

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

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2019 Term Dates

Term 3 Monday 22 July – Friday 27 Sep

Term 4 Monday 14 Oct – Thursday 19 Dec

2019 TEAMS

Kowhai – Y1 (Team Leader Lisa Hadfield)

Rooms 1, 4, 5, 8 & 9

Pohutukawa – Y2/3 (Team Leader Phil McIntosh)

Rooms 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15

Akakura – Y4 (Team Leader Treena

Tiller/Wilhelmina Wooff)

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

12 Sep	Interzone Swimming
16 Sep	Artsplash 7.30pm
17 Sep	ICAS English
18 Sep	Team Kowhai 9.15am
19 Sep	ICAS Mathematics
19 Sep	Dancesplash 7.45pm
20 Sep	Team Akakura (Year 4) 9.15am
20 Sep	Science Roadshow
26 Sep	Inter-Regional Cross Country
26 Sep	Year 4 Swimming Carnival

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

Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupils: Yen Mea, Lily, Scarlett, Sophie and Amelia.

From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

This week is, Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, and there are numerous activities happening around the school to encourage us all to use Te Reo whenever we can. Next Tuesday we will be holding a pōwhiri to welcome new whanau to KNS and on Wednesday, some of our children will be taking part in the pōwhiri to open the Normal and Model Schools Association Conference. A huge thank you to Wilhelmina Wooff, Adrienne Troughton and Hemi Prime for the great work they have done to promote and focus our commitment to Te Reo and Tikanga Maori.

We currently have a number of our children competing at the AIMS games in Tauranga. Over 11,500 Year 7 & 8 children from 368 schools are taking part. KNS has entered a Futsal Team and two individual competitors. Thank you to the parents of these children for enabling this to happen.

On Sunday, Joe produced a stunning performance in winning the Year 7 Boys Cross Country at the games. There were a 178 quality runners in the field and in the photo taken as Joe is crossing the finish line, there is 'daylight' between him and the second place-getter. Congratulations Joe, performances like this come on the back of a lot of training, hard work and focus, a thoroughly well-deserved result.



Kiss and Drop Zone

As you may be aware 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. Please also respect the parent volunteers if they ask you to move on if you are parked inappropriately.

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

Pai tū pai hinga nāwai rā ka oti – Good to stand, good to fall, continue on and eventually the work is completed.

A thought to share with your children:

“Small daily improvements over time lead to stunning results.” (Robin Sharma)

Ngā Mihi

Conrad Kelly
Principal

The Board of Trustees were presented with the 2019 Karori Normal Achievement data in the last meeting to track progress of Goal 1 of the Charter.

Goal 1 - Every Child's Achievement Grows (Learning)

Whāinga 1 - Ka Tipu Ake te Paetae o ia Ākonga, ia Ākonga (Te Akoranga)

In our Charter we have set out to maintain a high level of progress and achievement in reading, writing and mathematics. Targets have been based on the 2018 End of Year data and teams implement plans to achieve these during the year. At KNS we believe student achievement will be enhanced by all children's social, emotional, physical and academic learning needs being catered for.

The goal set by the Board of Trustees for reading, writing and mathematics is that 90% of children are meeting or exceeding the expected New Zealand Curriculum level (NZC). Individual student progress and achievement against the New Zealand Curriculum is communicated to parents and whānau in the middle of the year and at the end of the year through reports.

We are very pleased again this year with the overall achievement at mid-year in reading, writing and mathematics across all years and cohorts. We are maintaining a high level of progress in reading, writing and mathematics and have currently met our end of year target where 90% of children are meeting or exceeding the expected NZC level.

Our teachers are sustaining strong programmes and implementing many strategies to continue to maintain and improve progress for our children. The overall achievement data shows our children continue to do well in relation to the curriculum level expectations supported by the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework.

The achievement is determined by teacher judgements that are made from a variety of work and evidence, these judgements are supported by norm referenced assessments.

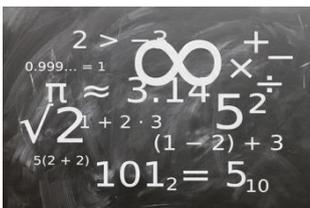
Year	Reading	Writing	Maths
2018 End of Year Achievement	96.4% of children are meeting or exceeding the expected curriculum level.	92.9% of children are working meeting or exceeding the expected curriculum level	96.4% of children are working meeting or exceeding the expected curriculum level
2019 Mid-Year Achievement	95.2% of children are meeting or exceeding the expected curriculum level	92.6% of children are working meeting or exceeding the expected curriculum level	94.6% of children are working meeting or exceeding the expected curriculum level

If you would like to know more about our progress and achievement or Universal Design for Learning (UDL) please do not hesitate to contact me.

