

The School Reporter

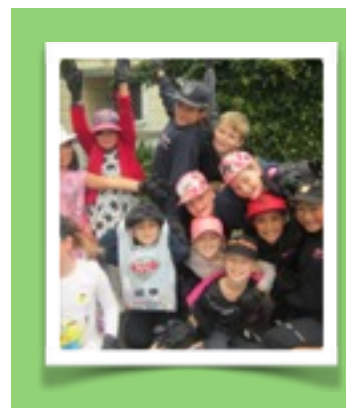
A Newspaper for Kids by Kids



The Great clean-up of Term 1

Are you tired of seeing rubbish everywhere in our amazing school? Well you will be glad to know that you are not alone!

Some awesome people from Whataitai Hub and other classes have been coming together to make our school a clean, happy place and you can help too! All you have to do is pick up that little piece of plastic and throw it in the bin! It is as simple as that! So do your part today. LITTERING IS RUBBISH! We will also put some bins around the school for each Hub area to put your food scraps in. These will go into our



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Camp 2017



Kapa Haka and choir

An exclusive interview with Rachel.

Whataitai's Visit to Te Papa



What we do around the school-



We dance...

Worm Farms and create a fertiliser for our gardens. Try not to use plastic wrap!! Just put your sandwich straight into your lunchbox. You don't need any plastic wrap at all! Put your orange peels straight into the compost bins beside the veggie garden when the second bell goes. If you see some rubbish lying around, don't just walk over it! If you don't pick it up, who will? Set the standard, it's your school. Would you leave rubbish lying around in your house? No, I don't think so, so don't do it here in your school either!



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL !!

In the school there are lots of children but the new Room 1 kids don't really have people to play with. So please make them feel part of Kilbirnie School. We have interviewed the little kids and this is what they said:

Elise said " My favourite thing in Kilbirnie school is the toys. I like reading because I like learning new words."

Victoria said "I like the teachers. My favourite subject is reading!!"

Giuseppe said "My favourite thing is the playground and I like spelling!!"

Sam said "I like art and I like reading!!"

Langa said "I like the Ipads. I like homework."

MacKenzie said "I like learning on iPads. I like reading."

Please make the Room 1 new kids



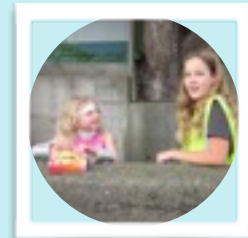
Around and About



The Confidence Course

Kilbirnie Schools very own Year 5's had a wonderful time at their School Camp. They were treated to lots of fun things such as kayaking, rock climbing and the Confidence Course

The Confidence Course was a big hit, as it was challenging, exciting and nerve wracking. Everyone gave it a try and in the end they decided it wasn't so scary. Fortunately, no-one got hurt and most people made it around the course twice. Some people stepped up and did it three times! The Confidence Course had a range of activities, from climbing across tyres to walking on ropes and the most challenging part was near the end. It was a rope down a steep hill/cliff. All you could do to support yourself was to pull harder on the rope. But everyone made it to the bottom eventually. Everybody enjoyed it and everyone was confident throughout the course. We all achieved something at School Camp, whether it was on the water slide or getting through the Night Walk. Thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped make camp so fun!



CLIMBING...



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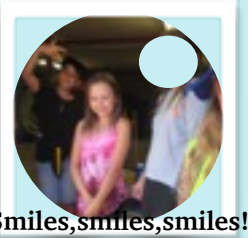
pass the ball!



kick the ball!



Kaitiaki...



Smiles,smiles,smiles!



PEER MEDIATION



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SUPERHEROES



RACHEL – OUR KAPA HAKA AND CHOIR TEACHER .

An Interview by Mila, Ali, Molly and Grace

What got you interested in singing Rachel?

“When I was four I was really into pop songs, especially Abba! I used to stand on the storeroom table (culturally insensitive I know) and pretend I was Agnetha. She was the blonde member of Abba.”

How many songs do you know?

“I would probably know 100’s of songs. Sometimes I feel like a ‘walking jukebox.’”

Where were you born? - “I was born in Invercargill, but lived in a small coal mining town, called Ohai until I was 6.”

What got you interested in singing and then choir and Kapa Haka?- “Pop songs, then church. I used to go to church every Sunday and this is where I caught the singing bug. I used to lead the whole church congregation singing when I was at primary school. I had classical singing lessons for all of my secondary schooling and used to sing in competitions for the Southland Region. I was also in a choir called ‘Panache’ at Verdon College and played the lead roles in most of the School Musical Productions. The teacher of the choir and my music teacher was Di Lenin and she was a very inspirational and dynamic woman. I adored her and still do today!!”

Who taught you Te Reo?

“A man called Buster from Dunedin College of Education. He was always laughing and made learning fun! Then in 1997 I worked in a bi-lingual unit in Porirua and realised I didn’t know much at all. It was hard work, but the Tamariki were ataahua.”



Were you interested in Te Reo when you were a little girl?- “Not really. The Weather Lady used to say ‘Kia Ora’ and that was about it in the 70’s. However when Poi e came out I thought it was so cool!!! And it still is”

What is the best thing about Choir and Kapa Haka?

“Singing as a group. It is such a powerful and healing thing to sing with lots of people. It is so good for the soul. In Kapa Haka I love the challenge of the actions”

Why did you want to start Kapa Haka?

“I wanted to start Kapa Haka as I thought it is a very important part of Aotearoa to celebrate and provide all students with an insight to Te Ao Maori (The Maori World). It is also a great opportunity for students to be able to operate like a whanau and look after each other. (Tuakana Teina). And of course it is a platform to perform song and dance.”



What brought you to Wellington?

