



KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWS. Term one. Week four.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL.

- **WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS.**

We warmly welcome the following students:

Room 1- Sam
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Room 9- Mena

- **DATES FOR THE DIARY.**

- Tuesday February 28th- year 6 camp starts.
- Wednesday March 1st- year 5 camp starts.
- Friday March 3rd- all campers return.
- Tuesday March 7th- Whanau group hui

- **SCHOOL CAMP.**

Next week we have 84 students attending the school camp on the Kapiti coast. This will be our largest camp ever. We are particularly proud of the range and quality of the experience available to students at camp. Year 6 students camp for 4 days and 3 nights while the year 5 group participate for 3 days and 2 nights. The Kilbirnie School camp is an annual event. This year Peter Dobson and Margaret Maher will leave with the year 6 group and Alison Thwaites and Sam Wilson will go with the year 5 group. I will attend camp on Thursday and Friday.

We asked for feedback regarding the camp in the school survey at the end of last year. Parental response was extremely positive and affirming for staff who have reviewed and refined the camp over many years. At the last meeting, our school Board received a report on camp health and safety procedures. The Board approved the documentation and sanctioned the camps to proceed. I plan to include a montage of images and some comments from students in the next newsletter.

- **SCOOTERS, BIKES AND WALKERS**

Fantastic to see so many students using scooters and bikes to get to school. For safety, please remind students to walk their scooter or bike from the entrance of the school to the storage areas. Adults should dismount too please.

You will notice progress being made in the construction of the crossing at the Hamilton Road entrance to our school. Our school community provided a mandate for this initiative in a survey last year. Mores detail of this to come in a future newsletter.

PRINCIPAL NEWS.



Regular and effective communication between the home and school is hugely important. There is a large research base suggesting that the creation of an authentic connection between the home and the school is associated with students' commitment to learn and ultimate success in the classroom. More importantly this makes good common sense to us all as parents. This year we are introducing some new ideas to enhance communication. So far this term we have held information sessions for the parents of our new entrants, a camp information evening and also the "Meet and Eat" last Friday. While the picnic part of the evening was hampered by bad weather, the time together in the hall and then the hubs and classrooms was really successful. As part of my talk I made mention of the school-wide inquiry learning investigations planned for terms 2 and 3. Several parents have already approached us to offer specialist help with learning in these areas. That's brilliant! We intend to build on the use of the school community to support learning in the school.

This year all classes will be represented in a blog. The hub blogs are being built at the moment. There will be links on the homepage of our website when these are ready. Teachers have also committed to using regular email to keep parents and whanau informed of classroom activities and events.

The first parent-teacher-child conferences for the year will be held on April the 4th and 5th. The second conferences are in term 3.

Have a great weekend.

Tony Austin-Principal.



MORE NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL.

• WHĀNAU GROUP HUI.

The Kilbirnie School Whānau group is made up of parents and whanau interested in supporting tikanga Maori at our school. We welcome you to join our friendly group- no experience or large commitment of time necessary! Find out more on our website under the "Our Community" tab.

<http://www.kilbirnie.school.nz/whanau-group>

This year the Whānau group is holding a start of year hui (meeting) to talk about some ideas for the year including establishing kawa (protocols) for powhiri to welcome new students, parents and whanau to our school. Please do come and join in if you would like to. We will be providing some refreshments to enjoy at this hui. Please RSVP to: office@kilbirnie.school.nz

Anyone who can't attend but would like to share ideas or receive minutes please also get in touch.

What: Whānau group hui (kai provided).

When: Tuesday March 7th. Starting at 12.45pm.

Where: Kilbirnie school Board room (near the front office).

Who: Anyone who would like to come along.

Why: Thinking about the year ahead.

• CARE VALUES.

Jacqui Brown introduces the Kilbirnie School Values programme:

For the benefit of our new parents, below is a brief outline of what CARE is and what it represents to us at Kilbirnie School. Several years ago, the staff was involved in professional development, where we reviewed our Mission Statement and the Values that we thought were important to implement in our school.

