

KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22 Feb	Fundraising meeting 7pm staffroom
23 Feb	Parent meeting for camp
1 Mar	Year 6's to camp
2 Mar	Year 5's to camp
4 Mar	Campers return
21 Mar	Board Meeting 7pm staffroom
25 Mar	Good Friday Holiday
28 Mar	Easter Monday Holiday
29 Mar	Easter Tuesday Holiday
15 Apr	Term 1 ends

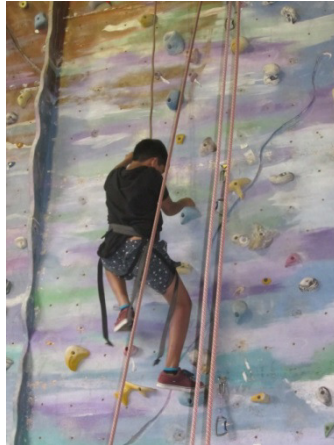
NEW STUDENTS

Samantha

Room 1

SCHOOL CAMP 2016

The Year 5 & 6 students are soon to take part in our annual school camp based at the Palm Grove campsite, inland from Paraparaumu. The school camp offers a wealth of social, academic and physical activities – particularly for “city kids”. The Year 6 students travel on Tuesday with Tony Austin and Margaret Maher. The Year 5 students travel Wednesday with Peter Dobson and Alison Thwaites. All campers return on Friday around 2pm...tired but happy. Transport is provided by parents, we also have a number of parents staying for the duration of the camp as it is most important that we have appropriate child: adult ratios. The adults assisting have gone through the police vetting process.



Some of the activities are as follows:

Year 5 students:

- Visit to Nga Manu bird sanctuary
- Confidence course
- Kayaking at Pauatahanui inlet
- Camp concert
- Rock-climbing at Hangdog in Lower Hutt

Year 6 students:

- Rock-climbing
- Ropes course at the camp
- Kayaking
- Sleep over in tents
- Tramp
- Horse riding

The time at camp gives the students the opportunity to co-operate with others, to share duties and even share cabins. There are plenty of opportunities for free time – sliding down the famous water slide, swimming in the pool and using the trampoline. Risk management is obviously of prime importance and all staff involved prepare detailed risk analysis sheets. The entire programme and risk analysis information is also seen, and ratified, by the Board of Trustees.

WORKS PROGRAMME

We are making steady progress on our works programme in the toilet area, wall partitions are up and plastering is not too far way. I would certainly like to thank the children, parents and teachers for putting up with the extra noise and occasional inconvenience of the project. Like all building projects we have had to deal with a few unforeseen issues however the end is in sight. We hope to convert the senior boy's toilet to a cloakroom for Room 10 during the days Room 10 is away at camp. The final part of the project is to link Rooms 9 and 10 with an internal doorway. As the two rooms are on different levels we need to incorporate internal steps, we will also be moving the sink bench in Room 10 90 degrees to give us a wider doorway. We expect this work to take place in the April holiday period.



SWIMMING POOL

At the recent Board of Trustees meeting acknowledgement was made to the small group of parents who, along with Brian our caretaker, have maintained our swimming pool over the summer season. With the wonderful summer we have been experiencing it is fantastic to see so many people making use of our pool. It was also great to see the

article about our pool in a recent edition of the Cook Strait News, with our school being one of the few in Wellington maintaining a pool for teaching young children to swim.

One area I would like to investigate for the next season relates to possible sponsorship. We have approximately seventy key holders, this amounts to \$3 500 for spending on electricity costs, pool chemicals, key cutting and general maintenance. Unfortunately this amount does not cover one-off costs through damage and vandalism. We have recently repaired a toilet pan (\$631) and door lock (\$299), both in the last week of January. Additional sponsorship would certainly mean the school does not need to meet these extra costs. The Ministry of Education only funds the school \$337 for the pool each year therefore additional costs must be met from our general operational grant, obviously meaning less to be spent on teacher aides, curriculum resourcing, ICT and so on. If parents are aware of people who may be interested in sponsoring part of the running costs for our pool could they please make contact with me: mike@kilbirnie.school.nz

PICNIC AT KHANDALLAH PARK

Everyone had a most successful day at Khandallah Park last Tuesday, the photo below shows some of the senior students returning from their walk up to the top of Mt Kaukau. It was a great opportunity for the children and teachers to mix informally.



Mike McGimpsey
Principal

Manager wanted: After School Care

Kilbirnie After School Care is looking for a manager. The job is 20 hours a week with flexible hours and mostly suits school hours. The responsibilities include the administration of the programme in compliance with policy and procedures and MSD (OSCAR) standards, management of the team of caregivers, invoices and payments, holiday programme programming and liaison with families and stakeholders.

The full job description is available upon request. Applications are now open, please email kasc10@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MogMusic Private Tuition

Piano, recorder, guitar, ukulele, trumpet, violin
Moggie Grayson Ph 384 8213

\$20 donated to school for each new enrolment

Emily Clemett Music teacher

Guitar, ukulele, violin, trumpet, recorder

Lessons \$25 per half hour

Emily ph. 02040244007

MSP Junior Rugby

Registrations open www.msprugby.co.nz

Check website for more info.

Inverloch Art School

Art & creative sewing classes

www.inverloch.org.nz or Ph: 939 2177

Island Bay United Junior Football Reg

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

Swim lessons at Wgtn Regional Aquatic Centre

Email wrcswimschool@wcc.govt.nz or Ph 387 5655

Wgtn United Junior Football Club

Fun football 5-8 yrs olds

Street football -9th grade +

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

Miramar Central School Ethnic Food Fair

Friday 4th March 5.00- 7.30pm

Miramar Rangers AFC

Registration at Clubrooms, Dave Farrington Park

Wednesday 24th Feb 6-8pm.

Info www.miramarrangers.co.nz/juniors

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 Wed 2nd and 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

Football+After School Programme

Weekly programme held at any of 6 venues-you choose \$100 for 10 sessions – don't show up, no charge for that day

www.SportZone.org.nz or www.Little-Dribblers.co.nz

Ph 0800KICKIT or 0275 776781

Part Time Work

The Rock Academy is looking for a new office assistant. 3 hours each week preferably on a Thursday morning.

Must be experienced with excel, basic invoicing programmes and have good communication skills.

Geoff Day 021 565750