

# KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>25 Nov</b>	<b>Market Night</b>
2 Dec	Pack the Bus
7 Dec	EZ Hockey at Hockey Stadium Leavers Dinner at The Pines for Year 6's
9 Dec	Marrzipan Performance for parents Big Day Out for Year 6 students Juniors & Middles to Botanic Gardens
12 Dec	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
13 Dec	Junior Christmas Party Certificate Assembly
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

## CONGRATULATIONS PEARL TOUHY

This week the staff accompanied Pearl Tuohy to the NZEI Graduation Ceremony to celebrate her new status as a Fully Registered Teacher. Pearl has successfully completed her two-year induction process, under the tutorship of Tony Austin. Well done Pearl and welcome to the profession!



## CLASS ORGANISATION FOR 2017

We are about to start the annual exercise of placing students into classes for next year. Tony Austin is obviously taking the leadership over this. The numbers for each year groups are as follows:  
Year 6- **47**

Year 5- **39**  
Year 4- **43**  
Year 3- **40**  
Year 2- **26**  
Year 1- **20 (February)**

If you know that your child will not be returning to Kilbirnie School next year could you please inform the school office immediately. If you have yet to enrol your pre-schooler for next year, or know of neighbours who may not have enrolled, then we would like to hear from them as well.

As can be seen from the higher than normal numbers in the Year 5-6 area, all 86 students will be in Rooms 8-10. Next year will see some changes to the school organisation; these will be outlined by Tony Austin in a special notice next Friday. We are currently appointing two staff members and hope to have class teacher information settled by then.

On Friday afternoon, 9 December, class lists for 2017 will be posted on the school notice board in the foyer. As can be seen from the table following, we have ten classes, and as we have stated on previous occasions, placing all students in classes is not a straightforward exercise, particularly as year groups (cohorts) vary annually. Tony Austin, as principal of Kilbirnie School next year, takes over this responsibility.

In the majority of cases date of birth is the prime consideration, although social and academic factors are also taken into consideration where possible. Children are asked to provide the names of five other children they would like to work with and this information is used to ensure friendship patterns are continued as far as practical.

The organisation for next year is as follows. Please note numbers may alter slightly depending on unexpected enrolments or departures.

	R10	R9	R8	R7	R6	R5	R4	R3	R2	R1	
Y6	23	24									47
Y5	6	5	28								39
Y4				28	15						43
Y3					13	27					40
Y2							25	11			36
Y1								10	10		20
Y0											
	29	29	28	28	28	27	25	21	10		225

## EASTERN ZONE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following children who represented our school in the Eastern Zone Athletics  
**Aston:** 1st 60m sprint, 1st 100m sprint, 1st vortex, 1st quoits, 3rd long jump

**Jaguun:** 2nd 60m sprint, 2nd 100m sprint, 2nd long jump (year 4 boys)

**Hugo:** 1st long jump, 1st high jump, 2nd 150m sprint (year 5 boys)

**Matylda:** 2nd high jump, 3rd long jump (year 4 girls)

Aston and Hugo have also qualified for the regional competition next week.

## PACK THE BUS

Once again our school has decided to be involved in Go Pack the Bus for the Wellington City Mission as part of our term CARE value of Empathy. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December a bus will arrive and our children place their toy/product on the bus to help fill it. **Christmas items:**

Christmas mince pies and puddings, jelly, tinned fruit, Christmas crackers and confectionary.



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### Toys (new and unwrapped)

LEGO; art equipment, educational books, puzzles, sports gear and board games

### Extras:

Toiletries for adults and

teenagers, hair products.



## CHOOSING THURSDAY

This popular programme is soon to finish, we hope to hold a special elective presentation at a forthcoming school assembly, a great opportunity to share some of the wonderful activities that the children have been involved in. There have been some wonderful activities offered and I think all the children involved have thoroughly enjoyed doing something a little different. I would particularly like to thank both Tony Austin and Peter Dobson for their organisation.

## SWIMMING POOL

Pool keys are now on sale for the summer season. These are available from the school office up until the end of the school year, or from Victoria Taylor, a

school parent, over the holiday period. Victoria's contact numbers are 971 3345 or 027 352 5209. The keys are \$70 for the season with a \$20 refund once the key has been returned. Key holders are also asked to sign a Kilbirnie School Pool User's Code. This details conditions of use, particularly relating to supervision and health/safety issues.

This year we have one of our neighbours, Andrew Greening, unlocking the pool each morning and locking again at the end of the day. We are also employing Edward Moore, an ex-student, to maintain the pool in the weekends and holiday period. This will certainly save the parents on the pool committee from the onerous chores of testing the water daily, checking chlorination levels as well as vacuuming. Edward will be paid on an hourly rate from the funds raised through pool key sales.

**Mike McGimpsey**  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Bunnings Lyall Bay

Xmas Family Fun Night

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 5.30-7.30pm

Meet Nehe Milner-Skudder

Bookings essential

Gail 3873550 X 26

### BigAir Gym

January Holiday Programme

[www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) for bookings

and more information

### WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON

See School Notice Board for more info.

### Piano Lessons in Hataitai

Qualified & experienced teacher

Hilary 386 4666 or 027 2470213

### Standouts Creative Drama and Dance

St Judes Hall, Lyall Bay

[gemma@standouts.co.nz](mailto:gemma@standouts.co.nz) or [www.standouts.co.nz](http://www.standouts.co.nz)

### Capital Swim Club

Competitive swimming club

Sharon 021 1428976 or [spippos@xtra.co.nz](mailto:spippos@xtra.co.nz)

[www.capitalswim.co.nz](http://www.capitalswim.co.nz)

### Host Families Needed for Overseas Students

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