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TERM 1. WEEK 11.

**Kilbirnie School will be closed for the school holidays tomorrow
Friday April 15th . Term 2 starts on Monday May 2nd.**

• COVID 19 UPDATE

The number of Kilbirnie School students away from school related to Covid is now much reduced, today there are only 2 students away. Our focus now moves to the new term and our approach to managing Covid 19 under the orange traffic light setting. Our focus remains on the health and wellbeing of our students, our staff and our community.

I would like to acknowledge the support we have had from the Kilbirnie School community in cooperating with the health measures we have operated under this term. Omicron certainly presented us with some new challenges and we have had to reflect upon and adapt our operations throughout the term to provide the best possible protection for children and adults.

While I will provide an update on the last Thursday of the holidays- April 28th, at this time I can advise that under the orange level we are maintaining many of the public health measures we had in place throughout term 1 including face coverings in the Matairangi hub for students and staff. The Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health strongly recommend face coverings inside for year 4-6 students and staff as a key health measure under orange. Our staff also strongly agree with this approach. Adults should continue to wear a face covering at all times when entering a Kilbirnie School building.

At the start of term we will also continue to require all adults to wear a face covering when coming onto the school grounds. This will be reviewed during the term based on the Covid situation within our community.

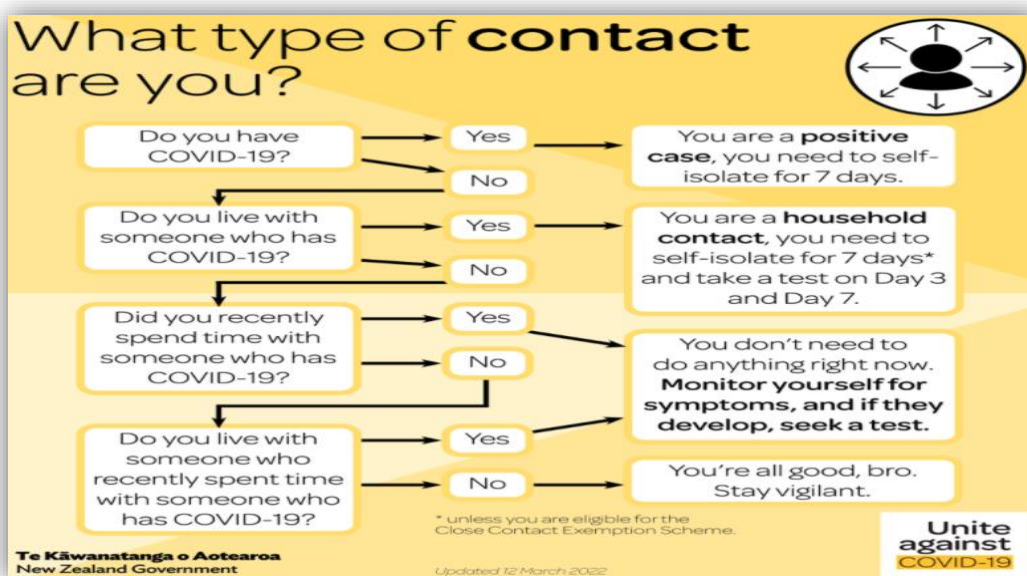
We appreciate your ongoing support with these health measures and hope that the sum of the health measures used will also help to limit the spread of typical winter colds. This was the experience last winter and helped to reduce student absence across terms 2 and 3.

At the start of term 2 we ask that all adults continue to:

- Wear a face covering at all times when entering a Kilbirnie School building.
- Wear a face covering coming onto the Kilbirnie School grounds. This will be reviewed during the term.
- Minimise visits to school.

