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TERM 1. WEEK 3.

Welcome to Gus, Teniinii, Camille, Luna, Helena, Olive and Evie in Mrs. Patel's Homeroom.
Welcome to Jordan in Elaine's Homeroom.

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

- **February.**

- **Thursday 23- Board meeting.**
- **Thursday 23 and Friday 24- Ngake and Whātaimai swimming lessons in school pool.**
- **Monday 27- Zero waste programme starts in Matairangi.**

- **March.**

- **Wednesday 1- Eastern Zone cricket.**
- **Thursday 2 and Friday 3- Ngake and Whātaimai swimming lessons in school pool.**
- **Friday 3- School newsletter.**
- **Monday 13- Zero waste programme starts in Ngake and Whātaimai.**

ENROLMENTS.

Just a reminder about the pre-enrolment of new students. If you have a pre-school child that will be attending our school in the future, please do let the office know. This information is useful for our planning.

PRINCIPAL NEWS.

Kia ora Koutou,

The dates for your diary column is a regular feature in our school newsletter. Events in the forthcoming weeks are listed in this section of the newsletter each fortnight.

Remember the front page of our website features "Latest News" and "Upcoming Events" which will take you to our school calendar. This calendar is regularly updated and well worth a look from time to time. As you know, teachers and the school office use email regularly to keep you informed of specific classroom and hub activities. The school also uses text messaging to communicate with you when appropriate.

Have a great weekend.

Tony Austin-Principal.

CONTACT INFORMATION.

Please remember to update the office if there are any changes to your address, phone or email or if you want additional addresses added to receive the email from the school.



- SCHOOL PICNIC.**

We all enjoyed our new school picnic last week; students and teachers were very positive about the experience. All the activities were successful with plenty of variety, there was something for everyone. We will certainly consider using this option again next year. Many thanks to whānau that attended the event.





- **TEACHER UNION MEETING.**

On **Wednesday March 1st** our teachers will attend a union meeting as part of negotiations around their collective agreement with the Ministry of Education. The meeting starts at 2pm.

On this day we will supervise our students as we did this week during the meet the teacher sessions. We will utilise relieving and support staff. From 1.45pm the Whāitaitai and Matairangi Hub students will be supervised in the school hall. The Ngake students will remain in their hub. Students will be released at 3pm as usual.

If it is possible for you to collect your child from their homeroom at 1.20pm on this day, then please do so. We are finishing lunchtime at 1.15pm on this day. Let your child's homeroom teacher know that you will be coming to collect them. I will remind you of this next week.



- **WHĀTAITAI HUB BUILDING REPLACEMENT.**

Now that the Whātaimai Hub building project is underway I would like to provide our community with more detail on the building itself. Our construction provider is Tracer. This company is highly experienced working in the education sector. The building has been designed by local architect Don Jamieson and our project manager is David Monastra. We have a long and very successful history with this team who have worked extensively in school based work for many years. Dave and Don worked with us to build the Ngake Hub, the new hall and administration area over 10 years ago. More recently they oversaw the work in the Matairangi Hub.

The new building is North facing allowing a significant grass area to be retained with the addition of an all-weather play surface outside the building. While there is no brick or cedar, appearance and external colours are intended to create consistency with the Ngake Hub. The internal design is also consistent with the Ngake Hub. There is a central shared space or common learning area with separated learning spaces. This allows flexibility while ensuring that students can be taught in their homeroom groups away from each other when this is preferable. Teachers will have the ability to bring students together but also teach in separate homeroom groups away from each other in all three hubs at our school.

