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## TERM 2. WEEK 6.

**Welcome to Maddie and Lukas in  
Mrs. Patel's homeroom.**

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY.**

- **June.**
- **Thursday 23-Matariki celebration- school day and evening for whānau.**
- **Friday 24- Matariki Public Holiday- school closed.**
- **Thursday 30- Board meeting.**
- **July.**
- **Wednesday 6- Cyber Safety Evening.**
- **Friday 8- Last day of term 2.**
- **Monday 25- First day of term 3.**

### **COVID UPDATE.**

At the end of week 6 of term we have 1 student away from school having been household contacts and then becoming positive. 1 other student is away as a household contact. The situation is currently stable. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding covid 19.

We are noticing an increase in students being away from school with winter colds. We remain vigilant with our hygiene procedures related to both Covid and other communicable illnesses.

Many thanks for your continued support of our management measures including the wearing of masks when on the school grounds or in any school building and not sending students to school if they are unwell.

### **PRINCIPAL NEWS.**

Kia ora koutou,

The Kilbirnie School Matariki, Māori New Year, celebration is planned for Thursday June 23, this is in week 8 of term. This week students made their selections for our Matariki celebration activities and learning opportunities. All students chose 7 of the 17 activities available, we then organise them into groups. Students will work with others from different homerooms and ages depending on their selections, everyone does 3 activities during the day.

The choosing was very exciting for students, they will get to select again when we run the Choosing Friday programme in term 4. We invite whānau to visit the school during the day to see what the students are doing. Please do come along and see us if you would like to. Sign in and out at the office, Carolina will be able to tell you where your child is working. Please wear a mask. The one-hour sessions start at 9.30am, 11.30am and 1.45pm.

Parent Link invite you to come along to our community evening celebration. Check out the information and poster in the next page of the newsletter.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Matariki.

**Have a great weekend.  
Tony Austin- Principal.**



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- KILBIRNIE SCHOOL COMMUNITY MATARIKI CELEBRATION.**

How wonderful to have Parentlink organise a chance to come together in the evening to celebrate Matariki together as a school community. There will not be a kapa haka performance this year so come down anytime between 5pm and 7pm.

**Matariki**

ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR WHANAU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

**THURSDAY 23 JUNE**  
**5PM - 7PM**

SLIDESHOW OF STUDENT MATARIKI ACTIVITIES  
PLAYING THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.  
KAI, FIRE PIT AND COMMUNITY CATCH UP.  
WEAR MASKS INSIDE WHEN NOT EATING.

TOAST MARSHMALLOWS BY THE FIRE PIT

**ENTRY \$5** PER PERSON  
INCLUDES: SAUSAGE SIZZLE, HOT SOUP +  
BREAD AND TOASTED MARSHMALLOWS.  
Extra Sausages \$2.50 - available on the night  
PURCHASE TICKETS AT OFFICE



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- **CYBER SAFETY EVENING FOR ADULTS. 7-9 PM. WEDNESDAY JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

Please ensure this date is in your calendar, the opportunity is not to be missed. We welcome you to bring along interested adult friends and whānau to share the learning. It is not necessary to be a parent of our school. Click [HERE](#) for an introduction to the presentation.



Kilbirnie School presents:

# **A Cyber Safety Evening**

With Rob & Zareen Cope - Authors, Parents & Filmmakers of the 2020 documentary:  
'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to pornography, predators, social media access, and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2022 | 7PM - 9PM  
72 HAMILTON ROAD, HATAITAI, WELLINGTON

To find out more about Rob & Zareen's work  
visit [www.ourkidsonline.info](http://www.ourkidsonline.info)



- **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.**

**A message from Davin Hall-Presiding member (Chairperson) Kilbirnie School Board.**

On **7 September** an election will be held to determine the membership of the Kilbirnie school board. School board elections provide an opportunity every three years for members of the school community to have their say about the governance and direction of the school.