At Kilbirnie School:

- Matairangi hub students (year 4-6) and their teachers will continue to wear face coverings while inside the classroom.
 - Our focus is on the health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community.
 - We are using public health measures to reduce the risk in our settings, including hygiene practises, masks, physical distancing and ventilation.
 - We have appropriate cleaning procedures in place.
 - We are also committed to maintaining quality teaching and learning for our students.
 - Homeroom and extracurricular programmes will operate as usual.
- **CONTACTS AND SELF ISOLATION INFORMATION.**



How to work out your 7 days of self-isolation

Find out what you need to do if:	you are positive for COVID-19	you are a Household Contact (living with a positive case)*
Day 0	The day you test positive or start experiencing symptoms, whichever is earliest.	Your Day 0 is the same Day 0 as the first positive case in your household.
Day 3	-	Take a Day 3 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 7 days of self-isolation.
Day 7	-	Take a Day 7 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 7 days of self-isolation.
After	After 7 days, as long as you are free of COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.	After 7 days, as long as you have a negative Day 7 test result and no COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.

* Some people who are Household Contacts and critical workers may be able to still go to work through the Close Contact Exemption Scheme. See our website for more information.

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- **THE EAGLE CHALLENGE.**

Thanks to those that took up **The Oobleck Challenge** in the last newsletter, it looked like huge fun. Not too late to try it out over the break. One more optional activity for you- this time from August last year, **The Eagle Challenge**. I introduce the challenge in the first video and the second is a poetry reading!

<https://youtu.be/mN3nLfFuVU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG0ZsJSNOi8&t=14s>

- **LEARNING CONFERENCES- WEEK 2. WEDNESDAY MAY 11TH AND THURSDAY 12TH.**

In term 1 we offered parents an opportunity to meet with classroom teachers to learn about classroom and hub programmes. We also offered parents the opportunity to meet individually with the classroom teacher and provide information about their child. These meetings were all held over Zoom.

In the second week of next term we will run individual conferences focussing on your child's learning and goals. At Kilbirnie School we operate a three-way conferencing system throughout the school. This involves the parent, child and teacher. This approach is consistent with our school wide goal of developing independent, reflective learners. These meetings were postponed last term to allow them to be held in person under the orange traffic light setting.

Whānau who are in isolation due to Covid 19 at the time of the conferences should contact their homeroom teacher to discuss options. Adults who become symptomatic prior to the scheduled meeting time should not attend the conference. Meetings are held in the student's homeroom.

We use an online booking system for the conferences which are 15 minutes in duration. This will be available from **6.00pm on Monday May 2nd**. Visit the following website and use our event code:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event code: mnu64

We will remind you about this closer to the time.



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- **END OF SEASON- TERM 1 AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS.**

Huge thanks to the many whānau involved in providing our students with the opportunity to participate in after school sports this term. You will have read Katrina's excellent report in the last newsletter. A terrific term of minipolo. Touch rugby and of course- floorball.

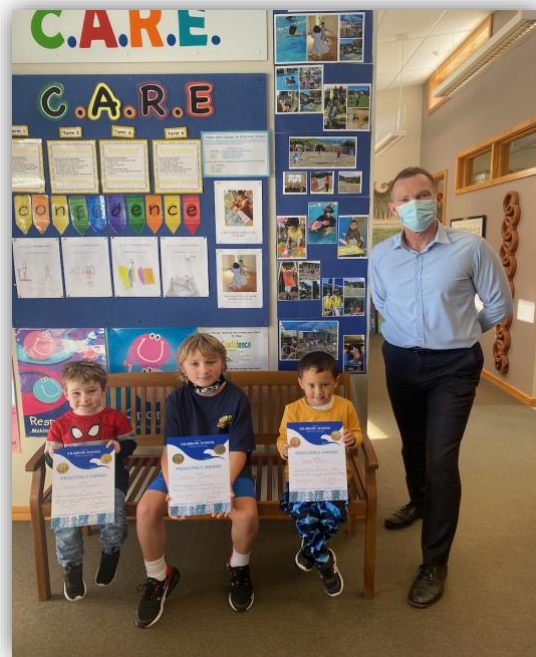
Congratulations to Tui's- Year 5 Champions!





- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL VALUES.**

Such a pleasure to celebrate and acknowledge some of our students demonstrating the Kilbirnie School values this week. Great job **Israel, Sam and Bobby**- showing empathy and respect. Thanks **Poppy and Harriet**- two of our wonderful worm farmers showing respect for the environment. It was terrific to chat to some of the students in **Lou's Homeroom** who made lanterns to mark Ramadan.





