

KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday 28 October 2016

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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.

SCHOOL GARDEN PRODUCE

Kay Mudge

Eco Warrior Thursday lunch time garden group has started up again this term. Now that the weather has improved we are busy weeding and planting. The produce is harvested and given away to those less fortunate than ourselves as part of demonstrating the empathy in our school C.A.R.E. values. Last week a group of children helped harvest for the Night Shelter. I delivered the bag of vegetables Thursday evening. They were very appreciative.



KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

On Tuesday this week our kapa haka group participated in the Te Whanaungātanga Kapa Haka Festival at St Patrick's College. There were eight schools represented at the festival. Once again, thanks to Rachel France, Ora Thompson and Olivia Boyd for making it happen. We would also like to thank the parents for their help in providing transport and kai for the event.



Kapa Haka was awesome, it was my first time and I really enjoyed it! My favourite song was Takahia Paki. I really enjoyed watching all of the other schools perform.

Pearl K. Room 10

The Kapa Haka Festival was a great time and really fun. It was really exciting seeing all of the Kapa Haka groups perform. I really enjoyed our performance. My favourite song we performed was Haere, Hikoi, Haere.

Billie B. Room 10

LATENESS

Attendance rates at our school are generally high, averaging around the 95% mark. The majority of absences are coded as "sickness". Of interest, attendance rates were down to 89% for the third term. Although this is generally the month with higher than average sickness rates, this year the percentage of students away for sickness was identical to the number of students on holiday.

One request however; we do have significant numbers of children who arrive late. This is an inconvenience, not only to the class teacher who needs to start lessons again, but also to the office staff who monitor the absenteeism. Please make sure your children are at school by five minutes to nine at the latest.

ICAS RESULTS

Recently several students from our senior syndicate took part in ICAS (International Competition and Assessment for Schools) tests. These tests are independent skill-based assessments with a competitive element. High levels of achievement in these tests is recognised with merit, credit or distinction awards.

MATHS

CREDIT: Imogen; Eddie; Emily

DISTINCTION: Connor; Samantha

ENGLISH

MERIT: Paloma; Emily

CREDIT: David; Jessica; Eddie; Connor; Samantha; Scarlett

DISTINCTION: Caitlin

Congratulations to everyone who participated.

KILBIRNIE SCHOOL MARKET EVENING

Friday 25th November

4.30pm-7pm

It's Market Night again and we need your help to make the night a success!

- Donations for raffles – vouchers, produce & services
- Donation of quality clean, second hand items
- Jars for tombola – fill a jar with lollies, cake mix, fun stuff for kids and adults. The class with the most jars wins a prize
- Toys, games and kids books, kids magazines, kids comics
- Clothing for kids, babies & adults
- Kids sports equipment

On the day...

- Helping on a stall – serving food, running games, selling clothes, toys or books
- Donations of baking for the cake stall

Donations can be delivered to the school office

If you can help please

contact fundraising@kilbirnie.school.nz

SWIMMING POOL

Pool keys are now on sale for the summer season. With the heat pump in operation we have a lovely warm pool heated to 26 degrees. We have a group of parents who are happy to assist with the duty roster; this mainly involves



unlocking in the weekend/holiday mornings and locking up at 8pm, as well as checking on toilet paper supplies and so on. Please contact the school if you are able to assist with the operation of the pool over the next season.

The keys are available from Liz in the office; we are charging \$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. Last year we had several issues with non-key holders using the pool, as well as keys being lent to others. With electricity costs for the heat pump and chemical costs increasing, key income is very important

2016 pool keys will no longer be functional and may be returned to the school office for your \$20 refund. New keys will be issued for the coming season.

Mike McGimpsey
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wonderplay Drama Classes

Thursdays @ Island Bay Community Centre

First lesson free

Debs 021 1722836 or www.wonderplay.co.nz

Shut Up & Dance

Shut Up & Dance is coming to Berhampore!

Want to moonwalk? Drop it like Beyoncé?

Grab yourself a 6 x week course for \$80 [here](#) and prepare to have the Time of Your Life.

Begins November 3rd, 6.30PM, Berhampore School Hall

Mornington Golf Club

Free lessons for 5-15 year olds

Every Sunday 1 – 2pm

Ph: Danny 021 622441

Miramar Bowling Club

Family Halloween evening

6-8pm Monday 31st October

Food, fun, activities

Small entry fee for children in fancy dress to enter prize draw

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