



**KILBIRNIE SCHOOL**  
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## TERM 4. WEEK 10.

### FINAL DATES FOR THE DIARY.

**December.**

**Friday 15- End of year summaries and portfolios go home. New homeroom lists displayed. Year 6 cinema. Whātaïtai celebration.**

**Monday 18- New homerooms meet. 9.30-10.30am.**

**Tuesday 19- Last day of term. Poroporoaki final assembly 12.30pm in hall. School closes at 1pm.**

**January.**

**Wednesday 31- Welcome back to Kilbirnie School for 2024. Term 1, day 1.**

**February.**

**Tuesday 6- Waitangi Day- Public Holiday.**

**Wednesday 7- Kilbirnie School Picnic at Kilbirnie Park and Aquatic Centre.**

### PRINCIPAL NEWS.

The leavers' dinner on Monday and our final Board meeting on Thursday this week gave me a feeling of great pride in our school, community and particularly our students. I would like to thank our students for their positivity, engagement and energy this year, the first year at Kilbirnie School since 2019 relatively unaffected by Covid.

As I have said in newsletters on several occasions this year, the variety and depth of what people do to help the school is quite staggering. Thank you for all you have done. I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season together and look forward to 2024 with satisfaction in our work this year and anticipation of an exciting new school year. In 2024 we will enjoy the magnificent new Whātaïtai Hub building and outdoor areas.

**A whakatauki to summarise this year:**

**He aha te mea nui o te ao. He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata**

**What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.**

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1PM THIS TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>. After school care will run from 1pm.**

**Tony Austin.**  
**Principal.**



- **GRADUATION 2023.**

On Monday this week we held our annual school Graduation ceremony and dinner for our year 6 leavers. This year the event was held at the Roxy Cinema in Miramar. It really was a wonderful evening. Each student delivered a speech they had prepared and practiced at school. We were all delighted with the poise and confidence they demonstrated. Intelligent humour and mature sentiment was also evident in abundance.

The students performed several items for us and had a lovely meal together in celebration of what has been a terrific group of year 6 students. Many thanks to the amazing organising committee and staff for the work that made the evening extra special for the students.







- **NEW BUILDING- WHĀTAITAI HUB.**

Whātaimai hub students will occupy the building from the start of the new school year. It is a magnificent learning environment very consistent with the vision we had for it. There has been excellent progress with all aspects of the ground works and landscaping projects- these will exceed all expectations and be a wonderful place for learning and play for all students and are designed to enhance hauora (well belong) and facilitate new opportunities for many different learning programmes. We hope to have this work mostly complete before we start back. The official opening of the new building will be later in term 1.





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There has been great progress with outdoor spaces behind and on both sides of the new building. The pallet of engraved bricks will arrive next week and be placed as part of the paving work on the West side. The panel inside the building featuring the engraved Lego pieces will come together following the completion of the engraving- thanks to Paul from Mayer and Toye for the support with the engraving.



The preparation for the new turf continues, all going to plan this new all-weather sport surface should be in place before we return for the new school year. This facility will be a real asset for Kilbirnie School and has been made possible through the support of the Parentlink group. I would like to sincerely thank Parentlink for their fundraising and community building work this year. New members are needed for 2024!





- PANELS FOR THE AIRPORT FIRESTATION- a message from Asha.**

This term the students of Kilbirnie School have contributed to a community artwork. Each hub has created a unique art panel that will surround the construction site for the new Wellington Airport Fire Station located at the end of Coutts Street in Rongotai. This project is expected to take up to 2 years to build. Special thanks to all the adults who coordinated the artwork for each hub and to the talented students who contributed. Spectacular!







- **NGAKE HUB CELEBRATION.**

What an absolute pleasure for Ngake Hub students and staff as they enjoyed their celebration and shared kai together on Wednesday. We even had a visit from my good friend Santa. Thanks to the staff and the group of whānau that organised the event and made it such a great experience for our junior school students. The week before Ngake also had visitors from the Kilbirnie fire station.





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- **NEWS FROM KILBIRNIE AFTER SCHOOL CARE.**



- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL- OPEN NOW!**



**POOL KEYS STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE.**

Keys will not be available for hire after school closes at 1pm on **Tuesday December the 19<sup>t</sup>**

**If you notice people in the pool complex very late in the evening please call the police and report trespass. The pool closes at 8pm each evening.**



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- **NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.**



# KIDS CHRISTMAS BAKING CLASSES



**WITH SARAH HALEWOOD**

**Perfect for kids age 10 to 14**

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Drop your kids off to do some Christmas baking while you shop or simply enjoy some quiet time. They will bake, decorate and package up a range of delicious Christmas treats, perfect for gifting to friends and family. Each child will bring home 6 packaged gifts, containing a selection of goodies.

