



TERM 3. WEEK 4.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS.

We warmly welcome the following students:

- **Lachlan in room 1.**
- **Elizabeth in room 1.**

• DATES FOR THE DIARY.

- **Tuesday August 22-BYOD Meeting.7pm.**
- **Wednesday August 23- Artrageous- rooms 8, 9 and 10.**
- **Friday August 25- School photos.**
- **Tuesday August 29th-Eastern Zone Swimming competition.**
- **Wednesday August 30- Artrageous- rooms 8, 9 and 10. School sausage sizzle.**
- **Thursday August 31- School assembly 2.15pm in the school hall.**
- **Friday September 1- Year 6 Orange Day- Road Patrol march.**
- **Tuesday September 5- Learning conferences. 2-8pm**
- **Wednesday September 6- Evening with Netsafe.**
- **Thursday September 7- Learning conferences. 2-5pm**
- **Monday September 11- Year 5/6 at EBIS production. 11.30am**
- **Monday September 11-Board of Trustees meeting 7pm.**
- **Friday September 15- Art te Aroha. 7.30pm**
- **Saturday September 16- Students' art exhibited in the school hall in the morning.**

• ABSENTEEISM AND LATENESS.

At Kilbirnie School we have robust systems to ensure all students are accounted for in the morning and throughout the school day. We take these responsibilities very seriously and appreciate the clear communication we receive from parents in most instances. Please remember to contact the school via phone or email to:

office@kilbirnie.School.nz

if your child will be away or if lateness is unavoidable. All students who come to school after 9.00am should visit the office before going to class. All messages must state the reason for lateness or non- attendance.

PRINCIPAL NEWS.

Kia ora Koutou,



It is my great pleasure to introduce the new Kilbirnie School caretaker. Mark Gittings joined our team on Tuesday this week and has already made an impact with his skills and initiative.

Mark has been a business owner and a professional musician. He has enjoyed meeting many of our students, parents and school whanau this week. Please do say hello to Mark if you see him around the school in the morning.

Have a great weekend.

Tony Austin-Principal.



- **SPORTSFEST 2017.**

On Tuesday this week all of our year 5 and 6 students participated in a full day of sport as part of the Sportsfest festival. We entered 13 teams in 7 different sports. This celebration of participation and competition is the culmination of a huge amount of work during the year. This started early in term 2 when the students had the opportunity to select a sport from the broad range available. Many thanks to our parent supervisors and to Katrina Te Rito for organising and co-ordinating the more than 80 Kilbirnie School students who had a terrific day.





- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL CARE VALUES.**

This term, our value is **RESPECT**. We are sure that parents and teachers both have high expectations when it comes to our children displaying respectful behaviour. We will certainly be encouraging this at school and sharing different situations where respect is demonstrated and acknowledged. The **C.A.R.E.** notice board will reflect how we are implementing this value at school and we would appreciate it, if you as parents/caregivers, could reinforce and remind children about the importance of showing respect in many different life experiences.

The work currently illustrated on the CARE board was produced by Rm 8 children who wrote about "What Respect Means To Me." Their headings included.

I respect myself by.... I respect others by I respect my school by

As part of our values programme we support The Cancer Society through Daffodil Day. A note about this will come home on Monday.

Jacqui Brown (deputy principal).



- **HELP COVERING LIBRARY BOOKS.**

Our school librarian, Wendy, is looking for some help in the afternoon to cover new library books. Please contact Wendy at:

wendy@kilbirnie.school.nz or speak to Liz in the office.

- **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

The school receives \$13 for each book/digital copy sold. www.entbook.co.nz/104g114 to purchase online or see Liz in the office.

- **SCHOOL POOL KEYS**

Please return these to the office and claim your \$20 refund.



- **BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) INFORMATION EVENING.**

You may have read about our plans to implement Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) at Kilbirnie School in 2018 in last week's Trustee News. This initiative is part of our digital strategy and focuses on students who are in years 5 and 6 in 2018. We are eager to discuss this exciting new work with all interested parents and whanau of our school and will be providing several opportunities to meet at school, talk and become informed.

The first meeting is at **7.00pm on Tuesday August 22**. Please do attend these meetings if you able, particularly if your child is in year 5 or 6 next year.

