



TERM 4. WEEK 2. NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS.

We warmly welcome the following students:

- Grace in room 10
- Charlotte in room 7
- Alex in room 1
- Benjamin in room 1
- Hunter in room 1
- Frida in room 1

- **DATES FOR THE DIARY WEEKS 3-4.**

- **Monday October 30th-Board Meeting. 7pm.**
- **Tuesday October 31th -Assembly.2.15pm. Parents and whanau welcome.**
- **Wednesday November 1st-School Athletics-Newtown Park.**
- **Thursday November 2nd-Choosing Thursday-session 1.**
- **Tuesday November 7th-Mihi whakatau. 9am. Welcome for new parents and students.**
- **Wednesday November 8th-Eastern Zone Athletics.**

- **KEA CROSSING.**

We are looking for some new volunteers to supervise our student patrol wardens on the Kea crossing. Please email Sam if you can help with a morning or afternoon session of between 10 and 15 minutes.

samuel@kilbirnie.school.nz

- **CHESS CLUB.**

Last term we ran a popular chess club at lunchtime. The person who was running this activity is no longer available meaning we would like to hear from any parents or whanau who would like to come along once or twice a week for an hour to supervise the students. They are quite an independent bunch who are a pleasure to work with. Let us know if you are interested. office@kilbirnie.school.nz

- **HATS.**

Hats are compulsory in the playground at break times and when working outside this term. It often works best if students have a hat that they use at school and leave here. Please remember hats and sunblock for the athletics day this Wednesday. Kilbirnie School hats are available from the office at a cost of \$25.

Gigi is modelling the red bucket hat, other colours and styles also available. See Liz in the office.

PRINCIPAL NEWS.

Kia Ora Koutou,

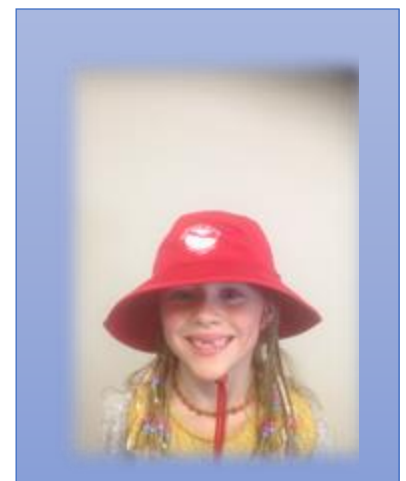
Next week we start our school wide enrichment programme- Choosing Thursday. A notice informing you of your child's activity will come home on Monday. A wide range of activities were offered to students with the intention of exposing them to something new and personally interesting and giving them an opportunity to choose.

Choosing Thursday is one of the approaches we use to broaden the curriculum and offer extension and enrichment opportunities. Students are encouraged to be curious and "take a risk" when selecting options. This year all students have been placed in their first or second choice. It is fascinating that students should be so eclectic in their choices and affirming of one of the commitments we ask our staff at Kilbirnie School to make:

**Expose students to a wide range of experiences
acknowledge diverse talents and success in a broad
sense.**

**Great stuff, I am sure students and adults alike will
enjoy the programmes.**

Tony Austin- Principal.





- **SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL.**

The work to redevelop our school pool progressed well over the holidays. The inside of the pool has been fibre glassed, the concrete walls of the pool have been upgraded and all surfaces painted. Its looking great. There will be a working bee on **Sunday November 5th starting at 10am** to do some final ground works and painting of the surrounding fences. Please do come along if you are free. Our year 6 students are in the process of designing and then painting a new mural to be placed near the pool. Work to service the pump house and heating system is planned meaning the water will be warm and fresh for the room 1-7 swimming lessons that start on Monday November 13th. Students will be able to use the pool with their class and hopefully in some lunchtimes as a supervised leisure and physical education activity starting this week also. The redeveloped pool will be a great asset enriching the school experience for our students in terms 1 and 4.

In addition, the pool has been an asset to our community in that parents and whanau are able to hire pool keys and use the pool in the evening, on weekends and in the school holidays. We hope to continue to offer pool keys this year although this depends on the pool committee having enough members to develop a roster of people to oversee the pool on **weekends and in the holidays** especially when our caretaker is on holiday. Currently there aren't enough people to create a workable roster. Duties include unlocking and locking the door, water testing, adding chorine, checking changing rooms and restocking toilet appear. This year we will have a new robotic pool cleaner. We are still waiting for some pool keys from last season to be returned and the \$20 refund collected. While last year's keys aren't being used this year, we do need them all back.

If you would be interested in joining the pool committee or if you have any questions please email Victoria Taylor:

vjtaylor@gmail.com

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Victoria who has lead the pool redevelopment. The completion of the project is in sight!





