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## TERM 2. WEEK 6.

Welcome to **Yusuf** in Mrs. Patel's Homeroom.

### PRINCIPAL NEWS.

Kilbirnie school is closed this Monday for King's Birthday and also Tuesday as we have a Teacher Only Day. See you on Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY.

#### June.

- Monday 5- King's Birthday Holiday.
- Tuesday 6- Teacher Only Day.
- Thursday 15- school hui (assembly).
- Thursday 22- Eastern Zone mini-ball. Board meeting.
- Tuesday 27- Kilbirnie School swim fest. Year 4-6.
- Wednesday 28- School hui (assembly).
- Friday 30- Last day of term 2.

#### July.

- Monday 17- First day of term 3.
- Thursday 20- Matariki celebration. School day choosing activities and Parentlink Matariki evening.
- Wednesday 26- Eastern Zone netball. Parentlink Matariki evening postponement date.
- Thursday 27- school hui (assembly).

#### August.

- Thursday 3- Board meeting 7pm.
- Thursday 10- school hui (assembly).
- Wednesday 16- Learning conferences day 1.
- Thursday 17- Learning conferences day 2.
- Wednesday 23- Eastern Zone swimming.



- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.**

In the last newsletter I mentioned our current review of health and safety processes and procedures related to Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC). We review our emergency procedures after every drill including the drills we conducted earlier this week. These recent drills included our procedure for reverse evacuation or lockdown. We will use this process should it become necessary to lock all students and staff within our buildings. Examples of incidences that may trigger a lockdown include a dangerous animal or suspicious person near or in the school grounds. At times schools receive advise from the police to commence a lockdown based on intelligence or their operational matters in the local area.

Staff and children also practised what to do during and then following an earthquake. As Kilbirnie School is not within a danger zone in the event of a Tsunami, our approach after an earthquake that makes it unsafe to return to the classrooms is to commence our procedure for reunification. This is where we manage the collection and return to their whānau of all students. This procedure is strictly controlled and managed by our staff and allows students to be collected by parents or those named as emergency contacts within our records. **It is extremely important that these records are up to date. Please advise the office if you or anyone named as an emergency contact change contact information such as address, phone and email details.**

In the event of a reverse evacuation (lockdown) or the commencement of a reunification process we will email and text parents using the following text (the text in **RED** are examples only):

### **Reverse evacuation (lockdown):**

**Text:**

Kilbirnie School is currently in lockdown. All students safe, don't come to school. Check your email.

Tony Austin. Principal.

**Email:**

**Attention parents and whānau: Kilbirnie School is currently in lockdown.**

**At 2.30pm today, August 23**, Kilbirnie School went into lockdown. The reason for the lock down is **that we became aware of the potential for an unknown person to enter the school site**. All students are safely locked inside the school and will not be released until the principal or his representative provides the all clear. Please do not come to the school, we will update you as soon as possible.

Tony Austin  
Principal.



## Reunification:

### Text:

Kilbirnie School student reunification procedure beginning. All students safe, check email for more information.

Tony Austin. Principal.

### Email:

**Attention parents and whānau: Kilbirnie School starting reunification procedure.**

At 2.30pm today, August 23, Kilbirnie School began a reunification process. The reason for the reunification is **that there was a strong earthquake today and we believe it is best not to return to the classrooms until they have been checked.** All students are safe and being supervised in the school hall.

We would now like all students to be collected by a parent or one of the adults named as an emergency contact in our records. All students can be collected from the school hall. Please bring photo identification with you and note that students will only be released to a parent or named emergency contact. Staff outside the main entrance to the school hall will provide instructions.

Regards,

Tony Austin.  
Principal.

- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES- EMERGENCY FOOD AND WATER.**

This year we have changed our approach to ensure that there is food and water available for all students in the event of an emergency. We have purchased and stored the required food, water and other required resources for this purpose. This will be our approach going forward.