Nominations for candidates will open on **15 July**. In preparation, the board will hold an information night via zoom at **7pm on Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>** for anyone interested in hearing about the role of the board and the expectations of board members. The in-person board meeting on **30 June (7:00 pm start)** is also open to the community and will provide a chance to see the board in action. Tea and Biscuits will be served.

The Board has also established an email address for questions related to the election and the process that underpins this. Please feel free to send questions to:

[elections@kilbirnie.school.nz](mailto:elections@kilbirnie.school.nz)

- **TEA WITH TONY.**

From next Friday, I am again 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. This was on hold due to Covid. 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 to reception after the 9.00am bell. Pre-schoolers are also most welcome. This is also a great forum for anyone interested in the Board elections mentioned earlier. I hope to see you!

- **SCHOOL LIBRARY.**

Our school library is a terrific place. All students visit and select books. The library is also open every lunchtime and many students join our librarian Wendy to enjoy the space and facilities. Wendy would like some support to cover school library books with duraseal. Help from parents or caregivers would be much appreciated.

Please contact Wendy our school librarian by email:

[wendy@kilbirnie.school.nz](mailto:wendy@kilbirnie.school.nz)





- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL VALUES.**



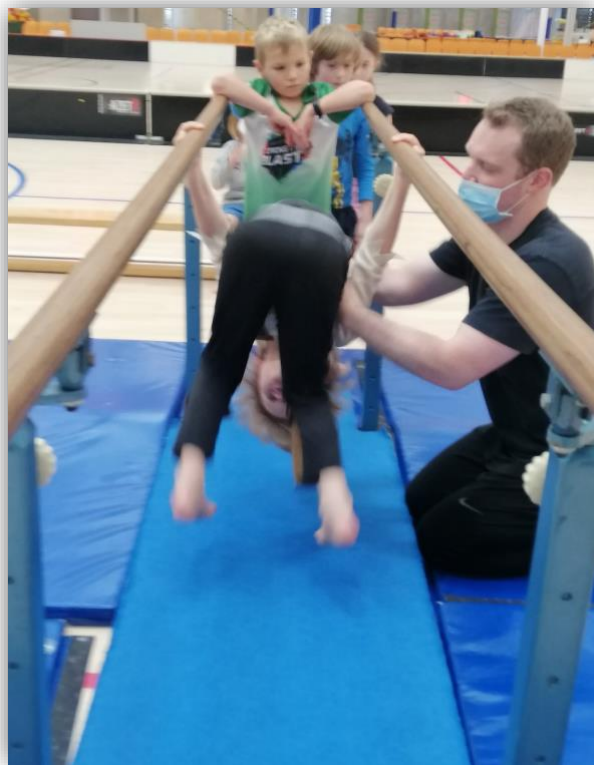
Congratulations to **Archer, Hunter and Arya** who received Principal's awards in recognition of their demonstration of the Kilbirnie School values. Well done!



Congratulations and thanks to **Mackenzie and Hannah** (pictured) who qualified to represent the Eastern Zone at the Interzone cross country event next week. **Sana and Winnie** will also run having placed second in their respective events at the Eastern Zone. Congratulations and huge thanks to Parentlink for the fun run event- well done **Anna and Alex** who ran and **Guy** who watched (supervised).



- **EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM- TERM 2.**



This term the students from the Ngake and Whataitai hubs have been participating in gymnastics and ball sports education at the ASB indoor sports facility in Kilbirnie. Programmes run every Thursday.

**"In gym we used two bars and learned to lift our body weight up and even walk on the bars. On the mini tramp you had to bounce and land. We learned to tuck and crab. We learned to do a front roll"**

**By Jake and Griff.**



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This term the students from the Matairangi hub have been participating in swimming and aquatics education at the Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie. Programmes run every Wednesday.

