

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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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

22 Feb KNS Netball Registration closes

22 Feb Family Picnic 5-7pm

26 Feb Western Zone Cricket (Yr 5-8) pp 28 Feb

27 Feb PTA Meeting 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

14 Mar Quiz Night 7pm OFB

19 Mar Western Zone Football Yr 5-8 pp 21 Mar

21 Mar PTA AGM 7pm

23 – 24 Mar Inspire Photos

26 Mar Wellington West Netball committee meeting 7pm KNWS

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: Marco, Lucy, Ellie, Noah, Keanu, Utrhana and Oliver.

From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that Carol Pilcher has decided to resign from her role as Deputy Principal, due to some ongoing health issues. Carol's last day at KNS will be Friday 12 April, the last day of Term 1. Carol has been an integral part of our school for a number of years. As well as leading a range of initiatives, she has ensured that we have become a truly inclusive school. Carol has provided huge support for staff and families and had a significant positive impact on many lives, she will be greatly missed.

Our Board of Trustees met last night. As outlined in last week's newsletter one of the items we discussed and agreed was our annual plan for 2019 in relation to our three KNS Charter goals:

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)

Over the next few weeks I will provide an overview of the key aspects we will be focussing on in relation to each goal.

Please find below the key areas in relation to our first goal – "Every Child's Achievement Grows (Learning)"

- *Sustaining and further developing Universal Design for Learning* – becoming a more inclusive school which caters for the needs of all our children will be a continued development focus for our staff and in all our classrooms. Our children continue to achieve very highly, with over 90% achieving at or exceeding expected curriculum levels however, our focus is more than just the academic. Our children's social, physical and emotional needs are equally as important to us.

- *Kāhui Ako focus on student agency and children understanding, what, why and how they are learning* – we will be working closely with Wellington College, Wellington Girls' College, Northland School and Kelburn Normal School as part of the Whanganui a Tara Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning). This is a new initiative this year and a number of our staff hold key roles within the Kāhui Ako. The Kāhui Ako presents us with a fantastic opportunity to learn from each other and ensure our children's transitions through the school system, from Year 1 to Year 13, are smooth and coherent.
- *Professional development for all teachers around digital technology to enable us to implement this curriculum in 2020* – we will be working with CORE Education this year to ensure that all our staff are confident in delivering the new digital technology aspects of the New Zealand Curriculum. This is an exciting opportunity for both our staff and children.

- *Developing a plan for Tikanga Maori at KNS* – we want to ensure that there is greater clarity in what we are trying to achieve in this area and greater coherence in how we deliver our Kapa Haka and Te Reo programmes. In the 2018 parents/caregiver survey a number of you highlighted this as an area we could do more in and our staff agree.
- *Review our music programmes and begin to implement changes which result from the findings* – this work began in 2018 and we aim to build on and complete this in 2019. We already offer a wide range of opportunities to our children in the arts and the arts are an integral part of our KNS Curriculum however, we wish to look to improve in this area if we can.
- *Continuing to transition from National Standards to using New Zealand Curriculum levels for assessment and reporting* – for many of our staff and parents/caregivers, National Standards are the only reporting system they know. In 2019 we will continue the work begun in 2018 to move from using National Standards to report children’s achievement, to a system based on the New Zealand Curriculum. Feedback from parents/caregivers in the 2018 survey highlighted the need for us to communicate this process better to parents/caregivers in 2019.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you would like to make a time to meet me to find out more about our 2019 plans.

Congratulations Everly

Congratulations to Everly, from Room 6, for her support of Cats Protection Wellington. To find out how you can help as well, please read the article in the school news section of this newsletter. It is wonderful to see children showing initiative and taking action.

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. 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.

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.

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

Titiro whakamuri Kōkiri whakamua - Look back and reflect so you can move forward

A thought to share with your children:

“Once you learn to quit, it becomes a habit.” (Vince Lombardi)

Conrad Kelly
Principal

School News

Hi, my name is Everly, I am 6 and I am in Room 6! In the holidays I had my birthday. I decided I didn’t want presents, instead I asked for cat food. After my party I took it to the Cats Protection Wellington. They were SO happy. They told the newspaper all about what I had done. You can read the article on www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/cutestuff. They still need more food for the cats. If you want to help too, you can bring cat food to my class, Room 6. It’s important for the cats because they need food to live. I will then take the food to the cats.



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.**

Medical Room - Clothing

If your child has recently borrowed clothing from the medical room, we would be most grateful if you return your washed items ASAP as we are running out of clothing.

