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TERM 2. WEEK 2.

Welcome to **Mila, Poppy, Hudson and Charlie** in Mrs. Patel's Homeroom.

Welcome to **Allan** in Elaine's Homeroom.

Welcome to **Princess Darlene and Ginny** in Mr.D and Mrs. Te Rito's Homeroom.

Welcome to **Enakshi** in Lou's Homeroom

Welcome to **Lily** in Ms.J and Tina's Homeroom.

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

- **May.**

- **Thursday 11- School cross country. Postponement date- Friday 12.**
- **Thursday 18- Parentlink presents- The Kilbirnie School Fabulous Fun Run! School Board meeting 7pm.**
- **Wednesday 24- Eastern Zone Cross Country. Postponement date- Wednesday 31.**
- **Thursday 25- Mihi whakatau.**
- **Friday 26- Treasure Island Show at school.**

- **June.**

- **Thursday 1- Hui (assembly) to celebrate World Day for Cultural Diversity.**
- **Monday 5- Kings Birthday Holiday.**
- **Tuesday 6- Teacher Only Day.**
- **Thursday 15- school hui (assembly).**
- **Thursday 22- Eastern Zone mini-ball. Board meeting.**
- **Friday 30- Last day of term 2.**

PRINCIPAL NEWS.

This term the inquiry learning studies across the school are underpinned by the Aotearoa New Zealand histories curriculum. This curriculum is part of learning in the social sciences area of The New Zealand Curriculum. We are excited to be delivering teaching and learning based on the intent of this curriculum of the first time this term.

We are also excited to be sharing some aspects of this work across the whole school. As part of our approach to a school- based or local curriculum we plan learning around similar key understandings and learning intentions across the school several times each year. The activities and contexts for this learning will be different based on the age and interests of the students. Each hub has planned a field trip and an adult speaker to support learning.

See below for an introduction to the inquires this term.



- **INQUIRY LEARNING STUDIES THIS TERM.**

MATAIRANGI HUB.

The children in Matairangi were introduced to some of the key knowledge in our Inquiry topic by local Historian and Educator, Ricky Prebble. He gave a presentation about Māori voyaging through the Pacific over 800 years ago and showed how and why the landscape of Wellington has changed since that time. He also discussed early colonisation of Aotearoa, particularly our local area, including where some of our local place names originated. We will be exploring these events further and examining the stories of different groups of people who have journeyed to NZ at different times and in different ways.

WHĀTAITAI HUB.

Our Inquiry this term is from the Aotearoa NZ histories curriculum. The Whataitai akonga will be looking at Whakapapa me te whanaungatanga/Culture and Identity. We are visiting the Wharewaka and the Wellington Museum to hear about the voyaging stories of the peoples coming to Aotearoa/NZ. We will be researching as to where and when our ancestors came to New Zealand. We all have stories about where we have come from and will be exploring myths and legends from New Zealand and other cultures from our classroom. We look forward to having visitors tell some of these stories.

NGAKE HUB.

This term the Ngake Hub Inquiry topic is drawn from the new Aotearoa NZ Histories Curriculum and will be used to support learning in the context of Tūrangawaewae- a place to stand. Tūrangawaewae are places where we feel connected and empowered. Students will have opportunities to deepen their understanding and grow their critical thinking about local history and their own identity. On Wednesday this week we walked to the bush area near Hataitai park and looked out over the land. While we were there we shared the story of Ngake and Whātaimai.





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• KILBIRNIE SCHOOL PARENTLINK PRESENT- FABULOUS FUN RUN 2023.



Dear Parent / Guardian ,

Kilbirnie School is holding a Fabulous Fun Run on Thursday 18th May to encourage kids to be healthy and have fun while raising money for their school.

A huge part of this run is dressing up!! So if your child wants to take part as their favourite superhero or book character, encourage them to get creative and dress up! There will be ice blocks after the event for the kids to rehydrate and we encourage families to come down and support the kids and join in the fun.

