



## TERM 1. WEEK 2.

### PRINCIPAL NEWS.

Kia Ora Koutou,

Last week I mentioned our review of engagement and communication with parents and whanau at the start of the year. Here is an overview of opportunities over the next few weeks. We hope to see you!

- **School information evening- Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**5.00-6.00pm**-Bring a picnic to the top field. Staff will be in attendance. Parentlink will be running a sausage sizzle and selling ice blocks if the weather is good. All items \$2.00.

**6.00pm**-Move to the hall where we will briefly speak about school programmes.

**6.15pm-7.00pm**- Move to the hubs. Teachers will speak as a team regarding shared programmes. Individual teachers will then be available in their homerooms to chat or answer questions. Matairangi staff will also talk about the school camp for this year.

If the weather on the 15<sup>th</sup> is inclement we will email to all families during the day to let you know if the picnic on the top field is cancelled. The ParentLink sausage sizzle will still be available from outside the hall starting at 5.30pm. The informational part of the evening will continue as planned starting at 6.00pm in the hall.

- **Student information form.**

Teachers have developed a form for parents to complete about their child. The intention is to provide an opportunity for parents and whanau to give the new classroom teacher some insight into the interests, academic and emotional needs, strengths and personal context of your child. This confidential form is attached to this email. Please download, complete the form and return this to your child's classroom teacher via email. If you would prefer to complete the form using a paper copy, just collect from Liz in the office. We have decided not to send paper copies home with all students.

- **Meet the teacher appointments- Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>**

This year we are providing an optional opportunity for parents to meet with teachers early in the year. This will give parents who wish to meet with their child's teacher a chance to talk through the student information sheet without the child present. Teachers will not be discussing academic progress and achievement at this time. The meeting is a chance for you to discuss important information about your child with the teacher.

Bookings for these meetings will be arranged using our usual on-line booking system which will open for bookings this **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm**. Visit the following website and use our event code:

**[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)**

**Event code: a5sx6**



- KILBIRNIE SCHOOL STAFF**

During the school holidays Margaret Maher won a position teaching overseas and resigned from her position at our school. Asha Patel is teaching in room 8 in term 1.

Ros Moses will be leaving us at the end of term 1. We are about to commence our recruitment process with the intention of appointing permanent teachers in rooms 1 and 8 starting in term 2.

<b>STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES.</b>		
<b>Room</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Email address.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Ros Moses</b>	<b>ros@kilbirnie.school.nz</b>
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<b>7</b>	<b>Alison Thwaites</b>	<b>alison@kilbirnie.school.nz</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Asha Patel</b>	<b>asha@kilbirnie.school.nz</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Peter Dobson</b>	<b>peterd@kilbirnie.school.nz</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Sam Wilson</b>	<b>samuel@kilbirnie.school.nz</b>

- ROS MOSES**

As mentioned above Ros Moses has resigned from our school and will be leaving at the end of this term. Ros has been teaching new entrants at our school for 18 years. During her distinguished career, she has guided literally hundreds of wee ones through their introduction to schooling. Ros is an outstanding teacher who works with poise and care for the students. There will be much more to say later in the term when we celebrate her magnificent contribution.





- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL PICNIC.**

We all had a wonderful time at Khandallah park yesterday.





- **WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS.**

**Isla in room 1.**

**Esteban in room 1.**

**Kailash in room 1.**

**Khang in room 1.**

**Brayden in room 1.**

**Julieta in room 1.**

**Abdullah in room 6**

**Ushnisin in room 5**

**Jack in room 4**

- **CUP OF TEA WITH TONY.**

During the first 2 weeks of the school year I have had the opportunity to meet and chat with many parents both in the playground and in my office. This has been an absolute pleasure for me and also a reminder of just how important it is for our school to continue to strive for excellence. Please remember I am usually able to meet with parents throughout the day without appointment, just check with Liz at reception. In addition, starting from next Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

### **STANDOUTS DRAMA \* DANCE \* SINGING**

Our fun, creative Saturday classes in Lyall Bay are starting back for Term 1 on Saturday 10th Feb:

4-6yrs: 11am-12.30pm

7-14yrs: 1-4pm

Come and see what we get up- trial classes welcome!

Please visit [www.standouts.co.nz](http://www.standouts.co.nz) for all the info on our term classes and holiday workshops for 2018 or email [gemma@standouts.co.nz](mailto:gemma@standouts.co.nz).