• AROUND THE SCHOOL.

END OF TERM IN MS. J AND TINA'S HOMEROOM.



"We made cupcakes to celebrate the end of term and Easter. We made the cupcakes in the hall and put a surprise in them. The surprise was a mini chocolate egg.

We made baskets to put the cupcake and the egg in. It was fun to do and delicious to eat"

Toby, Mikayla, Maddy and Zolzaya.

AUTHOR IN THE MATAIRANGI HUB.

The Matairangi Hub enjoyed a virtual visit with Helen Griffiths, author of *Treasure Beyond Measure*. She talked about the creative and writing process and shared her book with us. We enjoyed learning some new collective nouns along the way and talked about the sustainability message that comes through the book.



"The book was very cool and entertaining. I loved the pictures and the writing. It was fun finding the hidden picture on each page."

"I enjoyed when she explained about how important it is to have an attractive front cover if you want people to pick up your book"

"I learnt that it takes a long time to publish a book and that you have to work hard at editing it."

"Plastic can hurt animals. Humans are lazy and don't look after the planet."

Lucy, Emilia, Sacha, Taylor and Isobel



- FAREWELL TO OUR FRIENDS THE URRUTIA-HODAR WHĀNAU!**

Queridas amigas y amigos,

It is time for us to say goodbye. After five years living in Hataitai, we are travelling eastwards across the big Pacific Ocean, hoping that this will only be an "hasta pronto" – see you later. Unfortunately, Covid played us a bad last move, and we could not see most of you to extend all the hugs we would have wanted. But we are grateful for the chance to bid this short farewell through the School Newsletter, which we are pretty sure you all read (right!?).

We have only the sweetest and most thankful words for the Kilbirnie School community. From the very first moment we felt welcomed by teachers, parents, children and neighbours. Your big smiles and open arms were always there for us. Thanks for all the sharing, laughs, stories, yummy meals and (yes) sausage sizzles, thoughtful conversations, sports, Parentlink, the brilliant art events and all the kids' performances and achievements. Over this time together, many of you became the family we did not have while we were here. We will never forget that.

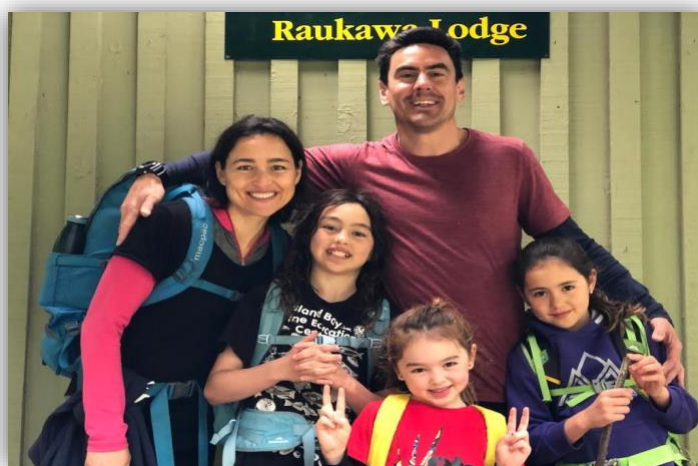
Our time in Aotearoa has been a decidedly formative stage for Victoria, Julieta and Isabel, in the best possible way. They learnt what living in a community means: bringing in your best self for the common good, thinking about others when making decisions, looking after our environment. They understood why it matters to be always yourself no matter how you dress or look, that you must be respected for who you are. We hope these fundamental values will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Our special acknowledgements go to Tony and all the Kilbirnie School teachers, who were always there for our three daughters. You encouraged them to achieve their best while enjoying and being themselves. Thank you so much.

We feel fortunate to have been part of your world and lives over these years. Each one of you will stay deep in our hearts, and the memories from this marvellous land will remain with us. We hope to see you all sooner than later, in Wellington or in Viña del Mar. In the meantime: miles de abrazos, los extrañaremos mucho!