As a team we came up with the following acronym, which we felt encompassed all the Values the children should be displaying.

- **C**ONFIDENCE: Responsible, Independent, Curious, Innovative
- **A**CHIEVEMENT: Excellence, Creativity, Inquiry
- **R**ESPECT: Consideration, Honesty, Integrity
- **E**MPATHY: Compassion, Family, Caring

We decided to cover one Value each term and this would be incorporated across the whole school.

In the foyer of our school, we have a CARE notice board, where the value of the Term is prominently displayed and examples of how some children have demonstrated the value we are focussing on. Below is the notice board from a previous year, where we had pictures of the new children who had just started school showing confidence on their first day and numerous pictures and stories from the year 5 and 6 children who had just returned from camp. They certainly gained confidence in attempting horse-riding, kayaking and many other activities. We also discuss our Value in assembly and again children are encouraged to have the confidence to stand up and tell the audience about their achievements.

Parents are kept informed of the Value for each term, via newsletters and we encourage you to re-enforce this Value at home.

By doing this, we feel that both school and home have input into how our children become Valued citizens.





- **HUBS.**

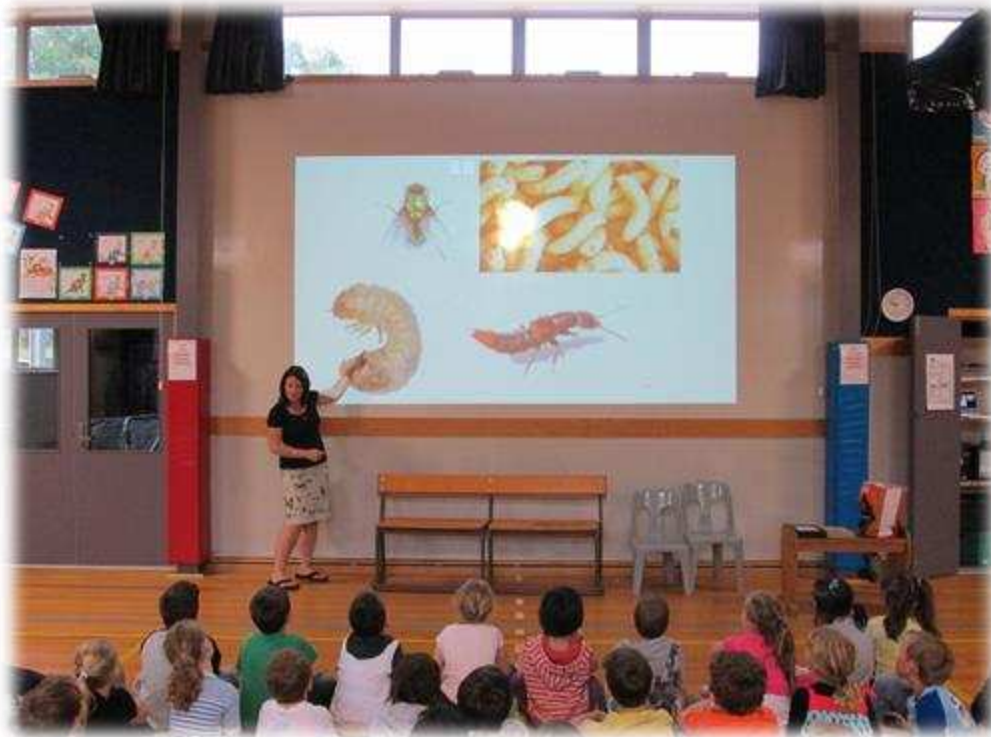
In the last newsletter we introduced parents to the new names for the areas of our school. These areas are known as hubs. The new names for the 3 hubs come from the Maori creation story of Hataitai depicted in our logo and the carved waharoa at the Hamilton Rd entrance.

