



**KILBIRNIE SCHOOL**  
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**TERM 1. WEEK 7.**

**\$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.**



## Welcome to Irha and Nina in Kiwi.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY.

- **March.**

- **Wednesday 20- School disco.**
- **Thursday 21- Union meetings for teachers. School still open. NO school hui (assembly).**
- **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.**

### PRINCIPAL NEWS.

Our staff enjoyed a full and highly productive day with structured literacy facilitator Liz Kane last Friday. This year we are continuing our professional learning and development in structured literacy approaches which emphasise explicit and systematic teaching and learning of the important components of literacy. Teachers in Ngake and Whāitaitai completed the Better Start Literacy approach structured literacy programme in 2023.

This work is consistent with the strategic goals developed following community consultation last year. The 2024-2025 strategic plan and annual implementation plan for 2024 are available on the school website. Our school goals, annual plan and professional learning and development plans are aligned to the Kilbirnie School Graduate Profile which we are also currently reviewing.



- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL GRADUATE PROFILE.**

As we enter the later part of the first term, I would like to reintroduce our graduate profile to all parents and whānau. The graduate profile sits alongside the new strategic goals we have for the school, these are contained within our new strategic plan which can be found on the school website. The graduate profile captures what we believe to be essential competencies that will enable our students to be effective, independent learners and community members at our school, throughout their educational journey and into the work force.

The graphic below also contains our mission statement, values, principles and whakatauki. The imagery represents Ngake, Whātaimai and Te keo and can be found around the school and on our school clothing. I will take the opportunity to retell the story of the taniwha of Wellington Harbour to all our students in an assembly next term.

Please do take a moment to read the graduate profile and notice the connection between the competencies and some of the work of the school I mention in this newsletter. Come and talk to me if you are interested in learning more about the graduate profile.

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To challenge and inspire for  
lifelong learning and achievement.

**OUR VALUES**  
Our school values are woven through the curriculum and modelled by staff, students and community.  
Kilbirnie Children C.A.R.E.  
C Confidence  
A Achievement  
R Respect  
E Empathy

**OUR TEACHERS**  
Our teachers will reflect the principles of:  
**AWHINA**  
Students will be included as part of their class and the school as a whole.  
**AKO**  
Learning is an active process shared by adults and students.  
**WHANAUNGATANGA**  
Parents and whanau are central to student progress and achievement.

**OUR GRADUATES**  
When students leave Kilbirnie School at the end of Year 6, they will be:

- Curious and engaged participants, contributors and leaders.
- Creative, innovative and critical thinkers who communicate effectively.
- Independent self-managers who set goals, self assess and reflect.
- Happy at school with a strong sense of inclusion and belonging.
- Literate, numerate and keen participants in physical activity.
- Confident, resilient and willing to take risks.
- Respectful of others and aware of tikanga Māori.
- Skilled users of technologies and discerning consumers of information.
- Aware of the environment and eager to protect it.



- **TERM ONE SPORTS UPDATE- a message from Katrina.**

We have started the year with a large number of children taking part in the after school sporting opportunities that are provided at Kilbirnie School. There are 11 teams playing in the Tuesday Year 1-6 Floorball League, two teams playing in the Touch Rugby competition on Wednesdays after school and one Mini Polo team who play on Fridays at WRAC. Many thanks to our dedicated coaches, several of whom are current or ex-students. I also appreciate the help of all the team managers. It is so good being able to rely on you to keep your team updated.

We had two teams of Year 5 and 6 students attend the Eastern Zone Non Stop Cricket tournament last Wednesday. The focus of the tournament was participation and fun with an emphasis on sportsmanship and fair play. The children were all very positive about the day.

We currently have Lucy from the Wellington Rugby Football Union (WRU) coming in to school on Fridays to run free skills sessions with all our students on our new turf. Please read the message from Lucy below regarding how this is funded and how you can support continued funding of this programme.

Children in Years 1-3 have been benefiting from their swimming lessons in our school pool and classes have been enjoying recreational swims to cool off on hot days. Year 4-6 children will be attending lessons at WRAC in Kilbirnie in Term 2.