Andrea Peetz
Deputy Principal

School News

MathsWell 2019 and NIWA Science Fair



We would like to acknowledge the following students who have represented the school in maths and science over the last two weeks. Thanks to Laura Brennan, David Wong and Katy Flintoff for preparing the students so well to compete against other schools.

On Thursday 22nd August six Year 7/8 students represented KNS at the annual Inter-schools Mathswell competition. Schools from across the Wellington region competed in simultaneous competitions at Newlands Intermediate and Hutt International Boys School this year. It was a tough competition with not a lot of difference in the scores between the schools. We would like to congratulate the following team of students: Fynn Neeley-Grant, Isabella George, Ora Mead, Vishwaa Alagappan, Jack Duggan and James Tait Dreaver for their hard work.

On Wednesday 15 August six Year 5/6 students from Team Kahikatea represented the school at the annual Inter-schools Mathswell competition held at Karori West. We made it into the Cup division which meant we were in the top ten schools for our zone. We would like to congratulate the following team of students: Fred Smith, Leo Cheng, Tom Tait Dreaver, Pita Goodall-Riley, Siddharth Jog, and Vihaan Kapoor for working so well together and achieving a commendable 6th place in the finals. Also thank you to Lucas McDonald for being a reserve for the team.

NIWA Science Fair



On Thursday the 29th of August the following students represented KNS at the NIWA Science Fair Competition at Victoria University. Thomas, Arabella and Zara, Rosie and Rose, Gaby and Isabelle, Molly and Thomas, Mia, Giselle and Jessica, Arabella and Holly, Fynn and Alex, Millie and Emma, and Ora. All students spoke confidently to the judges about the importance of a fair test and how their findings could benefit future thinking. Ora Mead received a prize from Victoria University of Wellington School of Engineering and Computer Science and Molly Morgan and Thomas Le received a prize from the Wellington City Libraries.

All students worked hard to create science investigations ranging from the benefits of console gaming for hand-eye coordination, efficient composting methods, how the human digestive system works, utilising waste energy, and so many more! The 13 KNS entries cover a wide range of scientific theory and experimentation. Well done to these students who worked extremely hard to conduct such thorough investigations over the last term and a half. Thanks to Miss Flintoff for taking the group through how to plan and carry out a fair test and research the science behind the investigations.

Andrea Peetz
Deputy Principal

Artsplash Choir and Dancesplash 2019

Artsplash Choir - Monday 16 September, 7:30pm, Michael Fowler Centre

Dancesplash - Thursday 19 September, 7:45pm, Michael Fowler Centre

The purchasing of Artsplash Choir and Dancesplash concerts tickets on Kindo has closed. If you wish to purchase your allocated tickets and pay for bus you will need to arrange for cash payments to be given to the office before 3pm Thursday 12th September. There are also some spare tickets for sale, first in first served. This will be cash payments only.

If any KNS performing arts shirts are sitting in drawers at home, please send them to Room 22.

Kane O'Connell

Arts Co-ordinator

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 12 September

Friday 13 September

Monday 16 September

Tuesday 17 September

Wednesday 18 September

Mattias B & Ollie A Rm 25

Elsie B & Grace S Rm 24

Flo M & Zara B Rm 33

Rosie C & Serena L Rm 23A

Emma B & Millie M Rm 34

Sports News

Kia waimaire (good luck) to the number of students representing KNS at several events this week

- Pike ake Poitarawhiti netball tournament on Wednesday 11th September @ ASB Centre
- Interzone Swimming sports @ Kilbirnie Pool on Thursday 12th September

Wellington Primary and Intermediate Tennis Tournament

- Girls Tuesday 17th September (ppt) Friday 28th September
- Boys Wednesday 18th & possibly Thursday 19th September

The organisation for this has been sent out the families involved.

KNS Year 4 - 6 Athletics

Early next term the Year 4 - 6 students have their athletics day on Wednesday 23rd October (ppt) Wednesday 30th October.

Once again we will be looking for a number of parent helpers to support us throughout the day.

Please look out for the google form in next weeks newsletter to indicate if you can help out.

If you have any questions with this please do not hesitate to contact me on mpresland@kns.school.nz

Weetbix Tryathlon 2020

Registrations for this event is now open. You can register under KNS again using the following link

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35582&G=99885>

This is for the event on Sunday 15th March @ 8am

Margaret Presland

Sports Co-ordinator

PTA News



Thank you to everyone who has been munching their way through fruit and collecting yummy stickers for new sports equipment this year. It is now time to return your sticker sheets to the school office- all sheets are welcome whether full or partially completed. Please return them by September 18th at the latest. Thanks from the PTA



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