



KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWS. Term Two. Week 6.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL.

• WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS.

We warmly welcome the following students:

- Olive in room 1
- Hannah in room 1

• DATES FOR THE DIARY.

- Tuesday June 13th-School swimming festival. Year 4-6.
- Wednesday June 14th- Eastern Zone Cross Country.
- Monday June 19th-Board of Trustees meeting.
- Wednesday June 21th. School sausage sizzle.
- Thursday June 29th-Matariki celebration.

• NEW BUTTONS FOR HUB BLOGS.

Renee Feith has continued her amazing work on Kilbirnie School branding by developing new hyperlink buttons. These take you to the hub blogs from the school website. Teachers are working to maintain and develop these blogs as a tool helping you stay connected to the work of our students, classes and hubs. Other examples of Renee's work feature on her website:

<https://www.behance.net/ReneeFeith>

• 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 or Glenys before Tuesday the 13th.

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

Mariu – Optimism
**He ua ki te pō
he paewai ki te ao!**

Rain at night, eels at dawn!

PRINCIPAL NEWS.

Celebration Of Learning

At our school, we usually hold an assembly once a fortnight in our school hall. This term these have been on the Thursday of even weeks starting at 2.15pm. I believe the sense of student community and togetherness we have committed to enhancing at Kilbirnie School is reinforced when we regularly come together in this way. At assemblies, we focus on the sharing and celebration of the learning that is happening across our school. Classes, groups and individuals come to the front to share and discuss their work.

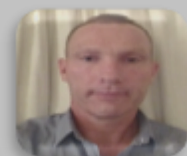
We have waiata, discussion and modelling of our school values, items from teachers, the presentation of certificates for our latest new entrants, students of the week, class of the week, awards for many different achievements including sports and sometimes special principal's awards. Our assemblies are eagerly anticipated and enjoyed by us all.

I would like to cordially welcome you to attend our assemblies if you are ever available. We have noticed that adults that arrive to collect students while assembly is underway often wait outside the hall. You are very welcome to come into the hall for the last part of the assembly if you would like to.

We provide a summary of the assemblies on our website:

<http://www.kilbirnie.school.nz/>

Have a great weekend. Tony Austin-Principal.





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- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL CARE TAKER POSITION.**

Our school caretaker, Brian Eager, has announced his resignation after working with us for more than 5 years. We have begun the search for a wonderful person to take on this role at our school. Applications can be accepted until next Wednesday June 14th. Those interested are welcome to visit the school.

**We are looking for a dedicated caretaker
who will take pride in our school.**

This is a varied and interesting part-time
position in our friendly and welcoming school.

For specifics of the role and application details
please email the principal:

tony@kilbirnie.school.nz

- **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/mrfoureyesnz/) for more info.

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

- **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.



- **INQUIRY LEARNING THIS TERM.**

This term all classes at our school have shared a common learning focus in inquiry learning. All students have been inquiring into concepts from the “Planet Earth and Beyond” area of Science within the New Zealand Curriculum. We intend to take this whole school focus approach into term 3 when we investigate financial literacy with students. The purpose of this initiative is to develop opportunities for students from different levels within the school to learn from each and to create a sense of excitement and curiosity about the learning across the school. We hope that this way of working will enhance the deep, meaningful learning we want our students to engage in.

All classes undertook a field trip to the Space Place (Carter Observatory) and whenever possible older and younger students have been working together using our buddy class structure. We hope this will contribute to the sense of student community and togetherness within the school I mentioned in the “Principal News” earlier in this newsletter.

This study will culminate in our Matariki (Maori New Year) celebration. Teachers are currently working to develop programmes for this. Students will have the opportunity to select activities and work with students from across the school during what we expect to be a fantastic day on June the 29th. Inquiry learning work this term is highly consistent with some of our current objectives for school development. Some synergies:

- **Potential for deep, lasting learning inspired by curiosity.**
- **Use of our community resources to support learning.**
- **Students across the school supporting and learning from each other.**
- **Opportunities for parents and whanau to support learning.**
- **Opportunities for student choice and control in learning (what we call “student agency”).**

Kilbirnie School’s first astronauts- Theo and Noah.





Mr Sun and Miss Moon - phases of the moon discussion



- **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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NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

Babysitter Available

Lydia Hare, ex Hataitai School student now at Wellington East Girls.

Children 3 – 12 years old

lydiahare.student@wegc.school.nz

Or 022 1204977

Standouts Drama, Dance, Singing-July Hols

For more info www.standouts.co.nz

Or Gemma 907 2929

Experience Marsden Day - for Year 6 girls

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School invites Year 6 girls

to attend the Experience Marsden Day on 14 June.

Please register [here](#).

Newtown Movie School – Holiday programme

www.newtownmoviesschool.co.nz or

Craig 021 966277 for more info



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