



KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWS. Term Two. Week 4.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL.

• WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS.

We warmly welcome the following students:

Tobias in room 1
Victoria in room 3
Chloe in room 1

• DATES FOR THE DIARY.

- Monday June 6th-Queens Birthday-school closed.
- Wednesday June 7th- Eastern Zone Cross Country.
- Tuesday June 13th-Kilbirnie School swimming festival.
- Monday June 19th-Board of Trustees meeting.
- Wednesday June 21th. School sausage sizzle.
- Thursday June 29th-Matariki celebration.

• 2016 SCHOOL PRODUCTION VIDEO.

You may remember the fantastic show last year. The performance on the big night was captured on video by Nan Walden and Wattana Moeung. Nan and Wattana have offered to make the movie available to parents. If you would like a copy, have a chat to Liz in the office.

I would like to thank Nan and Wattana for their time and effort in filming the show last year and for the offer to provide the movie to parents to enjoy.

• MATARIKI CELEBRATION.

On Thursday June 29th, we will have our annual Kilbirnie School Matariki (Maori New Year) celebration. Last year we had members of the school community working with students during the day. There was great variety in the activities, all of which were connected to learning about ta ao Maori (the Maori world). If you are available on the 29th and would like to be involved in some way please contact your hub leader Peter, Jacqui, Glenys.

As we build toward Matariki I will be including a Whakaukī or Māori proverb in each newsletter.

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata
Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure

PRINCIPAL NEWS.



The idea of installing a crossing at the Hamilton Road entrance to our school was first raised several years ago. Early in 2016 we received notification from the Wellington City Council that new funding was available for Kea crossings installation. The Board of Trustees issued a survey to all families requesting feedback pending a decision on going ahead with the Kea crossing. Over 50 responses were received and it became clear that the school community were supportive of the idea for two main reasons. Firstly, the route to school for those already walking or scooting would be made safer and secondly more parents would allow students to walk or scooter knowing that they were supervised when crossing Hamilton Road into the school. With this mandate, we proceeded and on Monday this week the crossing was opened. I would like to thank the members of our school community that have volunteered to help supervise the student road patrollers. Now the crossing is operating, please use it.

- **NZTA Kea crossing fact sheet:**

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/safety-for-children/kea-crossings/>

I would like to remind all drivers to be extremely cautious near our school. Children can be unpredictable and we fully understand entrances are inevitably congested before and particularly after school. This can be frustrating. Please reduce speed and be considerate and lawful if parking. Have a great weekend.

Tony Austin-Principal.



- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL VALUES- ACHIEVEMENT.**

As you all know, our value for this term is ACHIEVEMENT and we have had a very exciting term acknowledging all the wonderful successes the children at Kilbirnie School have achieved.

The awards varied considerably and ranged from netball, running, mini ball, taekwondo, model making, floor ball, soccer, rugby, biking and gaining a part in the new Peter Jackson's movie. Our children are Amazing!!!

Each assembly, the children who have received certificates, medals, trophies etc. were invited to stand up and share their successes with the rest of the school. A very proud moment indeed! The winners of our recent cross country will also be acknowledged in assembly next week.

I'm sure there are many other Kilbirnie children out there in the world, who have gained success in their lives. We recently heard about one of our ex-students, Mitchell Gough, who is Head Boy at Rongotai College this year. Mitchell is coming to speak at an assembly this term. In case you have not been able to see the Achievement Board in the foyer, we thought we would share it with you.

Jacqui Brown (Deputy Principal).



- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL VALUES- EMPATHY.**

To promote our empathy value during the month of June, Kilbirnie School will be helping to collect old glasses to be recycled and given to someone in need in the Pacific Islands. Donations of both adult and children's frames would be great to get (as long as the frames and lenses are still in usable condition). The glasses will be sorted in Wellington, and then will be taken on a volunteer trip to Fiji that is taking place in July. Local optometrist Ravi Dass (Mr Foureyes) will be going along on the trip, where around 2,000 local people will be helped with eye tests, cataract surgery, and provided with donated glasses as needed. If you're interested, you can sign up to the Mr Foureyes blog (mrfoureyes.co.nz/blogs/news) or follow their facebook page (www.facebook.com/mrfoureyesnzt/) for more info.

The old glasses can be placed in the box at reception from Monday.



- **CROSS COUNTRY.**

Our year 4-6 students had a great morning last Wednesday participating in the school cross country. Due to wet conditions and threatening rain, we postponed the event for the year 1-3 students. We plan to hold an event for these students next **Friday June 2nd. This will start at 2.00pm.** They will run a course within and around the school grounds with the older students there to support and encourage them. Parents are very welcome to attend.





- **SPIRIT OF POLYNESIA.**

On Friday last week, Bernard presented his “Spirit of Polynesian” performance for our school. This tremendously entertaining show presented messages of harmony, togetherness and celebration of culture.



- **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

The school receives \$13 for each book/digital copy sold. www.entbook.co.nz/104g114 to purchase online or see Liz in the office.

- **SCHOOL POOL KEYS**

Please return these to the office and claim your \$20 refund.

- **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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- **WORKING BEE.**

Many thanks to the members of our school community who turned out for the working bee on May 14th. This was yet another example of people coming together to support our school. Our school has many strengths. None is more essential to the success and continued development of our school than our strong community spirit and willingness to participate. As principal, I have become acutely aware of the number of people who contribute time, energy and genuine good will toward the progress and success of our students and our school.





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NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

Marrzipan.

Good news! It's not too late to join Marrzipan! Marrzipan is a revolutionary self-confidence programme aimed at bringing out the absolute best in students. We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will perform for parents and their peers at the end of term. Come along to a no-obligation Trial Lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website www.marrzipan.com (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

Treatment for head lice (nits).

A new subsidised treatment is available. The produce is not an insecticide. The following link provides information:

<http://www.bpac.org.nz/2017/dimethicone.aspx>

Superhero v Villains Roller Disco

Pre-sale only – Ages 4-12 yrs

Ph: 387 1491 or

Facebook.com/Kilbirnie Recreation Centre

Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics

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www.rhythmicgym.nz for more info



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