- **SOUTH HATAITAI COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUB LOCATED AT KILBIRNIE SCHOOL.**

During this year, Chris Montgomerie (Board of Trustees Chair) and I have been working with the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office to transition our school from acting as a civil defence site to become a Community Emergency hub. Community Emergency Hubs are about the community coming together to do what it can to help each other. We now have a space on our school website to provide information about the hub and how it operates.

<http://www.kilbirnie.school.nz/emergencyhub>

As we worked through the establishment of the hub we were able to reflect on the emergency procedures for our school and improve these. The WREMO professionals worked with us to conduct this review. This term we are running 3 drills- fire, earthquake and what is known as a reverse evacuation. In a reverse evacuation, all students will be moved into their classroom or other lockable space within the school. The doors are locked and blinds drawn. Schools initiate reverse evacuations for a range of reasons including a dog in the playground, a chemical spill nearby or a warning from the police regarding an intruder in the local area. When staff talk to students about this the focus will be on the prospect of an unknown dog in the playground. This will be a new drill for us all. We also learned that our school is in no danger from Tsunami waters, we will not evacuate our site in the event of a Tsunami warning.

Before the school hall is made available as a Community Emergency hub following an actual civil defence emergency, we would complete our students-parent/whanau reunification process. This process involves adults collecting students from the school in an organised and documented manner following a civil defence emergency. One barrier we identified relates to the emergency contacts we hold for individual students. To operate a successful reunification process we need up to date details of several adults with permission to collect students. At the start of 2018 we will work with you to extend this data base before running a full reunification drill.

Today we are sending home a detailed WREMO pamphlet about emergency preparedness. Please do take time to review this and the information about the Community Emergency hub and our school procedures.





- **SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION.**

This term our school will have teams competing in mini-polo, floorball, touch rugby and junior netball leagues. We have football coaching, swimming lessons in our new school pool and programmes at the ASB indoor facility- fantastic stuff! Athletics skills training is well underway in preparation for the Kilbirnie School and Eastern Zone events. We will have teams play in the Eastern Zone mini-ball tournament.

Our focus is evident in the school Graduate profile, we want our students to be **Keen participants in physical activity**. We also like to acknowledge students that excel. Congratulations to:

- **Jaguun** who represented the Wellington Region at the Inter Regional Cross Country Championships in Timaru. Jag placed 4th in the individual event and his year 5 team took the gold medal for first place.
- **Aston** who placed second in the Wellington Primary School tennis championship. Aston won all his matches leading to the final in his first ever tournament.





NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

Kelly Sports term 4 – starts monday 16th october 2017

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 4 with their fun and exciting classes. Summer Fun in the Sun! (Yrs 1-4) – Monday 3.05pm – 4.05pm. Come and try Football, Tball, Athletics and Basketball. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Britannia Sea Scouts Cub Pack have places available for boys and girls aged 8-11 years for Term 4. Meeting are Thursday nights 6.30-8.00 at the Britannia Scout Hall in Evans Bay. Join in for fun and teamwork, learning about the outdoors, water safety and boating, and gaining badges. If you are interested please contact: britanniaseascouts@gmail.com
Or for more info visit: <http://www.britanniaseascouts.org.nz/contact-us>

BigAir Gymsports

Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour or Cheerleading?
Did you know that Bigair Gym also runs Birthday Parties?
To find out more, please call us on 3838779 or email wqtn@bigairgym.co.nz

Sushi Lunches at school Fridays

Sushi Lunches starts the first week of term. Place your order for FRIDAYS via the Kindo Shop on your school website (or via www.ezlunch.co.nz)
Please note our final day for deliveries this year is Friday 8th December.

Home & Garden Tour

28 October Seatoun & Breaker Bay
For more info & purchase tickets www.neonataltrust.org.nz/HomeTour

Seatoun Arts & Crafts

Annual Exhibition Village Hall, Forres St, Seatoun
Sat 28th 10am-5pm & Sun 29th October 10am-4pm

Little Dribblers Football Club

1-8 years (U2 years now Free)
Register www.little-dribblers.co.nz

Maranui Surf Life Saving Club – Open Day

Sunday 29 October 12 – 3pm
www.maranui.co.nz/how-to-join.html for more info

Halloween at Hataitai Bowling Club

On Tuesday 31 October we're hosting Halloween again at Hataitai Bowling Club, 157 Hataitai Road - do come along and join us!
Bring your fish and chips, there'll be fun and games and a prize for the best costume.

Team Wellington Skills Session

Wednesdays – Crawford Green 4 – 5pm
Reg includes free t-shirt
www.twfc.co.nz to register and more info

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)