellington

18-22 July for 7-14 year olds – limited spaces  
Professional coaches from Empoli & ACF Fiorentina  
[www.fsof.co.nz/sis/](http://www.fsof.co.nz/sis/) for more info

##### Artrageous Kids July Extravaganza

Follow this link to view the [July 2016 Schedule](#).

Follow this link to view the [Big Kids Week](#) schedule.

[www.artrageous.kids.co.nz](http://www.artrageous.kids.co.nz)

##### Circus School Holiday Fun in Newtown

Single and multi-day bookings available  
[www.circus.org.nz](http://www.circus.org.nz) for more info

##### Harbour City GymSports – Hataitai Park

Holiday programme 11-15 July  
[office@hcg.org.nz](mailto:office@hcg.org.nz) or Ph 386 4443 to register

##### Holiday Footy-Fun Morning 6 to 10 year olds

Kilbirnie Park – behind Pool  
Monday 11 July 9.30 – 12.30pm \$15  
Natalie or Warren 387 2171 or [warren.nat@hotmail.com](mailto:warren.nat@hotmail.com)

##### Standouts Dance, Sing and Act

Tues 12 and Tues 19 July  
St Judes Hall, Lyaall Bay  
[gemma@standouts.co.nz](mailto:gemma@standouts.co.nz) for more info

##### Maranui Swimming Club

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

##### The Rock Academy holiday activities

St Patrick's Parish Hall, Kilbirnie  
Daily busking trips, group jam sessions and much more.  
[www.therockacademy.co.nz](http://www.therockacademy.co.nz) for more info

##### Inverlochly Art Holiday programme

The [Holiday Programme is now up on our website](#)

##### Ice Skating Ring & Ice Slide

2 - 31 July Odlins Plaza on the waterfront

##### Swim lessons at Aquatic Centre

[Wracswwimschool@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Wracswwimschool@wcc.govt.nz) or ph 387 5655  
Holiday programmes running also.