

KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9 Mar	Sausages for sale at lunchtime
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

Armando Room 1
Theo Room 1

CO OPERATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING R3&4

Schools have certainly changed in many ways over the years – not only in what has been taught, but also how it has been taught. The days of sitting at wooden desks, eyes towards the teacher at the

front of the room, with everyone using the same text book, have gone. This year the school has identified Innovative Learning Environments as the core

focus for professional learning and development. A major part of this development is a move to greater co-operation in learning and teaching. Kay Mudge and Jessica White have detailed below the developments in their rooms.

This year our two rooms are working with the doors open, allowing the classes to combine for a variety of curriculum areas. We are able to use our teaching time more effectively to teach individual groups of children based on their ability and needs. We begin our day with the children in their home room for roll call and notices, they then move to the appropriate room for the literacy rotation, which runs over a two week period. The children from the two rooms are grouped according to ability levels, we are both able

to work with smaller groups while our teacher aide roves to ensure children are on task and know what to do. This enables the two of us to maximise the teaching time for working with the ability groups, as well as the time to create more meaningful and structured activities appropriate to the learners. As the term progresses we will be extending this programme to mathematics and writing, we already combine for a number of other activities, particularly topic study.

With this style of co-operative teaching and learning the children get the benefit of two teachers with different strengths working together to plan and implement the programmes. There is no doubling up on teaching for the same needs; the two classes have groups working more with children of the same learning needs. Children who are achieving faster than their group peers can be moved easily into a more challenging group. We are able to share resources and ideas for planning. Children also get to work with two teachers and a wider group of peers, relationships are more easily forged with a larger number of children to work with. It is often easier to separate conflicting personalities within the group. As teachers we are also learning from each other. As teachers, we need to be very honest and open with each other; it is certainly strengthening our professional relationship. Being well organised and good communication is the key to this working well.

Kay Mudge & Jessica White



The classes in action!

WORKS PROGRAMME

Room 10 return from camp today to find a large hole in the wall. The old senior boy's toilets have been converted into a cloakroom. During the April holidays we will be doing further work in this area.



The new junior and senior toilets are soon to be in operation, and the two resource areas have been refurbished. We have replaced the light fittings and the carpets, put colourful Autex wall linings on the walls and created a double doorway for easy access. In a forthcoming newsletter I will provide photos of the areas and further explain how the spaces are to be used.

GROWING NEIGHBOURS PROGRAMME

The Wellington City Council has provided every primary school aged child with a pack of seeds to grow and care for.

The seeds have been selected as easy to grow in either pots or gardens, and are suitable for Wellington's conditions.

They are being distributed as part of a wider project which includes Local Food Week and Neighbours Day Aotearoa. www.wellington.govt.nz/localfoodweek and www.wellington.govt.nz/neighboursday for more info.

They would love to see photos of the veges your children grow.

If using social media please tag photos with #wellynextdoor and #localfoodweekwellington or they can be emailed to wellynextdoor@wcc.govt.nz



Children will bring their seeds home today except for those who have been on camp, who will receive theirs at a later date.

LIBRARY BOOK DONATION

Thank you very much to Lucy, mother of Joe and Theo, for the generous donation of books to our school library on behalf of the Matairangi Kindergarten

Mike McGimpsey
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Victoria University Wgtn Rugby League

6-17 year olds Registration Sunday 6 March
11.00am Martin Luckie Park, Newtown
www.facebook.com/huntersrl for more info

Miramar Rangers AFC

Catering for 4 years and up
www.miramarrangers.co.nz/juniors for more info

Annual Gluten Free Foot & Allergy Show

Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua 10 – 5pm
19 – 20th March

No More Nits!

Contact Lisa www.nitsypixies.co.nz
Or 0800 648 797

In-Salon treatments or home products

Hataitai Community Market Day

Hataitai Bowling Club 5 March 10am-1pm

Lyall Bay School Fair Fri 11 March 5pm

Something for everyone

Renouf Tennis Centre

Autumn Holiday Indoor camp

18 – 22 April & 25 -29 April

Full or half day sessions

Tristan@planitpro.co.nz or 385 6294

MSP Junior Rugby

Registrations open www.msprugby.co.nz
Check website for more info.

Island Bay United Junior Football Reg

Registration online <http://ibujuniors.org.nz/registration-2014/2016-winter-season>

Wgtn United Junior Football Club

Fun football 5-8 yrs olds

Street football -9th grade +

www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/summer-programmes.html

Wgtn United Junior Football Registrations

For new & existing players Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd April
Players wishing to trial must be registered.

www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/trials-2016.html

Oriental Rongotai Junior Rugby

Registration 16th March 5.30 – 7.00pm

Polo Ground, 22 Park Road, Miramar

Email minimagpies@ories.org.nz for more info.

Harbour City Junior Hockey

Register on-line www.hcjh.org.nz or Ph 021 2763222

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Before School Care @ Berhampore School

7 – 9:00am Pick up from home & drop off at school
Breakfast & homework assistance

www.pridelands.org.nz or 0800 PRIDE 4 U

Hataitai Community Market Leaflet Drops

Paying \$30 for 1000 flyers into mail boxes in the suburb

Angela 021 491106 for more info