**“In Kiwisurf we learn to surf. We are learning to paddle out and then stand up. This is hard when you are quite tall like me. We get to use our own board”. By Emily.**

**“In kayaking we learned what to do if you capsize and need to get out. We are learning how to use the paddle to move around”. By Elise.**



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- KILBIRNIE SCHOOL CAMP- TERM 1. 2023.**

Many will be aware the Kilbirnie School camp this year was cancelled due to the onset of the Omicron outbreak earlier in the year. This is the first time Kilbirnie School students hadn't been to Palm Grove in perhaps 25 years! Owners Helen and Brandon have now retired and the camp is closed. Peter and I have passed our sincere appreciation and thanks to them for all they did for our students over such a long tenure. Students and teachers alike have many wonderful memories of our time at Palm Grove. We are now delighted to announce that, following a meticulous process, we have secured a new camp provider for 2023. All year 5 and 6 students will attend camp at Kaitoke Outdoor Education Centre near the end of the first term next year. Peter and the Matairangi teachers will provide more information toward the end of the year.



- TEACHER ONLY DAY THIS WEEK.**

On Tuesday this week our staff spent the day with providers from Pause Breathe Smile, part of the New Zealand Mental Health Foundation. We worked through breathing and basic mindfulness approaches for students. Teachers are now discussing how to best introduce elements from the day into their homeroom work and school-wide approaches to student well-being.

Chat with your homeroom teacher or click [HERE](#) for more information. We are in the early stages of this work.



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- **NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.**

### **Wellington Harriers**

It's cross country running season and if your children enjoy running come and give it a go. We offer club races, interclub competitions and fun, friendly training groups.

Our club days are Saturday afternoons we meet at the Wellington Harrier Clubrooms on Alexandra Road Mount Victoria just before 2 pm.

We also have midweek training groups.

For more information, please contact:

Julie Richards- 0212959026. [juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Marrzipan Drama**

Does your little human like to be **weird**? How about playing **silly games**? Or maybe they want to try out a new **fun** hobby? Then why not give **Marrzipan** a go?!

Marrzipan is a drama-based self-confidence programme suitable for all ages and ability levels. As well as playing games, we also work towards a performance we show to our parents at the end of each term. This term is: **The Golden Trophy of Super Duper**

### **Awesomeness!**

Numbers are strictly limited so get in quick! **Free Trials** are offered if your child would like to come check it out.

**Where: Kilbirnie School**

**When: Monday's 8am-8.50am**

Check out our website: <https://marrzipandrama.co.nz/>

OR contact Joshuwawa: [wellington@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:wellington@marrzipandrama.co.nz)

Kia ora koutou! My name is Antonia Grant and I am taking on new violin students for Term 3 2022, ranging from beginner to intermediate level. My private practice is based on Thane Road in Roseneath.

I have extensive experience in teaching young students and coaching more advanced groups. Playing solo and in ensembles has also been a lifelong passion of mine.

My teaching philosophy aims to keep lessons fun and engaging. Lessons include a combination of musical games and technical focus, depending on my student's needs and personality.

I enjoy teaching both children and adult students... you might like to learn alongside your child!

If you are interested in lessons, feel free to email me or give me a call.

[Antoniagranto@gmail.com](mailto:Antoniagranto@gmail.com)

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Does your child love to sing? Wellington Cathedral of St Paul is currently recruiting for more singers aged 8-15 to join the Cathedral Choristers. This is a terrific way to gain a musical education and learn vocal technique from one of the foremost conductors in the country free of charge. Please see this [link](#) for more information, and this [link](#) to hear the Choristers talk about their own experience. For further information or to organise an audition, please contact Michael Stewart at [dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz](mailto:dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz)

# Kilbirnie Destination Play!

**Kilbirnie & Lyall Bay Community Centre, Bay Road**  
**Friday 10 June | 3.30–6.30pm**

Nau mai, haere mai!

Welcome to the hub of play in Kilbirnie town centre! Join in family-friendly play, games, activities and sausage sizzle, free for all ages.



**Kia kawea tātou e te tākaro!**

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