



TERM 1. WEEK 4.

• DATES FOR THE DIARY.

March.

- Tuesday 2- year 6 students to camp
- Wednesday 3 - year 5 students to camp.
- All campers return on the Friday.
- Tuesday 9- School assembly 2.15 in hall. All welcome.
- Wednesday 10- First Parentlink meeting. 7pm in staffroom.
- Tuesday 23- School assembly 2.15 in hall. All welcome.
- Sunday 28- Last day for school pool use.

April.

- Thursday 1-Board of Trustees meeting.
- Friday 2- Good Friday- school closed.
- Monday 5- Easter Monday- school closed.
- Tuesday 6- Easter holiday- school closed.
- Tuesday 13- Futsal Year 1-4. Learning conferences day 1.
- Wednesday 14- Futsal Year 5-6. Learning conferences day 2.
- Friday 16- Last day of term 1.

May.

- Monday 3- First day of term 2.



PRINCIPAL NEWS.

KEA CROSSING. HELP NEEDED!

The kea crossing on Hamilton road was established to create a safer route to school across Hamilton Road and to encourage students to walk, scooter or bike to school. It is run by senior students with adult supervision. We roster parents on the Kea crossing to allow staff to supervise the zebra crossing on Moxham Avenue.

Please email Peter Dobson or contact the office if you could help with a morning (8.40-9am) or afternoon (3-3.15pm) duty.

The following duties need to be filled:

Afternoons: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mornings: Monday and Friday.

The kea crossing can only operate with parent and whānau support. People who are coming to school in the mornings and afternoons may find that this is an excellent opportunity to support our school and students. Talk to Peter or I if you have any questions. Training provided!

peterd@kilbirnie.school.nz



- **GARDEN TO TABLE (GTT) AND SEEDS TO FEEDS.**

Garden to Table is an exciting, integrated programme that helps children understand how to grow, harvest, prepare and share good, healthy food. The programme builds skills for life using practical, hands on activities. Students learn gardening and cooking skills while building awareness of the environment and the need to protect it. Absolutely consistent with the Kilbirnie School graduate profile and what we want for our students!

GTT started at Kilbirnie school after the lock down last year and we have been delighted to see it running again in the whataitai hub since the start of this year. GTT operates on Friday mornings 9-10.30am. We have two incredible specialist teachers, Sacha and Bec, who have made the programme come to life for us. We hope to enhance the programme by incorporating facilities for GTT in future property developments in that area of the school. We welcome parents and whānau who would like to participate in GTT with the students, have a chat with Alison, Glenys, Elaine or Tina. Participating in GTT is a terrific way to engage and support students and the school. This term GTT has enabled us to connect with Seeds for Feeds, read on and get involved!

I was very impressed with room 5's commitment to dishes this morning. The muffins were full of our vegetables and delicious!



**GARDEN
TO TABLE** 
GROW,
HARVEST,
PREPARE,
SHARE

I am very keen to hear from anyone in our school community who would like to discuss sponsorship or resourcing for GTT in 2021, even in a small way. Please contact or see me!



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Whāia te iti kahurangi

Seeds to Feeds Hataitai is a community initiative that promotes gathering and connection through growing and sharing food.

Kilbirnie School teamed up with Seeds to Feeds last term and planted two garden beds with potatoes, to contribute to the dinner, which will be held on Saturday 6 March.

The organising group has planned an early family sitting from 5:00-6:30 which will showcase the Kilbirnie School spuds as part of the meal. This will provide a great opportunity for our school whānau to share produce with our children, in the same way that they do at school as part of the Garden to Table programme, and also to connect with each other.

The dinner will be held at the All Saints Hall on Hamilton Road, just down the road from school. Capacity is limited, and the cooks need to know numbers in advance, so we ask that you get tickets beforehand on a 'pay as you are able' basis. Any proceeds over the cost of the meal ingredients will go back to the school for the Garden to Table programme.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/seedstofeeds/482501#>





- **A MESSAGE FROM KILBIRNIE SCHOOL PARENTLINK.**

PARENTLINK needs YOU!

We are on the hunt for more energetic, creative & enthusiast parents to join Parentlink in supporting the school to raise money and organise fun initiatives for our kids! It is a rewarding way to contribute to the school which hugely benefits the students as well as being part of a great team!

I can hear you say you don't have time, and to be fair sometimes we don't either. That's why it would be fantastic to have a big team of parents, so we can all be flexible with giving as much or as little time as we can. With your help, Parentlink can continue giving the school & students great support.

So don't wait any longer - flick denbyhartgill@gmail.com with a message to say "I'm in"! **Just do it!**

Meeting for Term 1 is Wednesday 10th March, 7pm, School Staff Room.

- **MATAIRANGI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

Speaking of Parentlink! This group has been hugely important in supporting our project to fully modernise and extend the Matairangi hub (rooms 8-10). The excavation and piling work in the project is now complete; the stairs are back in use. Here's a peek inside the block!





KILBIRNIE SCHOOL VALUES.

Mrs. Davies, Raeif and I had a wonderful chat about our school values just after we got back from the top of Mount KauKau during the school picnic recently. Tina and I were very impressed with Raeif's thoughtful words, we asked him to write them down!

"On the way up Mount Kaukau we were very hot and tired but we still showed our school CARE values. For confidence, we were confident because we went up to the top. For achieved, we achieved from going to the top and back down! For respect, we moved over when other people were coming down and we got out of the way. For empathy, we gave people very good comments like ' You can do this' and 'At the top you will be very proud of yourself' I was very proud at the end of the hike.





- **NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.**

Bring the kids down to the Newtown Festival on Sunday 7th March 2021 for a full day of fun in the sun. We have lots of activities and entertainment on offer, as well as some youth acts performing on the stages. There are street performers, circus artists, storytellers, dancers & choirs, street sports, bike tracks, face painters and more! This year's event falls on the same day as Children's Day, so we are fortunate to have the Children's Commissioner, Andrew Becroft, and his team celebrating with us all day at the event. So come down to our Fun Zone on Arney St and Donald McLean St for cool, free activities, or explore the 420 wonderful food and craft stalls and over 160 music performers on offer at the festival. More information on the stalls will be found on our website on festival day, and the programme for performances is found here: www.newtownfestival.org.nz/programme-time/print-programme More information at www.newtownfestival.org.nz. Facebook: Newtown Festival Instagram: @Newtownfestnz Contact us at: newtownfestival@gmail.com

Wonderplay Drama Special: Join today and pay only 50% of the term fee! Thursdays 5-8yrs (3.30pm), 9-12yrs (4.30pm) and Advanced Drama (11-13yrs- 5.30pm) at Island Bay Community Centre. Teen drama classes Weds, Abel Smith St. Special is for new students only. Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

½ Price Kids Entry at Staglands on Children's Day

Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating **Children's Day on Sunday 7th March** by offering ½ **PRICE ENTRY** into The Reserve for **ALL CHILDREN**.

In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy **free off-road tractor-trailer rides**. So if you are looking for a fun Children's day outing for the whole family; meet at Staglands and Connect with Nature on Sunday 7th March.

*Offer is not available with any other offer. Children (0-16 years) must be accompanied by paying adult.

For more information visit www.staglands.co.nz