**Eastern Zone Cricket.**



**Swimming in the school pool.**



**Rugby skills with the Wellington Rugby Football Union.**

- **A MESSAGE FROM THE RUGBY WRU COACHES.**

WRFU are enjoying delivering rugby skills in our school. The benefits of being able to connect with Tamariki and support the development of fundamental skills has lifelong benefits. WRFUs programme is free at the point of delivery which means the school and more importantly the parents are not charged for the experience. To maintain a free programme WRFU rely on children having a registration processed to prove the activation has happened. Please complete the link to register your child to the in school module (You will receive and email saying your child is registered to rugby BUT please don't worry this doesn't mean they are signed up for the rugby season) This registration is purely a way to secure funding for us to continue delivering in school activity.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/260793>



- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL CAMP.**

Our year 5 and 6 students head off to camp soon. We are all very excited about our camp using the facilities at Kaitoke. Thanks to **Lucy** for sharing the following piece of great writing from this week.

*“On Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March the year 5 and 6’s are going to camp! I went last year and I loved using the UHF radios and playing hide and seek. This year we will be doing different stuff like shelter building, create stacking and outdoor cooking. I think kayaking will be challenging because last year I got stuck in my kayak. I think camp is important because it helps us be independent and I love that we get to hang out and do the challenges with our friends”.*

- **PANELS FOR THE AIRPORT FIRESTATION.**



Some whānau may recall that late last year each hub created a unique art panel to surround the construction site for the new Wellington Airport Fire Station located at the end of Coutts Street in Rongotai. These panels are now in place, take a look if you are around that area.



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## WHĀTAITAI HUB BUILDING OPENING CEREMONY.

**Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.



The panel made from the engraved Lego bricks we did as a fundraiser toward the development of the areas outside the new building is now in place. Pop in and check it out when you get a chance.



- **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](mailto: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.

### **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.





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- NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.



We know how challenging school holidays can be and we are here to help! Running over both weeks in 2 different locations WRFU are running a stimulating and fun programme for all kids Y5-Y8. Although there will be some rugby activity it will not be the only thing the kids get to do.

Sign up now: [Poneke Hub, Kilbirnie](#) Or Petone, North Park: <https://forms.gle/WmpSYKGAoxf5qePC9>





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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](http://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](http://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](http://msprugby.co.nz/juniors)  
[mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto: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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**Island Bay United holiday** programme is run in conjunction with Wellington United and the Brooklyn Northern United Junior football clubs.

The Holiday Programme will be held at Wakefield Park & will run rain or shine.

**Who:** Children aged 5 -12 years

**Where:** Wakefield Park, Adelaide Road, Berhampore

**Time:** 9am to 3pm

**Cost:** \$45 per day with a discount of 10% when booking 5+ days

**Week 1:** Monday **15 April** - Friday **19 April**

**Week 2:** Mon **22 April** - Wed **24 April** + Fri **26 April** *excludes Thurs April 25 - ANZAC Day*

**What to bring:** a packed lunch and snacks, a drink bottle, a jacket, boots + shin guards and a change of clothes if the weather is looking wet. We'll move indoors for table tennis, foosball and movies if it's raining.

Please feel free to reach out to the club administrator at [clubadministrator@islandbayunited.org](mailto:clubadministrator@islandbayunited.org) with any questions.

### **REGISTER NOW!**

IBU is one of the largest junior (and senior) clubs in Wellington. We proudly offer programmes to all our junior players at whatever skill level they are at. We recognise that all players develop at different stages and work together to bring out players' natural abilities, regardless of team placement.

**Our junior registrations are closing on 20th March.**

If you want to be considered for a travel team (competitive 1 or 2 team) and can not attend the team placement session, please get in touch with [clubadministrator@islandbayunited.org](mailto:clubadministrator@islandbayunited.org)



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Find us on   
**Capital BMX**

[www.capitalbmx.co.nz](http://www.capitalbmx.co.nz)  
[capitalbmx.info@gmail.com](mailto:capitalbmx.info@gmail.com)

**Come and have a go!**



Scan to watch video



# HAVE A GO

**Love riding bikes?**

Keen to develop your riding skills?

Looking for a fun & family friendly Club?

Come on down to **CAPITAL BMX**

Check out our new development straight  
 And get tips from our coaches

Training Thursday evening  
*(during daylight savings)*

Club Day Sunday morning

HIRE a BMX bike, helmet & gloves \$10

or buy 3 x HAVE A GO SESSIONS for \$20

**GET THE WHOLE FAMILY INVOLVED**

**SEASON STARTS 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

[www.capitalbmx.co.nz](http://www.capitalbmx.co.nz)

Find us on  **Capital BMX**



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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) or please contact us for any inquiries:  
Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay: ph. 383 8779, e. [wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto: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

