

# 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

25 Sep PTA Meeting 7.30pm  
26 Sep Inter-Regional Cross Country  
26 Sep Year 4 Swimming Carnival

#### Term 4

17 Oct NZ Shake Out 1.30pm  
19 Oct KNS Gala 11am -2pm  
23 Oct Year 4 – 6 Athletics (pp 30<sup>th</sup> Oct)  
23 Oct BOT Meeting 6.30pm  
28 Oct Labour Day Observed  
6 Nov Gardasil Immunisation (Year 8s)  
8 Nov Western Zone Athletics (pp 15<sup>th</sup> Nov)  
13 Nov New Entrants Open Morning 9.30am  
20 Nov BOT Meeting 6.30pm  
21 Nov New Entrants Photo Day  
26 Nov Interzone Athletics (pp 28<sup>th</sup> Nov)  
28 Nov Year 7/8 Formal Dance  
3 Dec Regional Athletics  
16 Dec Year 8 Leavers Function  
18 Dec Team Akakura Assembly 9.15am  
18 Dec BOT Meeting 6.30pm  
19 Dec Last Day of School 12.30pm

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

### BOT News

Welcome to the following new pupils: Felix, Bruno, Flynn and Lucco.

### From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

Last week we had a huge focus on the performing arts at KNS and it continues this week with our Year 7 & 8 Showcase.

On Monday 16 September 168 children performed at the Michael Fowler Centre as part of the Art Splash Choir and on Thursday 19 September, 178 children took part in Dance Splash at the same venue. Those of you who access our school Facebook page may have seen the videos of both events.

Many thanks to James Appleton, Lisa Hadfield, Kath Walrond, Helena Henley, Maria Gorrie, Jo Stevens, Fiona Alcock, Alice Gilroy, Treena Tiller and Margaret Wallis for providing the opportunity for children to participate in Dance Splash. Preparing for this event has taken up many lunchtimes and morning teas and I am very grateful for their enthusiasm, commitment and expertise. It's also great to see so many of our children taking up the chance to perform in front of such a large audience. They challenged themselves, worked hard and were rewarded with success.

A huge thank you also to the following staff who worked with our Artsplash Choir, Jacqueline Ward, Michele Mills, Gemma Bryant, Jacqui Croft, Wilhelmina Wooff and Kane O'Connell. Once again, our children performed very well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of singing in front of a large audience. Again it is wonderful to see children committing to practice, loving music and being rewarded with the success that comes from pushing yourself out of your comfort zone and working hard.

Special thanks must also go to Kane O'Connell our arts coordinator. Kane's amazing organisation and passion for the arts ensures that KNS is always a strong presence at the weeklong Art Splash Festival. We are very fortunate at KNS to have teachers who are prepared to 'go the extra mile' to provide these opportunities for our children. This has been commented on by a number of teaching colleagues from other schools that I have 'bumped into', since the Art Splash Festival.

I was fortunate last night to attend the Year 7 & 8 Showcase. The showcase was entirely child; led, produced and performed and it was outstanding. It was another great example of our teachers teaching our children to; 'step out of their comfort zone', learn new skills, demonstrate growth mindset and resilience when things aren't easy, overcome the nerves of performing to an audience and be able to reflect on a job well done with satisfaction. These are skills that will be of huge value to them no matter what career they eventually pursue.



### **Kiss and Drop Coordinator 2020 – Can you help?**

Suzanne Woodley is standing down as the organiser of the Kiss & Drop roster at the end of this year, as her youngest child is heading to college. We need a Kiss and Drop Coordinator for 2020, this involves confirming the availability of volunteers each term and sending out a reminder to those rostered on for the week ahead, every Sunday. The coordinator just needs to be reasonably organised and know how to use a spreadsheet. The volunteer group as a whole takes responsibility for filling in when a volunteer is unable to help at their rostered time so the onus is not on the organiser to always fill in as well.

Suzanne is organising the term 4 roster but we need someone else to organise it for term 1, 2020. To do this they would need to be on board by the middle of November so there is sufficient time to organise it before school finishes.

If this sounds like a role you could take on to help ensure that our children remain safe on Donald St please contact me, [ckelly@kns.school.nz](mailto:ckelly@kns.school.nz).

### **2020 Class Lists Development Process**

A separate newsletter will be sent home today, which outlines the process for the development of classes for 2020, please read this carefully and take note of the deadlines. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Year 0 to Year 7 Children Not Returning to KNS in 2020**

We have begun planning our staffing and class organisation for 2020. 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](mailto:vlewington@kns.school.nz) informing her of your child’s last day at KNS and which school he/she will be attending in 2020. 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 2020.

### **Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)**

**Ki te puku mahi, kia u te angitu** – Work hard to succeed.

A thought to share with your children:

*“Resisting change is like trying to hold your breath, even if you’re successful, it won’t end well.” (Lau Tzu)*

Ngā Mihi

**Conrad Kelly**  
**Principal**

### **Normal School's Conference Pōwhiri**

Last Wednesday some members of our Extension Kapa Haka group represented our school at a pōwhiri to welcome guests and attendees of the Normal Schools' Conference. With the guidance of Hemi Prime and Adrienne Troughton they worked brilliantly with Raroa Intermediate and Kelburn School. They should be proud of their efforts.

**Wilhelmina Wooff**  
**Tikanga Māori Co-ordinator**



## BOT News

The KNS Board met on 17 September.

