



TERM 1. WEEK 3. PRINCIPAL NEWS- COVID 19 UPDATE.

Kia ora koutou,

The earlier than usual newsletter this week follows on from the well-attended Hub meetings last week and in advance of the Meet the Homeroom Teacher opportunity on Wednesday and Thursday this week. I want to provide you with more information regarding the implications of the Covid 19 Omicron variant and how we intend to manage Kilbirnie School should students, staff or both be isolating at home as a close contact of a confirmed case or having contracted Covid 19. Many whānau will be aware that adults or children who have been close contacts of a confirmed case of Covid 19 are required to self-isolate and undergo testing. People who have been casual contacts are able to attend school but are required to monitor for symptoms and get tested immediately should symptoms develop. The Kilbirnie School health measures explained in the attached document help us to lower but not eliminate the potential for close contact and Covid transmission within the school. Please do read this.

If we get a confirmed case of Covid 19 at Kilbirnie School everyone on site with the person could potentially be a close or casual contact. It is essential that we maintain good contact tracing systems including homeroom registers and timetables and using the QR codes which are placed around the school. If we do have a confirmed case at school, we will notify the full school community and work with our direct Ministry of Education contact to identify both close and casual contacts. Students and staff who have been close contacts will be contacted individually and required to go into isolation at home. There is also the potential for the Ministry of Education to close some or all of the school immediately when they work with us after a confirmed case has been in the school.

Teachers will start distance learning for isolating students within 48 hours. Students will also be provided with a paper pack of learning materials to supplement online learning and communication. In most cases distance learning will be provided by the isolating students' Homeroom teacher. Homeroom teachers may also be isolating and able to provide and monitor distance learning. If a teacher becomes a confirmed Covid 19 case, they won't be working and another staff member from their hub will manage distance learning. Students who become unwell are not expected to participate in distance learning. The number of isolating students and teachers in each hub will also influence which teacher manages distance learning programmes.

We intend to remain open for face-to-face teaching and learning unless it becomes impossible to safely staff the school. We have plans to cover for teachers who are isolating due to being a close contact or having contacted Covid 19. It is however important for our school community to be aware that there is the potential for parts or all of the school to be closed as a result of inadequate staffing due to Omicron. Distance learning will commence if the school closes.

We continue to review our plans based on the latest information from the Ministries of Health and Education as the situation with Omicron continues to develop. We ask that whānau:

1. Follow the Kilbirnie School health measures in the attached document. Importantly **scan, sanitize, maintain physical distance and wear a face covering each and every time you need to be in the school. Only come in if necessary. Keep your child at home if they are unwell.**
2. Organise to support students if they need to learn at home.
3. Complete the two information forms sent to you. Return the Student Information form to the Homeroom teacher and the Contact Update form to the office (even if no changes were made).
4. Look out for Covid 19 related updates from the school. Be aware of the **test** text message we are sending out this **Wednesday at 2pm.**

Ngā mihi.

Tony Austin. Principal.



- **WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS**

In Asha Patel's Homeroom:

Israel, Angelin, Ali Tukaha, Bhavya, Darika, Hameemah, Lila, Sonny, Bobby, Rikka, Jeremiah, Norah, Leo, Amika, Juno.

In Rachel's Homeroom:

Poppy.

In Peter and Mrs. Te Rito's Homeroom:

Oscar Broe.

In Soazik's Homeroom:

Alwin .

- **DATES FOR THE DIARY.**

As new dates for school events and activities are established, we add these to the calendar available from the home page on the school website.

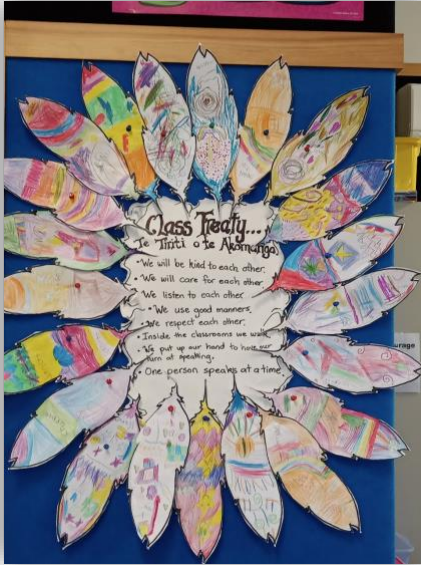
February.