Please email or phone Liz in the school office to let us know you can attend. Refreshments will be available.

office@kilbirnie.school.nz Phone: 9392311

Content covered at the first meeting will include:

Why implement BYOD?

Our journey so far toward implementing BYOD

Our vision for classroom learning supported by 1:1 devices

Monitoring of children's work and online activity

Policy regarding devices at school

Suggested devices

FAQ's about BYOD

- **AN EVENING WITH NETSAFE.**

We have organised for Anjela Webster from Netsafe to present to our parents on:

Wednesday September 6th at 7.00pm at Kilbirnie School.

- ***YOUNG, EAGER AND ONLINE. Understanding ways to support our children and young people as they balance the opportunities and complexities in online environments.***

NetSafe is a national organisation that is keeping it real with their positive approach to technology and today's opportunities and challenges. Their purpose is to enable NZ parents, caregivers, educators and young people to be confident users of technology and make the most of digital opportunities by providing practical tools and advice to minimise online harm.

Anjela is an Education Advisor at Netsafe and has worked in education for over 25 years. In this time Anjela has taught across all school sectors from ECE to Secondary and has held various leadership roles. Most recently, she completed her M.Ed, with a focus on young people and their concepts of privacy, and the supports available to help them navigate challenges and opportunities online.

<http://www.netsafe.org.nz/>



- **ART TE AROHA.**

Kilbirnie School Art Auction

Friday 15 September 2017, from 7:30pm

Live auction, exhibition sales & our students' amazing Arttrageous creations

A night of fun and fabulous art – this event is adults only, no kids please

Tickets will be available from the office closer to the event

This event will be followed by an open-morning exhibition on Saturday 16th September where whanau and students are welcome to attend, view the students' work, have a coffee or a sausage!

A sample of our artists so far:

- Sara Hughes www.sarahughes.co.nz
- Nicola Jackson www.nicolajacksondesign.com
- Gregor Kregar www.gregorkregar.com
- Juliet Best www.julietbest.com
- Nicola Dench www.claypenguin.co.nz
- Sheyne Tuffery www.sheyнетuffery.com
- David Ellis www.davidellisart.net



- **Gregor Kregar's iconic sheep (ceramic)**



- **OUR SCHOOL.**

Many parents will have heard me speak about our graduate profile. In this we express our determination that our students will be:

Happy at school with a strong sense of inclusion and belonging.

This is connected to the value of **Whanaungatanga** - relationships/belonging. We intend to build a sense of belonging as adults come together to support students to engage, progress and achieve. Our school can only operate as it does thanks to the tireless work of our school community and our staff. As principal, I have found the commitment and passion for developing our school demonstrated our community and staff hugely inspiring.

On a lighter note, I would like to thank our staff for their help around the school as we worked through the appointment of our new caretaker. Here's an example of the lengths they went to!





NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

Sushi Lunches.

Sushi Lunches has moved to another website for sushi orders. Place your order for WEDNESDAY'S now via www.ezlunch.co.nz. It's the same team, sushi, varieties and prices, just a new website for orders. Order now for week 3 and the rest of term.
sushilunchwellington@gmail.com 0220810781 www.ezlunch.co.nz.

Hataitai Frock Exchange

Hataitai Bowling Club Saturday 26th August
Tickets \$25 includes comp drink, nibbles & sport prizes
hataitairockexchange@gmail.com or
Trish 021 02586087

Glasses collection feedback.

Hi folks,

I just wanted to drop you a quick line to say thanks again for helping us out with collecting donated glasses from your school communities. Altogether we managed to collect close to 500 pairs of glasses and sunglasses (including from our collection boxes in town), which was a great effort.

The trip itself went really well also. Ravi has been doing these volunteer trips most years since 2004, and one of the things he mentioned that is really refreshing is that there has been a big improvement in local capacity and facilities over that time. There has been a lot of investment in training for local medical staff like nurses so they can do some of the basic optical work as well. Having said that, the volunteer trips are always a busy time - the team saw 200 people on the first day! (and provided most of them with glasses and/or sunglasses).

We shared heaps of pictures on our facebook page, and I'm just starting to do some blogs on our website now as well if you are interested in learning a bit more about what happens.

Thanks again,

Stephanie (organiser).