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 21 Feb

Friday 22 Feb

Monday 25 Feb

Tuesday 26 Feb

Wednesday 27 Feb

Emily C & Carolina AV Rm 33

Matthew BC & Oscar R Rm 25

Elsie B & Grace S Rm 24

Rosie C & Serena L Rm 23A

Jessica C & Katarina M Rm 35

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

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.

Year 7 & 8 Trials

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.

Wellington West Netball Committee meeting on Tuesday 26 March at 7pm at KWNS. Please come along if you might be interested in being involved in our school netball and potentially taking a role on the committee. Everyone is welcome!

Western Zones Cricket.

Tuesday 26th February
Ppt Thursday 28th February
@ Karori Park

The team lists are on our KNS Sports Blog. Please complete the google form by Friday 22nd February

Google Form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/1pCJkVJS1aUThGsm1>

Competitive Cricket 2019

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

Year 5 & 6 Students

Trial for 11 students on Wednesday 20th February @ Ben Burn Park from 3:15pm.
Information has been emailed out to families.

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>

KNS Athletics

We have 2 KNS Athletics events coming up in March Year 1 -3 on Wednesday 13th March (ppt) Tuesday 19th March.
Year 7 & 8 on Thursday 14th March (ppt) Thursday 21st March
Please keep an eye out for notices as we will be requiring some parent helpers for those days.

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



2019 WINTER SEASON

Kia ora all

Registrations are now open for the 2019 football season

Register now to play football this winter season (April to August 2019)!

Please register by Friday 1 March at the latest, or by Friday 22 February if you wish to trial for a selected team. The season then kicks off on 6 April.

You can find information about the format of football for your child for this season, instructions for completing the registration process and a link to the registration system on our website.

Go to www.karorifootball.co.nz/play-for-a-team and select the age group that applies to you or your child.

In summary:

If you wish to play with friends in a non/semi-graded team:

- Please complete the registration process by Friday 1 March at the latest. You can submit the names of requested teammates at the time of registration.
- Grade coordinators will proceed to put together teams once registrations close. They will then email out details of your team and other information about the season by the end of March.
- The season starts on Saturday 6 April.

If you wish to play competitively for a graded team (and participate in the Swifts Talent Centre programme):

- You must complete the registration process, including by selecting the option to trial and paying the registration fee, before Friday 22 February.
- Trials will be held starting Sunday 24 February – see [here](#) for details.
- Teams will then be selected and confirmed by Monday 4 March. Selected players will be asked to confirm their selection by separately registering for the Swifts programme and paying the relevant Swifts contribution fee – see [here](#).
- Swifts trainings for selected teams start the week of Monday 25 March (days and times to be confirmed in the next few weeks).
- The season starts on Saturday 6 April. The details of pre- and early-season tournaments (subject to securing entry) are set out [here](#).

Need help? Come along to our registration night on **Wednesday 20 February from 6pm to 8pm at the Karori Park Clubrooms**, and we will help you to sign up online and answer any questions you may have.

Alternatively, please email support@wkafc.org.nz with any questions and we'll respond as soon as possible.

We're looking forward to another fantastic year of football, and hope you are too!

Ngā mihi

Waterside Karori

PTA News

ALL KNS STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO A:

FAMILY PICNIC!

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY: 5-7PM

Bring a picnic or takeaways for your family and join other families on the school field
Get to know your new class mates and catch up with old friends

Families are welcome to start coming together from straight after school
Sausages, burgers and ice blocks will be available to buy from 5-7pm
Rain date: Friday 1 March – postponement via email on the day
Alcohol free event



If we need to postpone due to bad weather, an email will be sent out on Friday morning. And we will try again next week on Friday 1 March.

KNS Quiz Night – 14 March 2019

Who is in for a fun night to test your brain power?

The **KNS Quiz night** will be at One Fat Bird, [Thursday 14 March, 7pm](#). We will have some and great spot prizes provided by, Fix & Fogg, Six Barrel Soda Co., Zealandia and Whittakers Chocolate.

This year we will run some live auctions on the night which have been kindly donated by Number Works Karori, Lucy Clements and Will Calder.

This could be a great way to meet the parents in your kid's classes. Maximum of six people per team, \$120 per team – or you can buy single tickets (\$20) and we will find you a team!

Please register your teams through Jacqui Neave, by [the 8th March](#). Jacqueline@jacquelines.co.nz