- **Rooms 1-4: Ngake hub**
- **Rooms 5-7: Whāitaitai hub**
- **Rooms 8-10: Matairangi hub.**

- **WHĀITAITAI HUB INQUIRY.**

The Whāitaitai hub (rooms 5,6 and 7) have been inquiring into the world of invertebrates this term. They had a fascinating time listening to Dr.Cath Duthie in the hall last week. Many thanks to Cath for giving up her time.

As mentioned in the principal's news, we are eager to develop the use of the school community to enhance teaching and learning programmes. Cath's presentation was a prime example of just how powerful these connections can be in giving students multiple and varied opportunities to engage with the ideas and information they need for deep, lasting learning.



- **CUP OF TEA WITH TONY.**

I am usually able to meet with parents throughout the day without appointment, just check with Liz at reception. In addition, I am setting aside time on Friday mornings to meet and chat informally with parents and whānau of our school over a cup of tea or coffee. No appointment necessary and I will make the tea! If you have any questions or interests about the work of our school or education in general, please do come along to the staffroom after the 9.00am bell and I'll see you there. Pre-schoolers are also most welcome.



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KILBIRNIE SCHOOL
Whāia te iti kahurangi

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

- **RARE DISEASES DAY.**

The last day in February is fast approaching, and the New Zealand Organisation for Rare Disorders (NZORD) is once again gearing up to celebrate Rare Diseases Day 2017. This special day is dedicated to raising awareness about the many New Zealanders and their families/whānau affected by a rare disorder, and living with the challenges that this brings daily.

NZORD offers a central starting point for patients and families affected by rare disorders, and helps families and patients find the essential information and support groups they require. If you would like to support NZORD and raise awareness about Rare Disease Day, there will be RDD ribbons available on Monday and Tuesday from the Kilbirnie school office for a gold coin donation.



FOR INFORMATION:

www.johnsonville.school.nz

facebook: **Johnsonville School 150th Reunion 2017**

email: reunion@conferenceworks.co.nz

Springboard & Diving

Wellington Diving Club

Free trial – 5 years and up

www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or

Barbara 027 4858888

Poneke Jnr Rugby Registration

Reg Online www.ponekerugby.com

Elements Gymnastics

www.rhythmicgym.nz for info

Miramar Central School Ethnic Food Fair

Friday 3rd March 5-7.30pm

Life Flight Open Day 19th March

Air Rescue Centre near Warehouse, Lyall Bay

www.lifeflight.org.nz/openday

Entry by Donation

All Star Victory Cheerleaders

Enrolments open – free trial class

Julie 027 6526021

or via enrolmy.com/all-star-victory

Wgtn Football Club

Registration Thurs 2nd March 6-7.30pm

Nursery to U13 – all welcome

WFC Clubrooms, Hataitai Park

www.wellingtonfootballclub.org.nz

Wgtn United Jnr Football Registration

www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/registration-fees.html

Register by Thursday 23rd February

Harbour City Jnr Hockey Registration

www.hcjh.org.nz for more info

Kids Go Free to Staglands on Children's Day

5th March Free Entry for ALL children

www.staglands.co.nz for more info

Marrzipan Self-confidence programme

Non-obligatory trial lesson available

www.marrzipandrama.co.nz

Miramar Rangers AFC

Registrations open until 28th February

www.miramarrangers.co.nz/juniors

Ories Junior Rugby

Registrations 2nd March 22 Park Road

5.30-7.30pm

Hurricanes players will be there 6-7pm !!

Island Bay United Jnr Football

Last days for Registration

www.ibujuniors.org.nz

MogMusic Private Tuition

[Piano, recorder, guitar & ukulele](#)

[Ph Moggie 384 8213](#)

Open Day Capital Trout Centre

Sunday 4 March for 11 years and under

Licence avail at Steves Fishing Shop, Ghuznee St

and FishScene Ltd Taurima St, Hataitai

Wgtn United Jnr Football Registrations

Trials and registrations now open

www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/registration-fees.html

www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/trials-2017.html