ABOUT THE FABULOUS fun RUN!

The Fabulous Fun Run is held the week after the school cross country, so the kids will be in the swing of running and being active! Students will set a personal goal in class such as running around a set course a number of times during their allocated time or running consistently during the time.

1.10 PM - MATARANGI HUB

Will run around the school block for 15 minutes

1:45 PM - NGAKE HUB

Will run around the hard court for 5 minutes

2.05 PM - WHATAI HUB

Will run around the school block for 10 minutes

HOW DOES MY CHILD FUNDRAISE?

We are raising money on-line through Givealittle, who take just 5% of the donations to cover the cost of running the on-line system and processing payments. There is one fundraising page: [<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/kilbirnie-school-fun-run-2023>] for the whole school. Online fundraising is safer and easier than door knocking and you don't have to worry about handling money! Also Givealittle provide tax credits for donations of over \$5!

Share this page with friends and family far and wide and you can include the goal your child is aiming for e.g. Amy is aiming to run/walk around the school block three times in fifteen minutes during the Fabulous Fun Run!

If the on-line system isn't for you—you can collect the usual paper based form from the Kilbirnie School office. All sponsorship money is due back to the school by Wednesday 31st May.

GETTING INVOLVED

WE NEED HELPERS! If you would like to volunteer to help on the day, please contact Parentlink (fundraising@kilbirnie.school.nz).

Thank you for your support, good luck and happy fundraising!

Parentlink, Kilbirnie School

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- **WHĀTAITAI BUILDING REPLACEMENT- UPDATE.**



There has been more good progress with the new building since the last newsletter. The building is now “out of the ground” with the flooring laid.

This week’s images show the first of the framing with more ready to be installed. Soon the large timber portal framing will come to the site and be installed. This will be exciting to see.





- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL CAMP- A MESSAGE FROM LOU.**

At the end of last term, the Year 5/6 attended Kaitoke Camp. This was our first time attending this camp and we had such a great time, action packed with many activities. The students participated in kayaking, orienteering, archery, ziplining, giant swing, UHF radio communication, campfire, mudslide and a night walk!

Here are a few accounts from the students:

I really loved the zipline, I liked going fast, it was a bit scary but I was really proud-
Paw Has

If you were going on the giant swing, everyone else pulled you up. When you want to stop you yell stop and then pull the pin. Suddenly, you drop and you lose your tummy. It was really fun! - **Aelwen.**

I got to learn how to kayak, I really liked it, I'd love to get to do it again. The hardest part was going through the tunnel- **Emilio**

I enjoyed kayaking! It was fun playing a bunch of games on the lake. We played tag in our kayaks- **Roxanne**

My favourite was the big swing. It was fun to pull up the swinger because it was fun to see them come down afterwards. I was proud of trying it first! I want to do it again-
Jordan

Thank you so much to Paul, Ben, Vicky, Leah, Eleisha, Campbell and Nic for your super help at camp and thanks to all our Year 5/6 parents for your support towards this awesome opportunity for our Kilbirnie tamariki.



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- SCHOOL VALUES AT CAMP AWARD.**

After camp each year teachers identify one student who demonstrated our school values by meeting personal goals and challenges . This year this award goes to **Arya**.





- **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.

- **END OF THE FLOORBALL SEASON.**

Another terrific season of floorball finished at the end of last term. What a pleasure to be at the Akau Tangi (ASB sports centre) which was awash with the blue and turquoise of the Kilbirnie School t-shirt. Congratulations to all of our players and thanks to the whānau that supported the teams in many ways. We look forward to the next season later in the year!





- **AROUND THE SCHOOL.**

There is always something interesting happening around the school. I recently chatted to **Aysha** and **Maarij** who helped me unpack some new vehicles for our truck garden. **Paixon** and **Ollie** were doing some multimedia self-portraits. **Ben** and **Jake** shared finished work.





