

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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2018 Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 15 Oct – Thursday 20 Dec

2019 Term Dates

He Hui Mihimihi-31 Jan & 1st Feb

Term 1 Monday 4 Feb – Friday 12 Apr

Term 2 Monday 29 Apr – Friday 5 Jul

Also closed for a teacher-only-day on Friday 31 May

Term 3 Monday 22 July – Friday 27 Sep

Term 4 Monday 14 Oct – Thursday 19 Dec

2018 TEAMS

Kowhai – Y1 (Team Leader James Appleton)
Rooms 1, 4, 5, 8 & 9

Pohutukawa – Y2/3 (Team Leader Phil McIntosh)
Rooms 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 & 17

Akakura – Y4 (Team Leader Anita Patel)
Rooms 14, 15, 18 & 21

Kahikatea – Y5/6 (Team Leader David Wong)
Rooms 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 28 & 29

Totara – Y7/8 (Team Leader Trish Blacktop)
Rooms 22, 23, 23A, 33, 34 & 35

Important Dates

23 – 27 Oct Year 7/8 Camp – Rm 23A/34

27 Oct KNS GALA

29 Oct - 2 Nov Year 7/8 Camp – Rm 22/35

1 Nov Y4-6 Athletics Day (pp 7 Nov)

6 Nov Team Kowhai Assembly 9.10am

9 Nov WZ Athletics (pp Nov 16)

12 – 14 Nov Year 5/6 Camp – Rms 20, 24, 25 & 28

14 Nov New Entrants Open Morning 9.15 – 10.30am

14 Nov Year 7/8 Dance 6.30 – 9.30pm

14 – 16 Nov Year 5/6 Camp Rms 19, 26 & 29

22 Nov New Entrants Photo

27 Nov IZ Athletics (pp 29th Nov)

4 Dec Regional Athletics (pp 6 Dec)

5 Dec Gardasil (Y8 Girls and Boys)

6 Dec Pack the Bus 9.15am

12 Dec Year 4 ASB Sports

14 Dec Parent Helpers Morning Tea 10.40am

17 Dec Leaver's Dinner

18 Dec Team Akakura Assembly 9am

18 Dec Team Kowhai EOY Concert 1.45pm

19 Dec Year 7/8 ASB Sports Day

20 Dec LAST DAY OF TERM 4 12.30PM

Any additional or altered dates will be highlighted in yellow each week

Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupils: Eli MCGIRR.

From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

I hope that you all had a relaxing long weekend, it was great to see the sun come out, watch a bit of live cricket and spend a bit of time in the garden.

We are in full swing preparing for this Saturday's gala. It has been fantastic to see so many people in school, getting involved and supporting this event. A huge thank you to everyone who has and will be helping out. If you'd like to assist but you're not sure how, please follow this link to volunteer;

[KNS Gala Volunteer Form](#)

Health and Safety

Next Tuesday 31 October is Halloween. The school has occasionally been the target of eggs on Halloween and Guy Fawkes. This is a real concern to us as a number of our children have a severe allergy to eggs. To help minimise the risk of eggs being thrown we will be hiring a security guard to be on-site on both nights.

Our staff Health and Safety committee carries out termly formal hazard checks around the exterior and interior of the school. If you notice anything which concerns you regarding health and safety at KNS please email the office, office@kns.school.nz, with a photograph if possible, and this will be forwarded to the Health and Safety committee for action.

Sun Safety – Term 4

This term children will be expected to wear a sunhat when outside. Please note the following points regarding sun safety in Term 4, we appreciate your support in keeping the children 'sun safe'.

- Children are able to bring their own hats to school as long as it is a sun-safe hat i.e. a **bucket hat** or **wide brimmed hat**. We would also like children to wear their hats to and from school.
- All children are expected to wear a hat when they are outside at school in Terms 1 and 4. If children don't have their own sun-safe hat at school, they will be provided with a school sun-hat to wear when they are outside. School hats will be washed after they have been used before they are given to another child to wear.
- Children will be provided with a school sun-hat if they are representing KNS at inter-school sports events in Terms 1 and 4.

Year 0 to Year 7 Children Not Returning to KNS in 2019

We have begun planning our staffing and class organisation for 2019. It would be very helpful if you could inform us, if your child will not be returning to KNS next year.

If your child is in Year 0 to Year 7 and he/she will not be attending our school next year, please email Vicki Lewington – vlewington@kns.school.nz informing her of your child's last day at KNS and which school he/she will be attending in 2019. Thank you to those parents who have already done this. This information is necessary to help us confirm the numbers of classes we need at each level in 2019.

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

Ehara taku toa, I te toa takitahi engari he toa takatini - My strength comes not from myself alone but from the strength of the group

A thought to share with your children:

“Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.” (Mattie Stepanek)

Conrad Kelly
Principal

BOT News

We met last Tuesday on 16 October.

Making KNS a better place

This month we looked at our school goal about stewardship, community, and partnership.

