

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori



Newsletter No. 1 – Term 1
13th February 2019 – Week 2

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2019 Term Dates

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

2019 TEAMS

Kowhai – Y1 (Team Leader James Appleton)
Rooms 1, 4, 5 & 9
Pohutukawa – Y2/3 (Team Leader Phil McIntosh)
Rooms 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15
Akakura – Y4 (Team Leader Anita Patel)
Rooms 18, 19, 20 & 21
Kahikatea – Y5/6 (Team Leader David Wong)
Rooms 16, 17, 22, 23, 26, 28 & 29
Totara – Y7/8 (Team Leader Trish Blacktop)
Rooms 23A, 24, 25, 33, 34 & 35

Important Dates

21 Feb PTA Meeting 7.30pm
22 Feb Family Picnic 5-7pm
26 Feb Western Zone Cricket (Yr 5-8) pp 28 Feb
28 Feb PTA Welcome Drinks 7.30pm
3 Mar Year 7/8 Netball Trials 2-5pm
6 Mar New Entrants Open Morning
10 Mar Year 7/8 Netball Trials 2-5pm
13 Mar Year 1/2/3 Athletics Day pp 19 Mar
14 Mar Year 7/8 Athletics Day pp 21 Mar
19 Mar Western Zone Football Yr 5-8 pp 21 Mar
21 Mar PTA AGM 7pm
8 Apr Team Kowhai Assembly 9:15am

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

Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupils: Luke Beaglehole-Smith, Thomas, Dhruv, Emily, Minh, Crystal, Lee-Jay, Charlotte, Theo, Pita, David, Genevieve, Emily, Sofia, Tessa, August, Delaney, Akinihi, Monty, Emma, Thomas, Avery, Coco, Simona, Aarushi, Peter, Thomas, Wynne, Ander and Ernie.

From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

For those of you who are new to our school community, welcome to Karori Normal School (KNS) and welcome back to those of you who were with us last year. We have had a great start to the new school year, classes are settled and the children are very happy to be back. I believe that a key to the settled start are the He Hui Mihimihi we hold before the beginning of the school year. A huge thank you to those families who were able to attend and to the teaching staff for taking two days from your holidays for these meetings.

Our focus this year will continue to be on the three goals contained in our Karori Normal School Charter 2018 – 2020:

1. Every Child's Achievement Grows (Learning)
2. Care and Resilience are Fostered (A Culture of Care)
3. We all make KNS a better place (Stewardship, Community and Partnership)

Our Board of Trustees is meeting next Tuesday evening and will be agreeing our 2019 Annual Plan, which outlines the steps we will take this year to work towards the achievement of our goals. In next week's newsletter I will provide you with an overview of the types of things we will be doing in 2019 related to Goal 1.

KNS Parents and Teachers Association (PTA)

We have a very active, effective and welcoming PTA at KNS. At some schools the PTA is almost entirely focussed on fundraising however, at KNS our PTA sees its community building role as being of equal importance. The PTA will be holding the first annual KNS family Picnic on Friday 22 February from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet other KNS families and catch up with those you already know.

An email was sent recently regarding another PTA community building initiative, the class coordinator and class lists. The class list includes the contact details of the parents/caregivers of each child in the class. The role of the class coordinator is to circulate the class list and organise out of school social activities for the children and /or parents/caregivers throughout the year. Class co-ordinators will be supported by the PTA and sent regular emails throughout the year to assist you in your role.

Class Lists aim to build up and encourage school community at KNS. It is also a great way for new families to quickly integrate into the school community. Families are by no means obliged to participate in class lists. However, we do recommend it to you as an easy way to get to know other families in our school community.

Please follow the link below to a **Google Form** for you to fill in with your details. If you would like to volunteer to be the class co-ordinator of your child's class please note this on the form.

[PTA Class List and Parent Coordinator Link](#)

Upcoming Enrolments

If you or any friends have soon to be five-year olds who will be enrolling at KNS, I would be very grateful if you would contact our office team, office@kns.school.nz or 4767209, to begin the enrolment process. Early enrolment helps us with our planning for staffing and classroom accommodation.

To help us with planning for the future, please contact us regarding enrolment if your children:

- will turn five in the next 12 months,
- live within our enrolment zone &
- will be attending Karori Normal School

Sun Safety

Please note the following points regarding sun safety, we appreciate your support in keeping the children 'sun safe'.

- Children need 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 will be expected to wear a hat when they are outside at school.

A large number of children still do not have hats at school, it would be great if all children could bring their own hats as we are unable to provide hats for them all.

Kiss and Drop Zone

We operate the Kiss and Drop zone to ensure that children get out of cars safely and that traffic flows smoothly along Donald St at the busy time between 8.30am and 8.55am.

- The Kiss & Drop zone occupies four car-parks outside the main entrance to school on Donald Street - you can recognise the zone by the orange cones and adults in high visibility vests/coats.
- Parents and caregivers are invited to drive into one of the 4 car-parks, an adult will open your car door and assist your children out of the car with their school bags and direct them to the school entrance. The driver can then drive away leaving the space free for the next family.
- The Kiss & Drop zone operates from 8.30am - 8.55am daily.

