



KILBIRNIE SCHOOL
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TERM 1. WEEK 5.

\$5

SCHOOL DISCO

WED 20 MARCH

JUNIORS (YR 1-3) 5.30 - 6.20pm

SENIORS (YR 4-6) 6.30 - 7.30pm

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE OFFICE & DOOR \$5 PER CHILD

PHOTO BOOTH | BAKING | ICEBLOCKS FOR SALE

CASH ONLY EVENT

SIBLINGS WELCOME WITH A PARENT.



DATES FOR THE DIARY.

- **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.**

Next Friday (March 8th) is a Teacher Only Day for Kilbirnie School.

Staff will work to continue the development of the structured literacy approach at Kilbirnie School. We welcome facilitator Liz Kane.



- **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) for this year is **Robin Fepuleai**.

(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.**



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.



- **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!

New students in Kiwi (Mrs. Patel's homeroom) are presented with their welcome certificates at assemblies. This is always a special occasion for the school. Parents and whānau 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 7th starting at 2.15pm.**



At the last assembly a group of students presented some work they had done on the theme of environmentalism. The girls have formed a nature club.

“Our group made a diorama to show how the Erath could end up if we don’t protect it. We need to use less things that we theow away after. Or diorama shows lots of rubbish in the sea. Burnt tress and black skies” by Maia and Greer.



- **WHĀTAITAI HUB BUILDING REPLACEMENT.**

Work on the path into the building from Hamilton Road is nearly complete. The new natural grass area on the East side, the nature walk behind the building and new Raupo Street and Hamilton Road gates continues. We are very excited about the new garden areas outside the maker space in the new building. This area will become an outdoor learning space. It will also be a terrific space for students and adults to sit, talk and socialise.



WHĀTAITAI HUB BUILDING OPENING CEREMONY.

Wednesday April 10th. 9.30am.

All Kilbirnie School whānau are invited to join us for this event which will be held outside the new building. We will move the event into the hall if the weather is wet.



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

In the last newsletter Asha introduced our values. CARE 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.

Confidence around the school



Alex and Winnie are confident peer mediators.



Jordan is showing confidence on road patrol.



Quinn is showing confidence on the flying fox.



Elle is confident when drawing and reading.



- **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:

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Communicating with parents
- Community Conduct Expectations
- School Planning and Reporting
- Reporting to parents

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.**



- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL DONATION LETTER CAME 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.**

I set 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.



Play, learn and grow together with your pēpi or tamariki and make connections with other whānau in your community.

Playcentre

Hataitai Playcentre

welcomes caregivers and children to come and have a play with us during

Playcentre Open Week

on Mon 4, Tues 5 & Wed 6 March between 9:30am and 11:30am

72A Hamilton Rd, Hataitai

027 880 2727

hataitai@playcentre.org.nz

“Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together”



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Welcome to
our Village

Hataitai
Playcentre 

GARAGE SALE

Saturday 9 March

10am-1pm

72A Hamilton Rd, Hataitai

CAKE ~ COFFEE ~ CHILDREN'S GEAR

including clothing, toys, books, and baby accessories
PLUS free play for your children!

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HATAITAI CENTRE AND COMMUNITY HOUSE PRESENTS



NEIGHBOURS DAY 2024

and Hataitai Village Market

16 MARCH

FREE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES!

Village Market 10am - 2pm

Treasure Hunt at the playground 12.30pm

Cricket on the Green 1pm - 3pm

Petanque and backyard games



Find out more on our Facebook: [@hataitaicommunity](#) or our website: www.hataitai.org.nz

HATAITAI CENTRE 157 HATAITAI RD

COMMUNITY HOUSE 112 WAIPAPA RD



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WELLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB PRESENTS

WFC JUNIOR 2024 SEASON LAUNCH

ALL WELCOME
bring a friend!

REGISTRATIONS
FUN & GAMES
PIZZA

JOIN US AT
WELLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB
HAITAITAI PARK

**SATURDAY
16TH MARCH**

Welcome meet @
4PM
WFC Clubrooms

GREAT PEOPLE
GREAT COMMUNITY
GREAT ENVIRONMENT

Season Starts
MAY 4

or Register Now!
www.wellingtonfootballclub.org.nz

JOIN THE LEGENDS.
JOIN THE AXEMEN.

WFC AXEMEN 150 YEARS

Wellington Football Club - Axemen @wfc_axemen junior.rugby@wfc.org.nz

GIVE RUGBY A TRY!

SEASON STARTS
3 MAY

All welcome at our
pre-season events at the
Marist St Pats Gym!

