



KILBIRNIE SCHOOL
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TERM 1. WEEK 3.

Welcome to Mille, Benji, Freya, Evie, Arthur, Quinn, Georgia, Thea, Ellie and Amber in Kiwi.

Welcome to Lily in Tohorā.

Welcome to Mai Chi in Tūi.

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

- **February.**

- **Thursday 22-school hui (assembly) 2.15pm in the hall. Board meeting.**
- **Thursday 22 and Friday 23- Ngake and Whātaimai swimming lessons in school pool.**
- **Tuesday 27- Camp information evening 6pm. Year 5 and 6 whānau.**
- **Thursday 29 and March 1- Ngake and Whātaimai swimming lessons in school pool.**

- **March.**

- **Thursday 7- school hui (assembly) 2.15pm in the hall.**
- **Friday 8- Teacher Only Day.**
- **Thursday 21- school hui (assembly) 2.15pm in the hall.**
- **Tuesday March 26- 28- Camp. Year 5 and 6.**
- **Thursday 28- Last day for pool use.**
- **Friday 29- Good Friday- school closed.**

- **April**

- **Monday 1 and Tuesday 2- Easter break- school closed.**
- **Thursday 4- school hui (assembly) 2.15pm in the hall. Board meeting.**
- **Friday 12- Last day of term 1.**
- **Monday 29- First day of term 2.**

- **May**

- **Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2- Learning conferences.**
- **Thursday 9- Kilbirnie School cross country.**
- **Thursday 16- Mihi whakatau for new students and whānau. Board meeting.**
- **Wednesday 22- Eastern Zone Cross country.**
- **Thursday 23- school hui (assembly) celebrating World Day for Cultural Diversity 2.00pm in the hall.**



- **HOMEROOM NAMES.**



Students have been learning about their new homeroom names. The Ngake Hub homerooms are based on native birds, Whātaimai have a native tree theme and the Matairangi homerooms are named after animals from the sea. Students have shared some of their ideas below.

Penina, Lila and the Kōwhai students did some art based on Kōwhai flowers.

Kiwi- Asha Patel.

Kiwis can't fly even though they have small wings. They are nocturnal which means they sleep during the day and come out at night-Freya.

Ruru- Molly Hayes.

Ruru are special because they can see in the dark- Artemis
Owls are special because they have beautiful feathers
Ruru's are nocturnal- Millie

Tūi- Juliet McPhee.

Tūi's can copy your own noise- Yianni
Tūi's have a special white bump- Mackenzie
Tūi and Ruru are both very smart- Mila

Rimu- Glenys Johnston and Tina Davies.

Our classroom is named after the tall native tree Rimu (Red Pine). It has long spiky droopy leaves that look like seaweed. Rimu (and Limu) mean seaweed in Māori and Pasifika languages. It has bright red berry cones that the Kākāpō love to eat. Like the Rimu tree the children in Rimu class will grow tall and strong in our minds and body.

Kōwhai- Elaine Cooper.

A kōwhai is pretty and yellow. It takes care of others such as native birds like the Tui. It is used in medicine and making things. We looked at what the kōwhai means and it is about growing and learning and having an adventure.



Whai- Peter Dobson and Katrina Te Rito.

Whai are the stingray. They are curious and friendly. The Maori legend of Whaitere the Enchanted Stingray tells of the young stingray who is separated from her family and becomes the guardian of the ocean. In our class we are curious and kind and want to do what we can to care for our environment and the people in it

Manaia- Lou De Lange.

Manaia means seahorse. Seahorses are an extraordinary type of marine fish known for their long snout, camouflaging ability and the way they move through the water upright. Manaia is also known in Te Ao Māori as a 'guardian' figure. As the senior students at school we have an important job to help look after the younger students, the environment, visitors and each other.

Tohorā- Soazik Dunkin.