### **Poneke Junior Rugby Registrations for the 2018 season are open.**

Rippa Rugby for Under 6 & 7 grades and safe Tackle Rugby for Under 8 to 13 grades. Register ONLINE at [www.ponekerugby.com](http://www.ponekerugby.com) and then come along to one of the Registration Days on Sat 10th Feb 10am-2pm, Tues 13th Feb 5pm-8pm or Sat 17th Feb 10am-2pm at the Poneke Clubrooms on Kilbirnie Park. Send any questions about playing Junior Rugby to [ponekerugbyjuniors@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:ponekerugbyjuniors@hotmail.co.nz)

**Wonderplay drama classes** have places available this term for 4-8 and 9-12 year olds as well as Advanced Drama for 11-13 year olds. Classes are on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Island Bay Community Centre. First lesson is free to try. Please contact Debs [debs@wonderplay.co.nz](mailto:debs@wonderplay.co.nz) 021-172-2836, [www.wonderplay.co.nz](http://www.wonderplay.co.nz)

### **KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 2018 – Starts Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018!**

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes.

**“Back to School Sports” (Yrs 1-4) – Monday 3.05pm-4.05pm** - Come and try **Football, Cricket, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball**. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play.

It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes

visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201

### **BIGAIR GYMSPORTS OWHIRO BAY WGTN**

To find out more, please call our Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay on 3838779 or email [wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz)

**Junior Rugby 2018 @ Wellington Football Club** At the capital's oldest and coolest rugby club we pride ourselves on giving children and their families a fun and safe environment to learn and develop the skills needed to enjoy rugby from Rippa through to U13. Our coaches pride themselves on being organized and skilled at delivering fun training. With 14 games in the general season we also offer opportunities to participate in tournaments near and far and help everyone follow their rugby dream. Register now at [Wellingtonfootballclub.org.nz/juniors](http://Wellingtonfootballclub.org.nz/juniors) or email [axemenjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:axemenjuniors@gmail.com) or come along to our festival evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March once Summer sport finishes

**Wellington United Junior Football Club** is a thriving club based in Newtown. We offer football to children from 5 years onward. Registrations are now open for the winter 2018 season. Please visit our website [www.wellingtonunited.org.nz](http://www.wellingtonunited.org.nz) for more information or email [wellingtonunitedjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonunitedjuniors@gmail.com). Our main team trials are on the weekend of 24/25 February – players must be registered to trial.

### **The Rock Academy – Mobile Music Lessons**

The Rock Academy is a music school based in Wellington offering quality mobile music lessons, where we come to you. Our teachers provide, fun modern lessons using correct techniques and a method that inspires kids (and adults) for life.

For more information, please contact [geoff@therockacademy.co.nz](mailto:geoff@therockacademy.co.nz) or visit our website [www.therockacademy.co.nz](http://www.therockacademy.co.nz)

**A FUN APPROACH to Drum Lesson's** for 2018! Mark Lockett B.Mus Perf Jazz, Dip Mus Recently Returned from performing & teaching in NYC. For more information visit [www.drumlab.co.nz](http://www.drumlab.co.nz) or phone 021 0433 663

### **Karate**

From Wednesday 31st January 4pm to 5pm, Kilbirnie Karate in conjunction with Toitu Poneke Hub, will be offering FREE classes to all school age children. These classes will be in Kyokushin Karate and are part of a community venture between ourselves and the Hub.

To enrol or find out more email [Kilbirniekarate1@gmail.com](mailto:Kilbirniekarate1@gmail.com) or just turn up. Shorts and t-shirts are okay for beginners, and if you have a Gi, by all means wear it. ArohanuiShihan Alex Terris

**“L.O.D Dance** offers a variety of dance classes to students of all ages – pre-schoolers to adults. Contact us now for more info on how we can help nurture your child's Love of Dance! [www.loddance.co.nz](http://www.loddance.co.nz)”

**Piano lessons in Hataitai.** Music games, awesome pieces to play, performance opportunities, exams for the super eager! Qualified and experienced pianist and teacher. Ph Hilary, 3864666 or 0272470213.

### **MSP Junior Rugby**

Register online at [www.msprugby.co.nz](http://www.msprugby.co.nz) or come to one of our registration events at the MSP gym (next to St Pats College artificial turf) on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 12-2pm or Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 11am-1pm. Not sure? Email us at [msspjuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:msspjuniorrugby@gmail.com) or check out our Facebook page for more. Free rugby ball and mouth-guard for registered players!

### **Wizz Theatre Academy:**

Enrol now for 2018 Drama or Musical Theatre after school classes. Class sizes are limited so get in quick! Wizz Theatre Academy is all about fostering a lifelong love of theatre in young people, developing the integration of dramatic skills and of course having fun! Suitable for ages 5 to 18. Offering the opportunity to sit Trinity College examinations. For more information please txt, call or email **Imogen** at **027 272 7023** or [wizztheatreacademy@gmail.com](mailto:wizztheatreacademy@gmail.com)