



TERM 1. WEEK 5.

Welcome to SiZe in Mrs. Patel's Homeroom.

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

- **March.**

- **Thursday 9 and Friday 10- Swimming lessons- Ngake and Whāitaitai.**
- **Thursday 9- School hui (assembly).2.15pm in school hall.**
- **Monday 13- Zero waste programme starts in Ngake and Whāitaitai.**
- **Thursday 23- School hui (assembly).2.15pm in school hall.**
- **Sunday 26- last day for Whānau pool key use.**
- **Wednesday 29- Eastern Zone floorball.**
- **Thursday 30- School Board hui.**

- **April.**

- **Tuesday 4- Thursday 6- year 5 and 6 camp at Kaitoke.**
- **Thursday 6- last day of term 1.**
- **Monday 24- Teacher Only Day.**
- **Tuesday 25- ANZAC Day public holiday- school closed.**
- **Wednesday 26- Back at school for term 2.**

PRINCIPAL NEWS.

Teacher Only Days (TOD) in Term 2.

The Ministry of Education has provided all schools with a teacher only day early in term 2 to work with staff unpacking the refresh of the New Zealand Curriculum. Our school, and most other schools in the Eastern suburbs, will be closed for this purpose on **Monday April 24**. Schools are also closed the following day for the ANZAC Day public holiday.

The second is our usual TOD on the day after King's Birthday- we are closed on **Tuesday June 6**.

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.

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.



- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

At Kilbirnie School we hold our Policies and Procedures online with **schooldocs.co.nz**. We follow a schedule of review which takes feedback from the School Board, staff, and school whānau depending on the policy being reviewed. The Board reviews collated feedback and policies are updated as required. We welcome feedback on:

- **Student attendance.**
- **Enrolment.**

The Board is also reviewing our Legislation, Privacy and Official Information Request policies. You are also able to contribute to this review.

Follow these instructions if you would like to participate in Kilbirnie School policy review:

1. **Visit the Kilbirnie School website.**
2. **Go to the “About Us” tab and select “Policies and Procedures”. Note the username and password. Click to enter the Kilbirnie School, “School Docs” site.**
3. **Click the “Current Review” button at the top of the page.**
4. **Click on the policy and read it.**
5. **Click the Blue “Start your review” tab at the top of the page.**
6. **Select the reviewer type as Whānau- eg. parent, community member.**
7. **Enter your name (optional).**
8. **Accept the privacy statement.**
9. **Complete the review.**



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- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL BOARD.**

The first term is an ideal time to reintroduce the Kilbirnie School Board which can be contacted at: chair@kilbirnie.school.nz. Our Presiding Member (chair) is Davin Hall.

(Back row, left to right):

- **Robin Fepuleai, Leah Mataira, Soha Ahmed, Muhammad Azam and Peter Dobson (staff representative).**

(Front row, left to right):

- **Tony Austin (Principal), Davin Hall, Anna Allen.**



- **WHĀTAITAI HUB BUILDING REPLACEMENT.**

Really good progress this week as the building was marked out in preparation for piling. Thanks for the positive feedback I received about the project from whānau in person and also over email. I will provide regular updates on progress as the work continues.





- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL HUI (ASSEMBLY).**

Our school assemblies or hui are usually held every second Thursday starting at 2.15pm in the school hall. These hui feature an eclectic combination of items including celebrating learning, acknowledging participation and achievement, exemplifying our school values, singing together and on occasion many other things!

We were all very excited to come together as a school for the first time this year. After several years without regular full school hui we are looking forward to reinstating these events as an important part of our lives here at Kilbirnie School.

Parents and whanau are always most welcome to attend. It is useful to check with the office to make sure assembly is going ahead before coming along. The next hui is this coming **Thursday March 9 starting at 2.15pm.**



At our last hui Soazik's homeroom shared some mahi. Kailash worked as an assembly host and presented the class or the week award to Molly's homeroom represented by Caroline. Well done Molly's homeroom!



- ZERO WASTE PROGRAMME AT OUR SCHOOL.**

Throughout this week the Matairangi students participated in the Zero Waste programme. All other students will participate in week 7 of this term. This is an excellent learning opportunity consistent with our goal for students of being:

Aware of the Environment and eager to protect it.



“We were working out what the different materials were. Some can be recycled but not all of them. It is good to try and reduce how much we use plastic as this can end up at the tip and not break down. If you use a recyclable box for things like chips, we can use less plastic.”

By Walter and Zolzaya.

“We learned that you can put some paper and cardboard into the recycling, and it will be able to break down. The best worm for breaking down stuff is the tiger worm. We have these in our worm farms at school. You can’t put plastic in there because they can’t eat that.”

By Grady and Spencer.



- **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 (8.40-9.00am) 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.



We also ask that all Whānau use the crossings when they are operating. We have noticed several instances of people walking along the road and then crossing. Vehicles are legally required to stop at the patrolled crossings- please do take advantage of this. It is also very important to role model the use of the crossings for students.

Aaron Dann from the Police was here during the week for his refresher sessions with our year 6 students.

- **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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- NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY- starting with news from our friends at Hataitai Playcentre.

Welcome to
our Village

Hataitai
Playcentre

GARAGE SALE

Saturday 4 March

10am-1pm

72A Hamilton Rd, Hataitai

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PLUS free play for your children!

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Where whānau and tamariki play, learn and grow together. Come and visit us for our Playcentre Open Week.

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Hataitai Playcentre

72A Hamilton Rd, Hataitai

9:30am to 11:30am

Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri

hataitai@playcentre.org.nz



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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**

Hataitai Community House Administrator Position Available

We need an organised and motivated individual who will be managing the administrative activities of the Hataitai Community House and Hataitai Centre. This is a 15 hours/week role, which is focused on supporting the Hataitai Community House Coordinator to develop community engagement and to ensure the smooth operation of the two community buildings. This role will be the main point of contact for booking the venues for hire. This is a perfect role for someone who likes to see tasks through to completion and can self-manage.

Applications open until 1 March 2023. For more information and to apply, please see <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/60828624>

Miramar Night Market

Saturday, 11 March 2023

4pm - 9pm

Following the success of last year's very first night market in Miramar, Foxtail Events will be back again to bring you an even bigger and better experience this March!

Not only will we be showcasing a multitude of local talent from the arts and craft scene of Wellington, but we will have food trucks, coffee carts and entertainment for all!

Located at the Miramar & Maupuia Community Centre, this lovely venue built in 1911, is full of character and has great indoor and outdoor spaces for stalls, with a brand new playground for the kids to enjoy.

We will also be fundraising at this event with some raffles to raise money for Cyclone Gabrielle.



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HATAITAI LITTER BLITZ

3PM-5PM
SUNDAY 12 MARCH

Calling volunteers to help pick up
rubbish from the neighbourhood.

Meet at 3pm, Hataitai Centre,
downstairs, 157 Hataitai Road

Thank you refreshments and
sausage sizzle supported by
our friendly Hataitai



Rubbish bags and
instructions provided.
BYO gloves if possible.



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