We love being in Tohorā. Tohorā is a Māori word that means whales and we call ourselves the pod. We are like a family at school, working together like humpback whales do when they feed using the bubble-net method. Look it up online!

Here is a shared acrostic poem we've written about Tohorā but that also talks about us:

- **T**riumphant and talented mammals
- **O**cean-faring adventurous creatures
- **H**onest and helpful members of a pod
- **O**perating together
- **R**especting each other
- **A**ppreciating everyone's work

• PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS AT SCHOOL- a message from Sophie.

My name is Sophie and I'll be teaching piano at Kilbirnie School this year.

I've been teaching the instrument at Houghton Valley and Newtown Schools for the past 8 years or so and look forward to now being part of your school community and helping to guide some of your tamariki along their musical paths!

Email me at swooles11@gmail.com if you'd like information on lesson content, cost, times.



- **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. Many thanks to whānau that attended the event.



CONTACT INFORMATION.

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.

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.



- **BIKE AND SCOOTER PARKING.**

Our new bike and scooter parking gear is being manufactured now for installation in April. Following work with the Wellington city council during last year we were able to secure funding for the new parking equipment for all hubs. Whāitaitai will park outside their new building while Ngake and Matairangi will use the new parking area.

This equipment has the latest design features that protects the bikes and scooters while allowing them to be locked if necessary. There will also be parking for adults cycles inside our grounds near the entrance to the car park. Our intention is to increase the number of students and whānau using bikes and scooters to get to and from school.





- **WHĀTAITAI HUB BUILDING REPLACEMENT.**

Work on the outside areas around the building continues, the seating area on the West side includes our engraved clay bricks and is nearing completion. The Lego brick panel will be installed inside soon, other finishing work inside is also nearly complete. The artificial turf is being well used and enjoyed by everyone. Work on the path into the building from Hamilton Road, the new natural grass area on the East side, the nature walk behind the building and new Raupo Street and Hamilton Road gates continues.

When the construction company have finished we will work up the outdoor learning area around the path from the Hamilton Road gate. This will include new planting opportunities. I will update again in the next newsletter as we build toward an opening ceremony before the end of this term.





- **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.



- **AROUND THE SCHOOL.**

The highlight of my week came when I had the chance to see some of the work being done by our newest students. **Thea** is about to shoot for goal and **Chooi** is participating in our swimming lessons with the Little Markos teachers.

We are also very excited to have our library open and operating as normal. **Wendy** is also in the library during lunchtimes, she usually has plenty of students join her for reading and drawing.





• NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.



In the Wings

Drama classes for emerging talent

Acting Up!
Afterschool Drama Class
10-14 Years Old
Will consider students outside this age range

Wednesday 4-5pm
Hataitai Centre

Term 1 starting
February 2024

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15TH AND 16TH MARCH 2024 AT THE ROXY CINEMA

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Logos for partners: Screen Wellington, Anecy Festival, Roxy Cinema, Cafe.

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 50 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes which focus on key life skills before school on Mondays! 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. All parents receive weekly class reports too to keep them up to date on their child's development. Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

Wonderplay have spaces available for 5-8 year olds in New Wonders (3.45pm Thurs, Island Bay), 9-13 year olds in Star Players (4.30pm Thurs, Island Bay) and 9-14 year olds in Advanced Drama (4pm Weds, Toi Poneke, Abel Smith St), Email debs@wonderplay.co.nz



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If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or parkour, 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 feel personal progression! Bigair classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING**(thats parkour with flips) **& CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!
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Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay: ph. 383 8779, e. wgtm@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.

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REO MĀORI SYMPOSIUM**
Empower and Inspire as we forge a future of Te Reo
Māori Champions at Te Tai Hau-ā-uru Symposium

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o te
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2024**

NAU MAI HAERE MAI!
Purapura reo ki te haumako,
ka pua, ka hua ki te uru e!

Thursday 21 March 2024
Michael Fowler Centre
9am - 4pm
A FREE PUBLIC EVENT

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