We assessed progress as steady and on track. There are several elements to the goal:

- *Provision of an environment which caters for the learning needs of our children* – this is largely about and property and grounds. As mentioned last month, we are working closely with the Ministry of Education to make best use of funds to improve the school environment.
- *The Board has the information necessary to make sound financial and resourcing decisions* – we've made some changes in the way we manage finances, in line with audit recommendations. We now have added expertise through an external provider who is experienced at navigating the increasingly complex way schools need to manage accounts.
- *Children, staff, and parents/caregivers feel proud and positive about the school* – this one is the trickiest to assess. But we know from initial survey data that many of you feel we've made good progress with physical improvements and there is realism about what can be achieved in a school of this size at any one time. Other aspects like participation in school events is at good levels.
- *Strong links with other schools, primary and secondary, which enable a strong learning and pastoral pathway for our children* – this year KNS has participated in the establishment of a Kāhui Ako. This is a partnership with the two main secondary schools we feed into (Wellington Girls College and Wellington College) and two other primary schools (Kelburn Normal and Northland). The formal side of the relationship is still being set up, but the Kāhui Ako's broad aims align with our school goals and will enhance the transitions through primary school and into secondary school for our children.

The annual survey is still open for another few weeks

Here's the link to the [survey](#). We are keen to hear your thoughts on how we can improve the school. The survey findings will help the Board to consider which aspects of the school's goals require more effort, how we are doing against those goals, and assist in delivering the most effective communications. Please do take the time to share your views. Thank you to those who have already participated in the survey.

Who we are

Find out more about the Board here <http://www.kns.school.nz/7/pages/8-board-of-trustees>

Glenn Stevenson (Chair and parent representative); Conrad Kelly (Principal); Carol Pilcher (staff representative); parent representatives: Bronwyn Barberel, Julia Forsyth, Kay Webster, Clayton Willocks; Blair Wightman (Co-opted member).

School News

Saturday is Gala Day AND NZ Bookshop Day!!

Before you go to the Gala please consider popping into Marsden Books from 9am for some Christmas shopping. KNS will get a free book if you buy one!

"To celebrate and thank the awesome local community, if you buy a children's book from Marsden Books on Bookshop Day, you will be able to select (from a pile of special books) a free book* for your local school or early childhood centre!**

All kids who come in will also receive a free* wee goodie bag!

*while stocks last

**we want to give back to the local community so please select a worthy school or early childhood centre within Central Wellington

Scholastic Book Club Issue 7, 2018 - due Wednesday 31th October 2018

No need to fill out the forms, **please do not return anything to the school**. You can download the app for your phone via Apple App Store or go to mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. The cut-off date to order this issue is **Wednesday 31th October 2018**. Any queries email Julie Smart jsmart@scholastic.co.nz.

Sun Safety Term 4 – Summer is on the Way
Be Sunsmart – Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide
Children remember to bring your sunhats to school

SUN SMART
Slip Slop Slap Seek Slide
Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

School Road Patrols

Each week we will publish the names of the two children who will be on road patrol duties for the week. Please check and ensure you know when you are on duty. This is very important. Any queries contact Andrea Peetz – apeetz@kns.school.nz.

Thursday 25th October

Friday 26th October

Monday 29th October

Tuesday 30th October

Wednesday 31st October

AM Aaron L & Angus R35 & PM Andrew D & Mattias B R35

AM Fred I & Luke M R33 & PM Millie m & Mia B R23

AM & PM Patrick J & Emily C R26

AM Nikora & Luke M R33 & PM Millie T & Susannah F R23A

AM Susannah E & Aleisha B R33 & PM Georgia P & Hamish Mc R34

Sports News

Year 4 - 6 Athletics

Thursday 1st November

(ppt) Wednesday 7th November

@ Ben Burn Park

9:15 - 3pm

Information and a timetable regarding this has been emailed out to families. There will also be a copy of this on our sports blog.

We will require a number of parent helpers to help out throughout the day.

If you are able to help out please use the following google form or email me directly on mpresland@kns.school.nz

Google form

<https://goo.gl/forms/vz4UtBoB395OcVUC3>

Western Zone Athletics

Friday 9th November

Ppt Friday 16th November

Information for this for the Year 7 & 8's have been emailed out to families. Please complete the google form as soon as possible.

KNS Sports Shirts and Swim Caps

Please returned to Room 18 as soon as possible.

Weetbix Tryathlon 2018

WOW, we already have a number of KNS students signed up for the Weetbix Tryathlon next year under the KNS school group.