The designated Kiss and Drop zone is only for pick up and drop off from; 8.30am – 9.00am and 2.45pm – 3.30pm, Mondays – Fridays during school terms. If you need to stop and park please ensure that you park elsewhere at these times.

Children Arriving Early for School

A number of children arrive at school very early, i.e. around 8.00am. I understand that family circumstances sometimes mean that parents/caregivers need to drop their children at school early. It is however, important that parents/caregivers understand that we are unable to supervise children before 8.30am and that children remain the responsibility of parents/caregivers until this time.

Health & Safety

Our staff Health and Safety committee meets regularly to address health and safety issues around 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.

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

Kia urupu tatou; kaua e taukumekume. - Let us be united: not pulling against one another.

A thought to share with your children:

"I am still learning." (Michelangelo)

Conrad Kelly
Principal

School News

Updating of School Records

Thank you to those parents who have returned their child/ren's school records forms. To those of you who have yet to do so, please check the recorded information carefully and either confirm or make any necessary changes. This form needs to be signed and returned for all pupils whether there are amendments or not. **PLEASE RETURN THE FORM IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED, TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP.**

School Lunches 2019 – starts back from Week 2 Monday 11 February onwards

Wednesdays – Hell's Pizza (Northland)

Thursdays – Subway (Karori) payment online, please see the link below.

Subway lunches can only be ordered using Lunchonline. This is an online service where parents/caregivers set up their own account, order lunch and pay online. Please view the

menu or to set up an account and/or place an order, using the link:



Fridays – Sushi from Manna Sushi at Karori Mall.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1, 2018 - due Friday 15th February 2019

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 **Friday 15th February 2019.** Any queries email Julie Smart jsmart@scholastic.co.nz.

Scholastic Book

Scholastic Book Orders is a great fund raiser for the school. We are looking for volunteers to help sort the books once or twice a term when the orders have come to the school. It is a fairly easy task, and only takes one morning or afternoon per term. If you are keen to help, please contact Vicki Lewington vlewington@kns.school.nz

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, late to school, or has an appointment, please ensure you ring

**Checkline 476-7228 and leave a message on the answerphone
or email absences@kns.school.nz**

If your child arrives late they must come to the office and sign in on arrival.

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 14 Feb

Friday 15 Feb

Monday 18 Feb

Tuesday 19 Feb

Wednesday 20 Feb

Emma B & Millie M Rm 34

Caitlin B & Millie T Rm 35

Myles A & Oliver G Rm 24

Charlie B & Arabella S Rm 23A

Fergus D & Harry D Rm 34

Sports News

Year 7/8 Boys - KNS Futsal (Indoor Soccer)

Are you interested in playing for the first ever KNS futsal team for the AIMS games in September. We are currently seeking expression of interest from boys who would be interested in participating at the AIMS games in Tauranga this September (Week 8/Term 3- Sept 8-13th)

To register your interest or to seek more information please email, lisa.duggan@gmail.com

Western Zone Cricket

This is a non-competitive have a go tournament for Years 5 - 8. Students are currently expressing interest with their teachers and we will be sending 2 Year 5 & 6 teams, 2 Year 7 & 8 teams, 1 Year 5 & 6 girls team and 1 Year 7 & 8 girls team.

This will take place on Tuesday 26th February (ppt) Thursday 28th February at Karori Park.

Information and permission for this will be sent out to those in the teams. We will also require parent helpers to help manage and umpire the teams.

Competitive Cricket 2019

We are currently in the process of organising teams to enter the competitive cricket tournament for Term 1.

Year 5 & 6 students

Trial - Wednesday 13th February at 3:15pm for an hour at Campbell Street nets

Please bring gear if you have any.

Year 7 & 8 students

Trial - Friday 22nd February at 12:30 - 2pm at Campbell Street nets

Please bring your own gear.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Below is the link that you can use to register under Karori Normal School.

This event will take place on Sunday 17th March at Kilbirnie Park. We currently have 90+ students who have enrolled to take part.

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

Sports Dates for Term 1 2019

Western Zone Cricket

Year 5 - 8

Tuesday 26th February

(ppt) Thursday 28th February

@ Karori Park

KNS Year 1 - 3 Athletics

Wednesday 13th March

(ppt) Tuesday 19th March

@ Ben Burn Park

KNS Year 7 & 8 Athletics

Thursday 14th March

(ppt) Thursday 21st March

@ Ben Burn Park

Western Zone Football

Year 5 - 8

Tuesday 19th March

(ppt) Thursday 21st March

Ian Galloway Park

9:30 - 12:30pm

Margaret Presland

Sports Administrator

Winter Netball Registration

Please click on the following link if you would like to enrol your child in winter netball at KNS:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/92973>

Please contact the KNS Netball co-convenors Kate Reynard and Rachel Irwin on knsnconvenor@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Netball Trials Year 7 & 8

Netball trials for Y7 and Y8 netball players to be held on 3 and 10 March 2-5pm at the Karori Rec Centre. Please note ALL Y7 and Y8 players need to attend these trials even if they do not wish to play in a competitive team. More information to follow shortly. Please contact the KNS netball convenors on knsnconvenor@gmail.com if you have any questions.