



KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday 16 September 2016

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 Sept	Three way Conferences 2 – 8pm
21 Sept	Sausages for sale at lunchtime Three way Conferences 2 – 5pm
23 Sep	Term 3 ends
10 Oct	Term 4 starts
24 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
25 Oct	Kapa Haka Festival – St Patrick’s College St John’s Programme in school
26 Oct	St John’s Programme in school
27 Oct	Playhouse Performers at school
31 Oct	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
2 Nov	School Athletics at Newtown Park
9 Nov	EZ Athletics at Newtown Park
25 Nov	Market Night
30 Nov	Sausages on sale at lunchtime
7 Dec	EZ Hockey at Hockey Stadium Leavers Dinner at The Pines for Year 6’s
12 Dec	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
15 Dec	School finishes 1pm

TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 1:

Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 13 April

Term 2:

Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July

Term 3:

Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

Term 4:

Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

SOME CHANGES AHEAD FOR SCHOOLS

At this week’s Board of Trustees meeting I presented a short paper outlining some changes ahead for the school sector. It has certainly been a busy time with announcements relating to educational policy coming regularly. I would certainly like to thank all of the parents and caregivers in their forbearance over the recent Paid Union Meetings. The two unions, NZEI and PPTA felt it was important to voice their opinions over the matter of school funding and staffing, particularly as it was felt that it could impact negatively on the number of teachers at a school, class sizes, and the ability to sustain current spending. We wait with interest for further developments in this area.

One important piece of legislation currently before Parliament is the **Education Amendment Bill**. This Bill amends the 1989 Education Act and has a greater focus on student progress, achievement and well-being, as opposed to the 1989 Act which had a greater focus on administrative matters. The Bill proposes that the Minister of Education could, after consultation, issue a statement of **National Educational Priorities** and **Performance Targets** for schools. School boards would then take these priorities into account in their teaching and learning programmes, and would be accountable for them when reporting to parents and government agencies.

School charters will be replaced by a four-year strategic plan and an annual plan. These documents will show how a board is implementing the National Education and Learning Priorities. The Bill also proposes allowing providers from schools, or the private sector, to form **Communities Of Online Learning (COOL)**. This would enable students to learn online as an alternative to traditional schooling.

Schools would be able to introduce cohort entry arrangements, after consultation with the community. This would enable schools to implement a cohort entry policy whereby new entrants could only start school at the beginning of each term. The earliest that children would be able to start school would be at the beginning of the term closest to their fifth birthday. Parents will still have the option of not starting their children in school until their sixth birthday.

Finally, there are changes in the area of **Professional Learning and Development**. Funding will only be allocated to schools with high numbers of children achieving below the expected levels in the National Priority areas of Maths, Reading, Writing, Science and Digital Fluency – this is funded primarily through the **Communities of Learning**. The Community of Learning must have an achievement challenge based on the National Priority aimed at lifting student achievement. The eastern zone schools are currently meeting to discuss the possibility of joining a “Community of Schools”, I will keep you informed of any progress.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

Please contact the school if you have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, or in the first half of next year. This will assist us in the preparation of classes for 2017. If you are aware your children are not returning to our school we would appreciate hearing from you as well.

MINIBALL TOURNAMENT

Katrina Te Rito



On Wednesday 4 teams from our school entered the EZ Miniball Tournament. There were 28 teams taking part. We had a lot of fun and achieved a great deal of success. Our A Grade team came 2nd; our B Grade teams came 1st and 2nd; and our social grade team came 4th. Well done to all participants. You did us proud.

PARENT MOVIE NIGHT

from Parentlink

Tuesday 18 October
at 8pm
Join fellow Kilbirnie
parents for a night of
fun and fundraising
at Roxy Cinema
Paula Hawkin's hit
new thriller *The Girl
on The Train*

Tickets \$30 with a
glass of wine and
goodie bag, \$25 without wine

Bring your friends - buy 9 tickets, get the 10th free
Pay at the school office or online (Parentlink Westpac
acct: 03 0521 0010140 000)

*If paying online, please include "movie", your name
and number of tickets purchased in reference*

Collect tickets issued at school office or at the door
It would be fab if you could make your purchase before
the end of Term 3

Mike McGimpsey
Principal



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Drama Classes

Introductory & advanced classes available.

Email becca@kids4drama.co.nz for info pack

Wgtn Waterfront Fun Runs Children & Adults

Thursday 20th October

www.athleticshub.co.nz/kids-fun-run

Craft House Holiday classes

7 years and above

www.CraftHouse.co.nz

PK Softball Registration

Wed 14th September 6 – 7.30pm; PK Clubrooms

www.sporty.con.z/pksc

Newtown Movie School Holiday programmes

www.newtownmovieschool.co.nz for more info

Hot Shots Tennis at the Renouf Centre

Holiday programmes-sign up by Fri 23 September

Hotshots.planitpro@gmail.com or 384 6294

Standouts Drama & Dance Classes

Holiday workshops

Email gemma@standouts.co.nz or 907 2929

Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics

Free trial lesson

www.rhythmicgym.nz

Kelly Club Holiday Programme & Kelly Sports T4

www.kellysports.co.nz or adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz

Vinnies Book Fair

St Anne's Church Hall, Newtown

Sat 1 October Sat and Sunday - [link here](#).

Emperor's New Clothes

24th September-8th October

Tararua Tramping Club, Mt Victoria

www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz for more info

Wgtn Tennis Club Holiday programme

First week of hols – cnr Constable St & Alexander Rd

Marcel 027 6308627 or marcel@tennisc.co.nz

Learning Connexion Holiday Programme

Creative expression at any art level

www.ArtClassesForKids.co.nz

or 0800 278 769 for more info

Harbour City GymSports

1st week school holidays

office@hcg.org.nz or phone Carol 386 4443

Wellington Diving Club: Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre

Lessons for children aged 5yrs-18yrs (plus Adults')

Special Offer - Please Quote KILBIRNIE16

WDC is offering all our school families a special two-for-one at one of their coached Sunday "Have a Go" fun sessions on these dates:

Sept 18th & 25th; Oct 16th & 23rd

Usual cost is \$5pp to be paid at poolside registration table (usual pool entry is still payable pp at pool reception)

Please be at poolside by 2.20pm to register for the 2.30-3.30pm session

All enquiries can be made

via www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call Barbara on 027 485 8888.