Wellington (Kilbirnie Park)

Sunday 17th March 2019

Registrations close Thursday 14th March 2019 unless sold out prior

Early bird registration costs expire 31st December 2018

If you are interested sign up using the following link under the KNS school group

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=31847&G=68020>

Sports Events for Term 4

- **KNS Year 4 - 6 Athletics**

Thursday 1st November

(ppt) Wednesday 7th November

Ben Burn Park

- **Western Zone Athletics**

Friday 9th November

(ppt) Friday 16th November

Newtown Park

- **Interzone Athletics**

Tuesday 27th November

(ppt) Thursday 29th November

Newtown Park

- **Regional Athletics**

Tuesday 4th December

(ppt) Thursday 6th December

Margaret Presland

Sports Administrator

AIMS Games - Basketball

Late last term KNS was represented at AIMS Games at Mount Maunganui by a year 7 /8 boys basketball team. The squad was selected late last year and trained weekly for 10 months before heading off to AIMS. We had a very successful tournament finishing 22nd out of 75 teams. This was a huge achievement by our boys. A huge thanks to Efi who gave up hours of his time to coach the boys and be on tour with them.

AIMS Games is such a fantastic week long tournament with about 22 sporting codes played by over 10,000 year 7 and 8 athletes. The boys loved the experience of playing basketball every day but equally loved the opportunity to travel with their mates. It was awesome this year to also have KNS represented in cross country running and netball. I am happy to share our experiences with anyone keen to explore AIMS Games in future years.

Lisa, Efi & Sian

PTA News

SINGLE USE PLASTICS ARE ON THE WAY OUT!

Purchase some reusable fruit and vegetable bags and reusable straws and....

- Support your school! Over 40% profit from sales goes straight to KNS!
- Nail some Christmas gifts for your friends and family!
- Pat yourself on the back for your environmental street cred!

The reusable **produce bags** are made in New Zealand from strong, lightweight and quick drying polyester tulle in a variety of bright primary colours. They come in packs of five, are 30cm x 25cm and easily hold 1.5kgs of produce.

The reusable **straws** are made from premium 18/8 food grade stainless steel, are dishwasher safe and come with a free cleaning brush. Unbreakable and resistant to bacteria, rust and oxidation. Parents are recommended to supervise young children who are using them.

Purchases can be made on Kindo. Please pick up from the school office the week following purchases.



You can view the samples at the office.

Gala News

COME AND GET AN AMAZING BARGAIN AT THE CHILDRENS CLOTHING PRE-SALE THIS WEEK (4-13 years)

Our school foyer is packed with gorgeous almost new children's clothes and shoes. Most are priced under \$10!!! Stacks of great clothes have come in overnight and being hung this morning!!

Our opening times are: wed - Thursday 8:30-10:30, 2:00-4:00 and Friday 8:30 til 10:30.

AND DONT FORGET OUR INAUGRAL EXCITING PRE SALE NIGHT TONIGHT: 6:30 til 8:30. See you all soon!



Community News

Leaders for Education scheme - I am proud to support Karori Normal School under the Leaders for Education scheme. If you or someone you know is thinking of selling your home, arrange for a free, no obligation appraisal from Martin Binks. If you sell your home with me I will make a donation of \$250 to the school. This is only available from Martin Binks at Ray White in Karori. I can be reached by e-mail at martin.binks@raywhite.com, and Ph: 022 066 3170 or 04 212 3170. Martin Binks, Licensed Real Estate Salesperson, REAA 2008, Ray White Karori

Lunchtime French Term 4 2018 - Learn a new language the FUN way!

Lunchtime French classes are held every Thursday lunchtime. Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the emphasis being on FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home.

A free trial lesson classes is available. Email annick@lcclubs.co.nz to register your interest.

OTHER CLASSES AVAILABLE: After-school French classes are also held in Karori, Northland, Khandallah, and Hataitai. Spanish and Mandarin also offered subject to demand. Spanish classes to start up in 2019 subject to demand – please register your child’s interest. **New:** Easy Online Registration.

Contact: Annick on 021 462 042 or email annick@lcclubs.co.nz or visit www.lcclubs.co.nz for more information.

Girl Guiding Karori

Do you want your daughter to have fun trying new things, making new friends, learning leadership skills and much more?

We have spaces available in Karori for Pippins aged 5-6 years (Wednesdays) and Brownies aged 7-9 years (Mondays and Thursdays) and Guides aged 9-12 (Mondays and Tuesdays). For more information, email: karoriwestbrownies@gmail.com

Karori Arts and Crafts Centre are having a “Craft and Quilt Fair” from November 16th – 18th, 10am – 4pm each day. Our Family day is November 17th from 10am – 4pm which will have a fun festival feel with loads of great crafts and quilts for sale, xmas presents as well as face painting, lollies, baking, lucky dips and more. We’d love to see you there! If you’d like to see some craft/spinning/painting demonstrations these will also be on from 2-4pm.

Thinking about an art for yourself or your kids? The Karori Arts and Crafts centre have some fun hands on adults and children’s art classes for Term 4, most start in week 2. See our website for more details: <https://www.kacc.org.nz/> We’re also planning a kids and adults ‘Intro to sewing’ class. Email us at info@kacc.org.nz to register your interest for the sewing class.