### 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.**

**Also notify us if the information for your emergency contacts changes.**



- KILBIRNIE SCHOOL SPORTS REVIEW- TERM 1 AND 2- a message from Katrina.**

One interesting addition to programmes in the first part of this year was to look at ways of giving children sporting opportunities outside of the school grounds. The children in Matairangi Hub had Friday afternoon sports rotations at Kilbirnie Park where they took part in Football, Cricket and Tee ball skills and games. Whāitaitai Hub also used local parks to provide children with sporting opportunities. Children in Ngake and Whāitaitai had lessons in the school pool and all children in the school enjoyed leisure swims when weather permitted.

Three teams of Year 5/6 students were all set to take part in Eastern Zone Football but this was cancelled due to bad weather. After school sports in term one were still very popular with 10 Floorball teams and 2 touch rugby teams. We also had a small group of keen Mini Polo players use the school pool to train in preparation for term 4 leagues. It was wonderful to see some ex Kilbirnie students coming to school to coach. Term 2 has started well with a great whole school cross country event at Hataitai Park. A team of around 30 Year 4-6 students then attended the Eastern Zone competition.

Year 4-6 students are attending weekly swimming sessions at WRAC and will have their 'Swimfest' event in week 10. Children from Ngake and Whāitaitai Hubs are attending weekly sessions at Akau Tangi Sports Centre where they are learning gymnastics and ball skills. We have four basketball teams entered into the after school league at ATSC and Year 5/6 students will have the opportunity to play against other schools in the Eastern Zone later in term 2.



**Matairangi football at Kilbirnie Park.**





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- **WHĀTAITAI BUILDING REPLACEMENT- UPDATE.**



Excellent progress with the new building since the last newsletter.

This week's image shows the large timber portal framing in place. These laminated timbers will be seen internally once the building is complete. There has been significant development with framing also.

**Watch this space!** We have been working up some design around landscaping the Western side of the new building. We want a beautiful outdoor space for learning and also for students and whānau to sit and spend time together. More soon!

- **WHATAITAI TRIP THE WELLINGTON MUSEUM AND WHARE WAKA.**

The Whātaimai Hub visited the Wellington Museum and also the Whare Waka as part of their term 2 inquiry. All hubs are learning about the history of Aotearoa, New Zealand this term.

***“The top floor of the museum is called the attic. We learned about some of the history of Wellington and how it has changed. We learned a lot of stuff there including waka. We travelled there together on a bus”.***



By Leon and Leo. Year 3.



- **MIHI WHAKATAU.**

Last Thursday was a very special day for us here at Kilbirnie School. We welcomed all the tamariki who had started at our kura since the last mihi whakatau. It was wonderful to see so many whānau there also. The next event will be in term 4.







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- **AROUND THE SCHOOL.**



It has been another busy few weeks around the school as we move into the second half of term 2. We have been fortunate in that most of EOTC events and activities have not been interrupted by weather,

Last Friday we enjoyed some live drama with the Treasure Island show. The Garden to Table dish was a pasta with pesto made from our garden greens.

A highlight was to present **Poppy and Si Ze** with their word rocket certificates- excellent progress in literacy you two!



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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](mailto:wellington@marrzipandrama.co.nz)**

### **Free Music Lesson Voucher**

**As a way of showing our appreciation for including the Rock Academy in your newsletters and your Facebook page, we would like to offer your school three (3) free music lesson vouchers for up-and-coming fundraising events or silent auctions. Please let me know if you would like to receive the vouchers offered so I can arrange vouchers with your school name on each voucher.**

**You may want to watch this short video to get an idea of the programme:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwP8fNpxsMo>**

### **Music Holiday Programmes**

**Are you looking for a holiday programme that is suited to creative and musical children? Busking trips to build their confidence, rock band school, songwriting sessions and lots of fun activities. Perfect for singers, guitarists and keyboard players. Beginners to advanced. Contact us today. [geoff@therockacademy.co.nz](mailto:geoff@therockacademy.co.nz) or 021 565 750.**

**July 2023.**

**Monday the 3rd to Friday the 7th of July**



## Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwP8fNpxsMo>



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**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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