“Initially a teaching job at Clyde Quay in Mt Vic. Also Wellington has lots of venues and more performance opportunities. It also has a supportive arts community.”

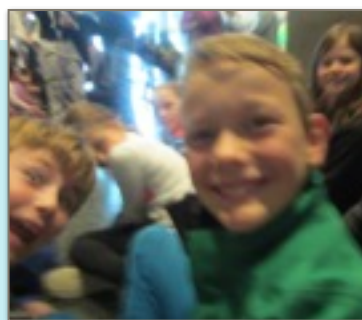
What is your favourite song in choir?

“‘Today Is Gonna Be Mine’ by the Clean.”

BUG LAB BY PHOEBE AND ABI

In the Whataitai Hub we studied epic Bugs and went to Te Papa. We spent three hours at the museum. Our guide was a very fun man called Scott. He made us ask ourselves “should we get rid of all the mosquitos in the world?” The answer we decided was ‘NO!’ Because mosquitos pollinate flowers and only a few species bite and give us diseases.

Also there were mini-movies on: the Flower Mantis, Japanese Honey Bees and Jewel Wasps. There was a gigantic spider there and you could make ‘Bug Expert calls’ on phones. A game about ‘Bug Speed’ was exciting to play and the Zombifier was too. There were 4 big awesome domes and a Bombardier Beetle slide. We learnt a lot about the zombifying Jewel Wasp. Some comments were: ‘I would so go there a 2nd time’ ‘child friendly’ ‘you can get lost’ ‘I give it 50000 likes’ ‘it has cool stuff’. Thanks to all the mums and teachers who came with us.



EASY BAKE RECIPES FOR KIDS

Do try these!!

OREO POPSICLES

As many cups as you would want to put the batter in

2 cups of whipped cream no need to whip it because you will just freeze it

One teaspoon of vanilla extract (flavouring)

Popsicle sticks take as many as you are making so if you are having 1 have one stick then if you had 2 popsicles 2 sticks so on

2/3 of a cup condensed milk

One teaspoon of sugar

2/3 of a cup of double cream

10 Oreos

This recipe may need adult supervision.

Add in the whipped cream, double cream condensed milk, sugar and vanilla extract. Mix until smooth.

Now you will slowly pour the mixture into the cups but make sure to have a parent to make sure there will be no spilling! (just in case) then freeze for an hour.

While that is freezing put your Oreos into a zip lock bag and smash then into any size pieces (this is optional) use a food processor if you have one.

Now you will take out the mixture after an hour and take your crushed Oreos and slowly pour them on to the top of the popsicles evenly.

Then you will put the popsicle sticks in to the mixture slowly. Now put them in the freezer for a hour or over night .

But you should probably freeze them over night as you will more likely get a better result the longer you freeze them.

Now you will have made a delicious sunny day treat for you and your family.

BOTH RECIPES ARE FROM BILLIE AND BRIAR

SUMMER CAKE WITH FRUIT AND CREAM

THIS RECIPE NEEDS ADULT SUPER VISION.

Serves 12

For the cake: 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened at room

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For the cream: 2 cups heavy cream 1/2 cup sour cream 1/4 cup powdered sugar Pinch salt

For the fruit: 2 nectarines or peaches, sliced 1 apricot, sliced 1/2 cup chopped strawberries 1/2 cup blackberries

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Prepare a 9x13-inch pan by greasing it thoroughly with baking spray.

Use a hand mixer or stand mixer to beat the softened butter and sugar together until fluffy and light.

Then add the eggs and beat until fully mixed in and creamy. Beat in the flour, salt, baking powder, and finally the milk and vanilla. Beat the cake batter on low for 30 seconds, then medium-high for 3 minutes.

Immediately pour into the prepared pan and bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until the tops spring back slightly when pressed and a toothpick inserted near the centre comes out clean.

Cool the cake completely, for at least an hour.

Beat the cream, sour cream, powdered sugar, and salt together until soft peaks form. Spread over the cooled cake, then top with the sliced or chopped fruit.

Refrigerate until serving, and refrigerate any leftovers for up to 5 days.

'AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR PRINCIPAL- MR AUSTIN'

WITH POLLYANNA AND LUCY

How does it feel to be Principal of Kilbirnie School? “A mixture of pride, excitement, enthusiasm and responsibility.”

Does it take a lot of training to be principal? Four years training to be a teacher. Four years for a Masters Degree and 20 years in Education.”

Are there any tips you learnt from the past Principal, Mr McGimpsey? “Yes, for example, teamwork is important.”

What inspired you to be Principal at Kilbirnie School? ”It is an awesome school!”

What do you do in your spare time? Do have any hobbies?

“Coaching soccer and cricket. Reading, gardening and watching T.V.”

What schools did you go to when you were a kid?

“I went to Island Bay School for primary, then SWIS for Intermediate, then to Rongotai College.”

Do you have any kids? “ Yes.I have two boys. One is 13 and one is 15.”

If you could choose any other job in the world, what would it be?

“A Pilot.”

“School is all about helping kids to be able to do the things that they need to do to be



A Trip to the Carter Observatory

By Molly and Luka

In Term 2 the Matairangi Syndicate went to the Carter Observatory for their Inquiry Topic.

The Matairangi block had to do a treasure hunt which went like this:

Troy gave everybody a card with a question on it, we had to go around the Space Place to find the answers. If we got them right we got a stamp on our hand.

We also got to sit in a dark room with a big screen on the ceiling. We watched a video about the constellations and learnt lots of new things about **SPACE**.

In 5 billion years the sun will get hotter and bigger and one day the sun will take over the whole Solar System including the earth!

Venus is the hottest planet.

Mercury is the closest to the sun.

Mars has the biggest mountain in the Solar System.

Harry's Space Adventure- A Comic Strip by Arana



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Space Colouring Fun