With much love,

Carolina, Osvaldo, Victoria, Julieta and Isabel





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- NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.**

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING, COACHING and TRAINING.

The summer athletics season is over and Track & Field has ended.

We are now starting cross country and the schools and inter-school events will be held next term. Wellington Harrier Athletic Club are offering an introductory programme over the coming holidays to help children get a “feel” for the sport and see how they like it. (If they do, they are welcome to join the club and train and race with us)

There will be no charge for the introductory sessions, which will be held from 1.45 on Saturday 9 April, Saturday 16 April, Wednesday 20 April, Saturday 23 April and Wednesday 27 April.

The sessions are recommended for years 5, 6, 7 & 8, so come along and try our sport!

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Marrzipan Drama School Holiday Workshop

The Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop runs from 10am-4pm **Tuesday 26 - Friday 29 April.**

Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day!

Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment. Oh and did I mention games? Lots and lots of games!

For more information check out our website or talk to Joshuwawa for more details! Spaces are limited so get in quick!

W: marrzipandrama.co.nz **E:** wellington@marrzipandrama.co.nz

At Bigair Gym, the classes are structured and follow a badge programme. This quality coaching & structure creates motivated and focussed learning, which allows children to focus on goals, gain feedback, reflect, and apply this to achieve through the levels! This type of training develops confidence, resilience and a positive attitude towards personal challenges and new learning. Parents keep telling us that Bigair Gym Classes are having a positive influence on their children, and they are benefiting from learning these lifelong skills outside of the gym. So, don't miss out on this for your children! **Book online for Term 2 classes from the 4th April into GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (Parkour with flips), TRAMPOLINING & CHEERLEADING!**

Bookings are OPEN NOW online for Bigair Gyms active, fun & popular upcoming **April HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**. Half day & full day sessions: 8.30am-1pm or 1-5.30pm = \$30, & 8.30am – 5.30pm = \$45. We offer **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** at Bigair too, so please inquire today.



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COVID-19 Response Team

Phone : 04 889 2023
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All Saints have prepared a response team to add to the pool of people who are mobilized and prepared to help those who are at home isolating or are unwell as Omicron impacts our community. Simply call or email (calling will be faster with a team of people ready to respond) if you need support or assistance during this time. Grocery shopping, picking up click and collects, picking up medicine, walking pets etc.

"Gymnastics is a great and fun activity for developing confidence, coordination, strength and agility.

Join our gymnastics packed Term 1 school holiday programme. This will be running from;

- Tuesday 19th April - Friday 22nd April

- Tuesday 26th April - Friday 30th April

9AM - 3PM, \$45.00 per day. To register please visit <https://hcg.org.nz/holprog> or contact office@hcg.org.nz - Spaces are limited so be in quick!"

These school holidays KidzStuff Theatre for Children are presenting ***Pirates vs Ninjas (vs The Evil Vampire Wizards)***, Written by Russell King from the book by Spike Milligan and Directed by Amalia Calder

What: *Pirates vs Ninjas (vs The Evil Vampire Wizards)*

When: 18th - 29th April 2022

Where: Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Times: Weekdays 10am & 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays Tickets \$12.50pp, Children under 2 Free

Bookings: www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz

WELLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB (INC) –
founded 1870

Looking for a winter sport for your children?
Come and join the **Wellington Rugby Football Club** "Axeman".

We have excellent facilities and are centrally located on the edge of the town belt above Hataitai.

We are steeped in 150 years of history and pride ourselves on our community and family friendly culture.

The Junior Club caters for pre-school ripper through to year 8 tackle and our qualified coaches focus on building team skills, improving confidence and giving kids (and the parents) the opportunity to have a lot of fun!

The season gets underway in April 2022 so please register by picking on the link below



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GIVE RUGBY A TRY!
SEASON STARTS 6 MAY

- ✓ Make friends
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Build confidence
- ✓ Be healthy

Find out more about Marist St Pats junior rugby
msprugby.co.nz/juniors or email msprugby@gmail.com