



# KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 Nov	Aquazone swimming starts in school pool for Rooms 1 - 6
15 Nov	ERO Visit next two days
<b>23 Nov</b>	Road patrol training for 2017
<b>25 Nov</b>	<b>Market Night</b>
30 Nov	Sausages on sale at lunchtime
2 Dec	Pack the Bus
7 Dec	Leavers Dinner at The Pines for Year 6's
9 Dec	Marrzipan Performance Big Day Out Year 6's Rooms 1 – 6 at Botanic Gardens
12 Dec	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
13 Dec	Junior Christmas Party Certificate Assembly
15 Dec	School finishes 1pm

## 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

**Waitangi Day** Monday 6 February

**Queen's Birthday** Monday 5 June

**Labour Day Monday** 23 October

## 2017 Camp Dates:

**Year 6's Tuesday 28 February to Friday 3 March**

**Year 5's Wednesday 1 March to Friday 3 March**

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL POSITION

I am very pleased to announce that **Peter Dobson** has been appointed as Deputy Principal of Kilbirnie School, starting the beginning of the new school year. Peter has been at the school as senior teacher for a number of years and, along with Jacqui Brown, will provide wonderful support for Tony. Tamsin Wilkins from the Board of Trustees served on the appointments committee; along with Tony, Jacqui and I.

## ROCHELLE COKER

The Board of Trustees has regrettably accepted the resignation of **Rochelle Coker** from her position as class teacher at Kilbirnie School. Rochelle started with us five years ago after a most successful teaching practice as a student teacher. Rochelle is an outstanding teacher and will be very much missed by the school. In her time at Kilbirnie School Rochelle has assisted Peter Dobson in the leadership area of ICT and at the end of last year, along with Peter, successfully completed her post-graduate in Digital and Collaborative Learning. Rochelle has always been keen to further enhance her teaching craft and lead staff professional learning and development in a number of areas, including Genius Hour and computing.

Rochelle and her husband-to-be are relocating to Hawkes Bay to begin the next stage of their lives. I would certainly like to thank Rochelle for her intelligent and thoughtful contribution to Kilbirnie School and wish her well for the future.

## 2017 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

We are currently in the process of advertising for two permanent staff members, one for Room 5 and one for Room 10. Planning for the 2017 school year is obviously underway however we will not be in a position to confirm class placement or staffing decisions until final appointments have been made later in the term.

## LEAVERS DINNER

On Wednesday 7 December the Year 6 students will be holding their Leavers' Dinner. Once again this event will be held at The Pines. We have a group of parents who have been meeting to plan the occasion. The evening gets under way with drinks and nibbles at 5.30pm; this is followed by the dinner and entertainment. It is customary for the Year 6 students to make a small speech, highlighting their time at Kilbirnie School. Always a nerve-racking time however a wonderful sense of accomplishment once completed.

## ERO VISIT

On the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of November we are being visited by a couple of people from ERO who would like to find out more about the teaching strategies we use to increase the numbers of students achieving well beyond expectations in the Year 4 – 5 areas. This is part of a national survey of 40 schools like ours that are on the 4-5 review period.

We will be highlighting various programmes of work around the school, including the buddy classes for Genius Hour, mathematics enrichment and future-focussed learning programmes.



Aston and Jaguun coming first and second in the Eastern Zone Sprints this week.

### Sneak A Peak Bonanza!

In a first for our school we are holding a preview evening two nights before Market Night, where you can get first call on our best quality preloved clothing for adults, babies and kids. Entry by gold coin donation.

There will be treats to eat & the chance to pick up some fabulous preloved clothing for a bargain price. Don't miss out, put it in your diary now! Please help support our fundraising & spread the word - this event is open to friends, family & community.

Kilbirnie School Hall, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
November, 7.30-9.30pm

### KILBIRNIE SCHOOL MARKET EVENING: Reminder!

- Donations for raffles – vouchers, produce & services
- Donation of quality clean, second hand items
- Jars for tombola – fill a jar with lollies, cake mix, fun stuff for kids and adults.

- Toys, games and kids books, kids magazines, kids comics
- Clothing for kids, babies & adults
- Kids sports equipment

On the day...

- Helping on a stall – serving food, running games, selling clothes, toys or books
- Donations of baking for the cake stall

## SWIMMING POOL

Pool keys are now on sale for the summer season. We have a small group of parents who are happy to assist with the duty roster; this mainly involves unlocking in the weekend/holiday mornings, as well as checking on toilet paper supplies and so on. This season we are employing an older student to look after vacuuming, water maintenance and the like. Please contact the school if you are able to assist.

**Mike McGimpsey**  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Springboard & Platform Diving

Aquatic Centre for 5 yrs & up  
[www.wellingtondiving.org.nz](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) or  
Barbara 027 4858888

### Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics

[www.rhythmicgym.nz](http://www.rhythmicgym.nz) or email  
[info@rhythmicgym.nz](mailto:info@rhythmicgym.nz) for Free trial

### Fun Holiday Adventures

#### Berhampore School

19/12 – 27/1 7am-7pm  
Shuttle Services available

#### School Holiday Computer classes

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

Also teacher required to help with various classes  
Ph: 499 2211

### Summer Camp January 2017

KHAAT takes children 8-12 around NZ  
[www.kiwikhaat.co.nz/khaat-nz](http://www.kiwikhaat.co.nz/khaat-nz) for more info

### Evans Bay Intermediate

Applications for enrolment in 2017 can be  
downloaded from [www.ebis.school.nz](http://www.ebis.school.nz)  
or Ph Joy 939 3247

### Holiday Drams/Film Block Course at Rata Studios

Boys and girls 9-13 years  
[www.ratastudios.co.nz](http://www.ratastudios.co.nz) for more info

### Owhiro Bay Country Fair 27 Nov 10.30-2.30pm

Owhiro Bay School and Kindergarten  
Cheap helicopter rides. Click link to make booking  
[http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country\\_fair\\_portal.html](http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country_fair_portal.html)

**Lost:** Blue and green entry level MPG scooter  
See Kane Room 9