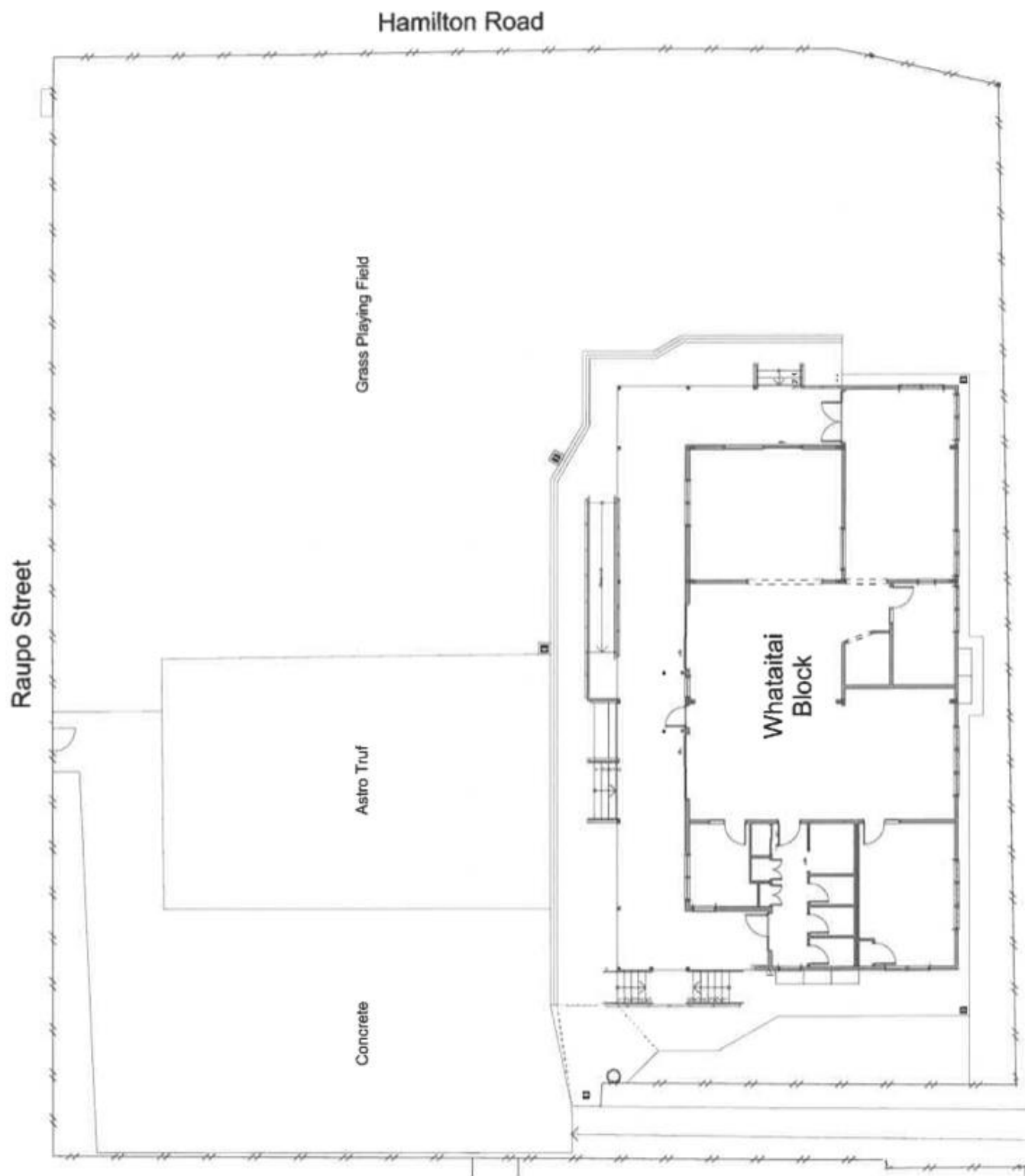
The building has many features which will make the internal and external learning environments comfortable, healthy and supportive of student learning. I will talk more about these as the project continues.

North facing perspective.





Overall view- Whāitaitai Hub building and outside areas.





Shared area.



Learning space.





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Learning cave.



Maker space- sperate learning space with facilities for art, science, Garden to Table etc.





- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL CARE VALUES PROGRAMME- A message from Asha Patel.**

For the benefit of our new Whānau to the school, below is a brief outline of what C.A.R.E is and what it represents to us at Kilbirnie School.

Several years ago, the staff participated in Professional Development, where we reviewed our Mission Statement and the Values that we thought were important to implement in our school. As a team, we came up with the following acronym, which we felt encompassed all the Values that students should be displaying.

C.A.R.E is an acronym for:

- **CONFIDENCE (Whakamanawa):**

Responsibility, Independence, Curiosity, Innovation

- **ACHIEVEMENT (Whakatututikanga):**

Excellence, Creativity, Inquiry, Resilience

- **RESPECT (Manaakitanga):**

Consideration, Honesty, Integrity, Diversity

- **EMPATHY (Ngakau Aroha):**

Compassion, Kindness, Whānau, Gratitude

One Value is focused on each term starting with Confidence. The Values are emphasized and reinforced by teachers across the whole school and in School Assemblies.

In the foyer of our Administration Block we have a C.A.R.E notice board, where the Value of the term is prominently displayed and examples of student work and how students have demonstrated the Value are displayed.

Parents are kept informed of the Value for each term, via newsletters and are encouraged to reinforce the Value at home. By doing this, we feel that both school and home have input into how our children become valued citizens.





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- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL DONATION LETTER COMING HOME NEXT WEEK.**

Each year we request a voluntary, tax deductible donation from the families of Kilbirnie School. As a state funded school, we receive an operations grant from the government. Formally we were a decile 10 school and received the lowest amount of operational funding per student that was available. The decile system has now been removed and replaced with a metric called the Equity Index. This has resulted in a further funding reduction for Kilbirnie School. We are also ineligible for the government “no donation” scheme. The amount we receive from the government is simply insufficient to allow us to offer the quality, broad-based curriculum that we aim to provide for our students.