- **Wednesday 16- Meet the Teacher Zoom Meetings Day 1.**
- **Thursday 17- Meet the Teacher Zoom Meetings Day 2.**
First Hits cricket- Year 1-3.
First swimming session with Little Makos- year 1-3.
- **Friday 18- Garden to Table- Whātaimai Hub.**
- **Thursday 27- School Board meeting.**



- AROUND THE SCHOOL.**

What a pleasure to read the treaty in Rachel and Kay's Homerooms! The students developed the treaty together, everyone had the chance to sign it.





Nora from Asha's homeroom with her lovely art. Tom is holding one of the pumpkins in the edible new garden- thanks to these that do some watering in the holidays! Mrs J's Homeroom have been enjoying their midday swimming. The Matairangi students have been combining their learning in science and art.





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- **NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.**



Hataitai Community House Administrator Wanted

- Are you looking for part-time work that is close to home?
- Are you looking for a position that contributes to your community?
- Are you looking to join a great small team?

Then apply today to work as our Administrator! Applications close on 20 February.

Connect with community

We need a flexible all-round professional person to support the Hataitai Community Coordinator and manage the administrative activities of the Hataitai Community House and Hataitai Centre, both based near the Hataitai village. This is an up to 15 hour per week position - where the hours worked and location can be negotiated.

This position requires a self-managing person with initiative and excellent organisation skills. This position supports the Hataitai Community House Coordinator to manage the buildings of the Hataitai Community House and Hataitai Centre. This role will have primary responsibility of managing bookings for the Hataitai Community House and Hataitai Centre.

For more information, head to <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/55876811>



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In the Wings Drama classes: Got a budding performer or a child who needs a boost in confidence? Check out our Drama classes, Wednesdays, starting 22nd February in Hataitai. Trial classes available. www.inthewings.co.nz or katie@inthewings.co.nz

If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym!

Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair badge programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and progress! Classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING & FREE RUNNING (parkour with flips)! BOOK NOW for Term 1 Classes** online www.bigairgym.co.nz We run Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

Does your child love tumbling, jumping, and dancing? Cheerleading encompasses all this and focusses on fitness, strength, and gym skills, plus it encourages individual & team development. We cater for 5yrs-18yrs. **CHEERLEADING FREE TRIALS AVAILABLE NOW!**

Contact your closest Bigair Gym because GYM CLASSES & CHEERLEADING are starting NOW! Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay ph. 383 8779 e. wgt@bigairgym.co.nz

"Gymnastics is a great and fun activity for developing confidence, coordination, strength and agility. Harbour City Gymnastics, Hataitai Park, are currently taking enrolments for Term 1 classes - from preschool to adults. Email our office office@hcg.org.nz for further information or to register"

Choose a sport your child can play forever ... Tennis!

Professional Tennis Hot Shots coaching for children aged 5-12 is available at Kilbirnie Tennis Club. The Tennis Hot Shots programme is designed for kids. Smaller courts, softer balls, and lighter racquets means kids learn to play tennis quickly.

The Sunday morning Hot Shots coaching programme is **FREE** if you become a club member. First try-out lesson for non-members is **FREE**.

Visit [Kilbirnie Tennis Club / Tennis Hot Shots](#).

Call our head coach Blake Smith on 022 161 3303 or email blake@kilbirnietennis.net.nz for more information.

"Budding ballerina or stage star in your house? Our Thorndon Quay studio is open with vaccine passes and covid policies in place, so let us help your 5-6 year old get dancing! We offer ballet & jazz classes after school on Mondays & Tuesdays plus weekend morning classes on Saturdays & Sundays. We also offer Saturday morning classes in Khandallah! Visit wellingtondance.co.nz to see why hundreds of Wellington families love our Junior dance programmes."

DRAMA: Wonderplay has places available for kids drama on Thursdays at Island Bay Community Centre. Also ask about our famous Wellington Young Actors class for teens. First lesson is free to try. Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz



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*Oh no. The evil Dr. Phineas P. Perti has turned Unicorns into food and is planning on taking over the world!
How will Uni-tato get past the wicked 3-headed dog to save the world?!*

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?!

Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz
Or message Joshuwawa: Wellington@Marrzipandrama.co.nz.

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Maximum 10 students per 45 minute class.