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## **DETAILS**

**Sunday 10th December 10am – 1pm \$125**

### **On the menu:**

Spiced Christmas Biscuits

Rocky Road

Raspberry Jam

**Saturday 16th December: 10am 1pm \$125**

### **On the menu:**

Pinwheel Biscuits

Chocolate Truffles

Marmalade

## **WHERE**

Prefab Hall – 14 Jessie Street Te Aro

## **TO BOOK EMAIL**

[sarahhalewood8@gmail.com](mailto:sarahhalewood8@gmail.com)



THE HATAITAI CENTRE AND HATAITAI  
COMMUNITY HOUSE PRESENT

FREE  
COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY 16 DEC  
10AM - 2PM

HATAITAI CENTRE  
157 HATAITAI RD

# Christmas on the Green

BOUNCY CASTLE, LOLLY SCRAMBLE, KIDS GAMES  
BBQ, REFRESHMENTS, MARKET GOODIES AND  
AMAZING RAFFLES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES!

**Fun for the whole whanau!**

10AM - 2PM

SAT 16 DEC

More Information on our website

[WWW.HATAITAI.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.HATAITAI.ORG.NZ)



## All Saints Christmas Gatherings

### Nine lessons and carols

7pm | Sunday 17 Dec | All Saints Hataitai

Sing along with carols telling the story of Christmas followed by Christmas cake

### Family Christmas Eve

10am | Sunday 24 Dec | All Saints Hataitai

A family friendly Christmas Eve celebration with banging Christmas carols, birthday cake, Christmas message and a whole lot of fun for everyone

### Midnight Christmas Eve

11pm | Sunday 24 Dec | All Saints Hataitai

A special traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service

### Christmas Day

9am | Monday 25 Dec | All Saints Hataitai

An all age family Christmas day celebration - bring your whole family

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## The Volleyball Academy VolleyKids

*This package is tailored for the fundamental development of volleyball skills. There are two programs separated by age. The younger group is available for children ages 7-10. The older group is for ages 11-13.*

*Age group 7-10: Saturdays 9am – 10am  
Age group 11-13: Saturdays 10am – 11am*

*The program will run for 9 weeks (no session on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March due to Easter Weekend). All sessions will be at Wellington Girls College. Both programs will be capped at 20 athletes each. Once filled, registrations will close.*

**Account Name: The Volleyball Academy Ltd.  
Account No: 06-0513-0899429-00**

**Package Cost \$150**

**Contact Coach Jo for more information.  
Phone: 02102493755  
Email: j\_delgado10@live.com**

### + Session Dates - Saturdays

Date	Location
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Wellington Girls College
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Wellington Girls College
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Wellington Girls College
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Wellington Girls College
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Wellington Girls College
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Wellington Girls College
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Wellington Girls College
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Wellington Girls College
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Wellington Girls College



## Enrolments are open for 2024!

Get a full year of lessons for just \$120

WMC has been providing affordable music lessons to the Welly community for over 40 years, spreading the joy of music, and breaking down cost barriers to music tuition.

Your tamariki can learn any of our 12 instruments, with beginner classes available on keyboard, guitar, strings, winds, brass, percussion and harp. We also offer a special Music Explorers class to give our 5 and 6-year-old students a fun start in music!



**Sign up online today:**

[www.WellingtonMusicCentre.org.nz](http://www.WellingtonMusicCentre.org.nz) 

[contactus@wellingtonmusiccentre.org.nz](mailto:contactus@wellingtonmusiccentre.org.nz) 

**Does your child love dance, gymnastics, and tumbling?** Cheerleading at Bigair Gym is a highly dynamic and skilled sport that provides opportunities to develop not only athletic skills and fitness but also leadership, discipline, and teamwork. This makes it a multifaceted and highly rewarding sport. Bigair has one of the finest cheerleading programs in the country, offering exceptional pathways for development as athletes progress and enter competitions.

Tryouts for the 2024 Cheer Teams are currently taking place, so don't miss out on this amazing opportunity. Contact Bigair today to confirm your interest or to find out more.

Bigair Gymsports Kapiti ph. 297 0400 e. [kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz)

Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay ph. 383 8779 e. [wgt@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgt@bigairgym.co.nz)

Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 232 3508 e. [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz)

**BIGAIR GYMS popular December Drop & Shop Holiday Programme is back, running Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023!** Full day and half day sessions are available. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to keep active, while you get those final pre-Christmas preparations done! **BIGAIR GYMS January Holiday Programme is also running Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.** Bookings are open online now at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz)

**Please contact us with any inquiries:**

Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay: ph. 383 8779, e. [wgt@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgt@bigairgym.co.nz) at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.

Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz) at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

#### **AKOTECH CodeCamps Summer School Holidays - FREE PRIZE & EARLY DISCOUNTS**

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code drones & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have **Literati Lab** just for girls

Enter our competition to win a FREE 4 day pass to one of our CodeCamps

Venues: Thorndon, Khandallah & Silverstream

Dates: 8th - 11th & 15th - 18th January

Book Now at [www.akotech.nz](http://www.akotech.nz)

Competition: [www.codecamp.co.nz/competition](http://www.codecamp.co.nz/competition)

**EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 14th December**

**Siblings Save 6%**



**Term 1 starting 14th February 2024**  
**Wednesday afternoons, Hataitai Centre**

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