We have two main methods of obtaining the funds needed to make up the shortfall – the fundraising work of the Parentlink group and the school donation. We have been extremely fortunate that at Kilbirnie School our community has always responded positively to the annual request for the donation as well as giving time and money to support the events run by Parentlink.

- **KEA CROSSING AND ZEBRA CROSSING.**

The kea crossing on Hamilton road is run by senior students with adult supervision. We roster parents on the Kea crossing to allow staff to supervise the zebra crossing on Moxham Avenue. Please email Soazik if you could help with a morning (8.40-9am) or afternoon (2.55-3.10pm) duty on the Kea crossing, stipulate the day or days you can do. The kea crossing can only operate with parent and whānau support. soazik@kilbirnie.school.nz

Please continue to support us with careful, cautious and considerate driving and parking around the Moxham Avenue and Hamilton Road entrances to our kura. Please don't stop by the orange road cones or in the middle of the road near these entrances.

- **CUP OF TEA WITH TONY.**

During the first 3 weeks of the school year, I have had the opportunity to meet and chat with many parents both in the playground and in my office. This has been an absolute pleasure for me. 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.

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.



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- **AROUND THE SCHOOL.**

The highlight of my week came when I had the chance to see some of the work done by some of our newest students. Thanks **Gus, Olive, Teniinii and Evie**. Absolutely gorgeous work that reminds me how lucky we all are to work here at Kilbirnie School!





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- NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

Marrzipan Drama

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No. It's a Marrzipan kid dressed as a bird-plane for their upcoming play! Marrzipan is at Kilbirnie school and we would love to have you come and try it out! Come see all the craziness and fun as we run 9 drama-based self-confidence lessons a term. Marrzipan is full of games, a wacky play, and an even wackier Joshuwawa!

***Free Trial Lesson.** For more information please contact Joshuwawa at:

Josh@MarrzipanDrama.co.nz or visit **www.marrzipandrama.co.nz**

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9 Classes including 2 Showcases per term
Classes take place at your school
Maximum 10 students per 45 minute class

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Sign up for a trial lesson to experience the
Marrzipan-Madness!

"Let's talk about menopause" with Sarah Connor

An educational and fundraising event hosted by Matairangi Kindergarten

Wednesday 1 March 2023, 7pm-9pm

South Lounge, The Hub, Kilbirnie

Menopause/te ruahinetanga is a normal, inevitable and important stage of life but too often it's considered taboo. We'd love you to join our conversation with guest speaker, change maker, advocate Sarah Connor and Matairangi Kindergarten's Kathryn Anderson.

Fantastic spot prizes and silent auction goodies, complimentary tea, coffee and nibbles and a cash bar.

LINK: https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/lets-talk-about-menopause-with-sarah-connor-tickets-535479632997?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1



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If your child loves doing Cartwheels, Handstands, Jumping, Swinging, Climbing or doing Flips, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! TERM 1 CLASSES ARE STARTING NOW, SO DON'T MISS OUT, BOOK IN TODAY!

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 (thats parkour with flips) & CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

Its easy to book online at www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact our Bigair Gym office. We would love to hear from you. Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay ph. 383 8779
e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz

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](#).

WATCH: [Tennis Hot Shots video](#).

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

Kilbirnie Tennis Club

14 Crawford Road, Kilbirnie, Wellington

"Budding ballerina or stage star in your house? Let us help your 5-6 year old get dancing! At our Thorndon Quay studio, we offer ballet & jazz classes after school on Mondays & Tuesdays plus Saturday morning classes. We also offer Saturday morning classes in Khandallah! Visit wellingtondance.co.nz to see why hundreds of Wellington families love our Junior dance programmes."

In the Wings: Afterschool Drama classes for primary-aged students to gain confidence and be creative. These run in term time at the Hataitai Centre, Wednesday from 4-5pm. Term 1 starts on Wednesday 15th February. Check out our website, www.inthewings.co.nz or email katie@inthewings.co.nz



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"Gymnastics is a great and fun activity for developing confidence, coordination, strength and agility. Harbour City Gymnastics, Hataitai Park, are currently taking in enrollments for term 1 and have spaces available in our Monday and Tuesday Ribbon Award 5-6 y/o class! We also offer fun, safe, and educational preschool classes for your younger ones ages 3+. Email our office office@hcg.org.nz for further information or to register"

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**KIDS & TEENS AFTER
SCHOOL CLASSES**

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

PARKOUR CLASSES

WEEKEND CLASSES

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KIDS WORKSHOPS

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
PROGRAMS**



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