CANES IN CLUB
Tue 5 March, 4:30-6pm

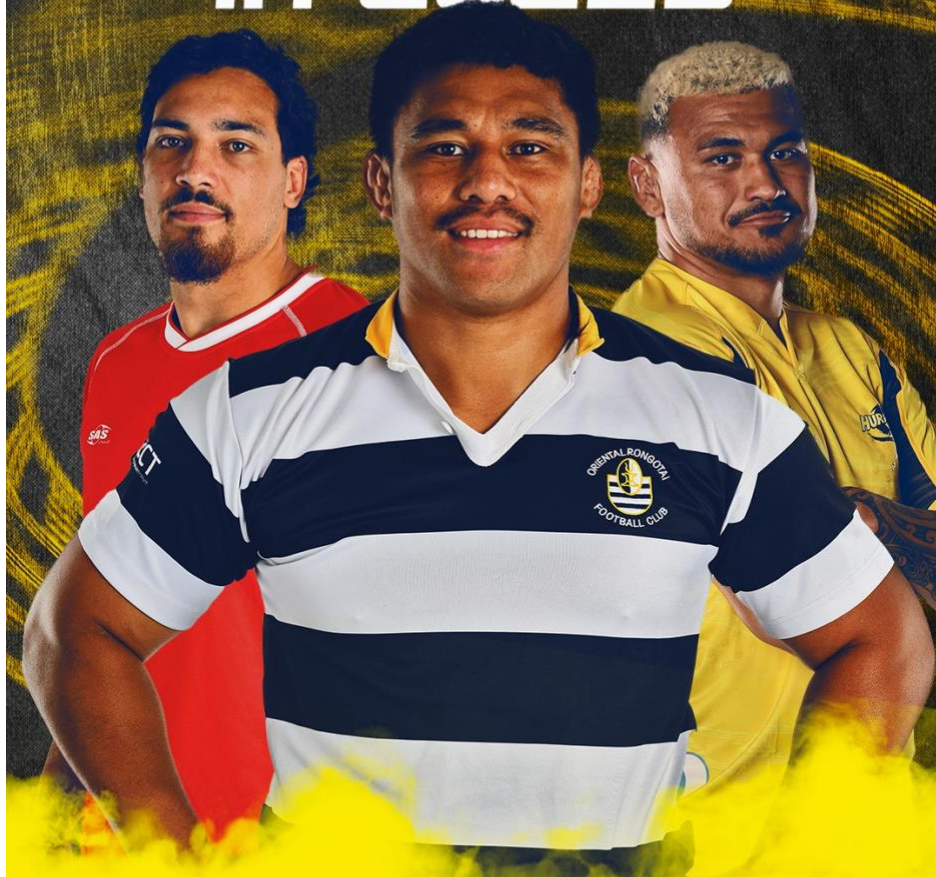
REGISTRATION EVENTS
Sun 10 March / 12-1:30pm
Sat 16 March / 10-11:30am
Mon 8 April / 5-6pm

Find out more about
Marist St Pats junior rugby
msprugby.co.nz/juniors
mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com



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CANES IN CLUBS



**JOIN US THIS TUESDAY,
5 MARCH FROM 5-6PM AT:**

**ORIES, PONEKE,
MARIST ST PATS AND
WELLINGTON AXEMEN**





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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

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!

Book online for Term 1 now at www.bigairgym.co.nz or please contact us for any inquiries: Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay: ph. 383 8779, e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.

Register now for our Golazo Pre-Season Skills Sessions. The sessions will be run by experienced coaches.

Players not currently registered with Wellington United are very welcome to register for these sessions.

Golazo Skills Sessions (Mixed U7/8)

Day: Mondays

Time: 4 - 5pm

Location: Martin Luckie Junior Fields

Dates: Monday 4th of March - Monday 8th April

Cost: \$60

Golazo Academy Sessions (Mixed U9/10)

Days: Wednesdays & Fridays

Time: 4 - 5pm

Location: Martin Luckie Junior Fields

Dates: Wednesday 6th of March, through till Friday 12th of April

Cost: \$60 (1 Session p/w), \$100 (2 Sessions p/w)

Golazo Academy Sessions (Mixed U11/12/13)

Days: Wednesdays & Fridays

Time: 5 - 6pm

Location: Martin Luckie Junior Fields

Dates: Wednesday 6th of March, through till Friday 12th of April

Cost - \$60 (1 Session p/w), \$100 (2 Sessions p/w)

Registration

Registrations for our Skills Sessions can be done through your Friendly Manager Profile or through our Website