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Bodhi, Leo and Ben worked in the garden during their Garden to Table lesson this Monday. We were very impressed with the radishes they harvested.



• **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL PHOTOS- AUGUST 31.**



Inspire Photography will be coming to photograph the children at Kilbirnie School from 9am on:

Thursday 31 August 2023

As part of Kilbirnie School's fundraising for the year Inspire Photography will donate 10% of all sales directly to Kilbirnie School.

Inspire Photography is an award-winning, Wellington-based professional photography studio who specialise in School and ECE photography. We are popular throughout a number of Wellington Schools for the photographs we take, the manner in which we take them and our generous fundraising offers. We are unique in our style and approach.

What we offer on the day

- A totally relaxed and unique style of photography
- A friendly and easy-going photographer
- Fun, games and general silliness to get even the shyest children smiling
 - Group photos of each class
- Individual portraits, friend portraits and siblings photos.

To view the pictures, we offer an online ordering system. The School Office will be advised of the password for the online gallery when the proofs are ready. Proofs are available to view online approximately two weeks after the date of the photo shoot, you will then have two weeks to place an order and two weeks after orders will be delivered back to the School. If you would prefer not to order online, please contact us in the studio for assistance.

Product	Standard Price	Multibuy 3+
Size AA - 4x 2x3" (5x15cm)	\$22.00	\$15.00
Size A - 6x4" (10x15cm)	\$17.00	\$15.00
Size B - 7.5x5" (12.5x20cm)	\$20.00	\$17.00
Size C - 12x8" (20x30cm)	\$30.00	\$25.00
Size D - 10x15" (24.5x37cm)	\$45.00	\$30.00
10x8" Group Laminate	\$19.00	\$17.00
Package 1 - AA + A + B	\$30.00	-
Package 2 - Class Photo + B	\$30.00	-
Package 3 - Class Photo + AA + A + B	\$45.00	-
Whānau Package - 3 x B	\$45.00	-
HIGH Res Digital File	\$40.00	\$30.00

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- NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.**

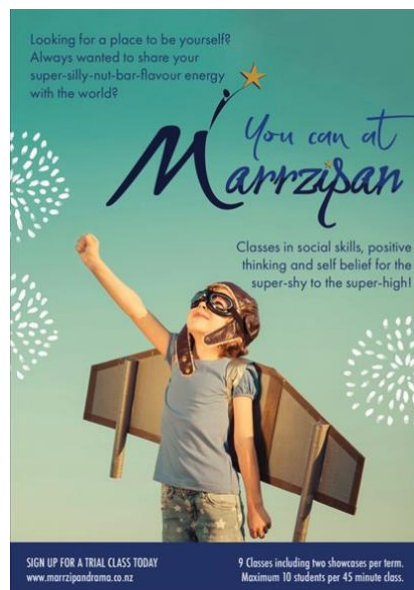
Marrzipan Drama Term 2 Sign up

Our revolutionary drama-based self-confidence classes are at your school!
Come see why all our Marrzipaners are full of excitement to be doing Marrzipan Drama.
-9 lessons
-A hilarious play
-Loads of fun games!
Spaces are strictly limited. If your little human wants to give Marrzipan a go before signing up for the entire term, try a non-obligatory trial lesson

WHERE? Kilbirnie School

WHEN? 8am Mondays

**How to sign up: Contact Joshuwawa on 022 436 5608 OR
email wellington@marrzipandrama.co.nz**



Sunday 21st May E-Waste Recycling Opportunity

Back by popular demand. The Sacred Heart Cathedral Fundraising Team have organised another e-waste recycling day at Cardinal McKeefrey School, 66 Albermarle Road, Wilton from 12 noon to 4pm. Have a big "spring" clean and drop off your e-waste for a minimal cost. Please also tell your friends. This is a great opportunity to responsibly dispose of your e-waste whilst supporting a very worthwhile cause. The Refurbishment of the Sacred Heart Cathedral.