This month, Conrad presented a progress report on KNS's 'culture of care' Charter goal. This goal was presented as 'on track', and the upcoming parent/caregiver and staff surveys will provide quantitative feedback. There are many techniques now being utilised across the school that are ensuring the wellbeing of students, to allow learning.

The Board also discussed the renovation of the school. The Ministry of Education has set up a 'project steering group' (PSG). Board Chair Bronwyn Barberel and Board member Simon Johnson, along with Conrad, are the KNS representatives on the PSG. The design phase has started, with the first thing being a Ministry-appointed design lead. A number of design firms are visiting the school before they reply to the RFP for the work.

ERO (the Education Review Office) has notified KNS that it will be evaluating the school in the week beginning 4 November. Because KNS received a very positive review last time, this is the first ERO visit since 2015. The Board has to provide a significant amount of information to ERO before the review, and it discussed that at the meeting.

The Board will meet again on Wednesday 23 October at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Board meetings are open to the public.

## School News

### Bottle Store bottles made easy

Themed \$1 "decorate it yourself" Bottle Stall bottles will be available for sale at the Office from Tuesday onwards till sold out. Come before school, lunchtime and after school. Limited numbers so get in quick.



## 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](mailto:apeetz@kns.school.nz).

**Thursday 26 September**

**Friday 27 September**

**Term Break**

**Monday 14 October**

**Tuesday 15 October**

**Wednesday 16 October**

**Beatrix E & Michelle DC Rm 26**

**Ora M Rm 35 & Thomas L Rm 34**

**Beatrix E & Michelle DC Rm 26**

**Callum C & Fred I Rm 23A**

**Mattias B & Ollie A Rm 25**

**St Mary's College** is finalising enrolments for Y9 students 2020 - limited preference places are available. If you would like more information please contact our enrolment team at [office@stmw.school.nz](mailto:office@stmw.school.nz). or (04) 473 5554.

## Sports News

### Year 4 - 6 Athletics

**Wednesday 23rd October (ppt) Wednesday 30th October**

We are currently planning the Year 4/5/6 Athletics day in Term 4 and you will receive more information regarding this closer to the time.

This will take place on Wednesday 23rd October (ppt) Wednesday 30th October at Ben Burn Park from 9am - 2:45pm.

As athletics is a major event on our school sports calendar we will require a number of parent helpers for this day. We also understand that it is a great opportunity to see your child/ren participate in a range of events. So in order to accommodate both options we have 3 different choices for parent help.

These include

1. Helping out in the morning (Including helping with set up and the first 3 rounds 9am - 11:30am)
2. Helping out in the afternoon (Last 3 rounds 11:30 - 1:55pm and helping with packing up)
3. Helping out all day (9am - 1:55pm)

We will require at least 3 parents to stay on from 1:55 - 2:55pm to help at the sprint finals. If you are available to help out please let me know.

If you are able to help out with any of this can you please complete the following google form as soon as possible.

#### Google form

<https://forms.gle/L9WUkaHHJXGm53Yw9>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on [mpresland@kns.school.nz](mailto:mpresland@kns.school.nz)

### Inter Regional Cross Country

Good luck to the KNS students representing Wellington at the Inter regional cross country event in Hanmer Springs.

### 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

### Events for Term 4

- **KNS Year 4 - 6 Athletics** - Wednesday 23rd October  
(ppt) Wednesday 30th October  
Ben Burn Park

- **Western Zone Athletics** - Friday 8th November  
(ppt) Friday 15th November  
Newtown Park

- **Interzone Athletics** - Tuesday 26th November  
(ppt) Thursday 28th November  
Newtown Park

- **Regional Athletics** - Tuesday 3rd December  
(ppt) TBC  
Newtown Park

**Margaret Presland**  
[mpresland@kns.school.nz](mailto:mpresland@kns.school.nz)



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please fill out the [Google Form](#) if you can help on GALA DAY.  
[There are still a few weekend jobs to fill as well as weekday jobs before the gala to help sort or to help sell, on the Friday before the gala we have jobs through the school day and gala day jobs. Every job counts!!!!](#)  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcogi1JLP7N66IymBHHRPX\\_y0PVDfa7eVDM9tzIbkrw6aUxw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcogi1JLP7N66IymBHHRPX_y0PVDfa7eVDM9tzIbkrw6aUxw/viewform)

#### **JOIN THE SIZZLERS!!!! KNS BBQ TEAM 2019:**

A couple of things to note this year:

1. After a great run we're shelving the BLTs in favour of more burgers, which will run at both top and bottom stations. Those with Burger expertise will be shared around for training.
2. Looks like we might have some shelter up top with a gazebo. Yay!
3. If anything goes wrong, it's always Spencer's fault...

Please forward around. Everyone is welcome and we always need more people. Google signup sheet below:  
[Sausage Sizzle Sign Up](#)

#### **PRE-LOVED HOUSEHOLD GOODS WANTED!**

**Drop-off times for donations of household goods: 1-4pm, Sunday 29 September and Sunday 13 October**

We invite you to bring in your unwanted books, toys, games and sports equipment, indoor and outdoor furniture, tools, kitchenware, linen, cushions, ornaments, art and other goods. We're looking for items that are clean, safe and in reasonable condition. Electrical goods must be in safe working order and car seats, helmets, and expired or damaged safety equipment are not for us.

Please donate at these times and avoid leaving goods outside the hall when it's closed - we want your goods sold at the gala, not weather-damaged or snaffled by 'opportunists'!

**BOTTLE STALL:** It's that time of year to begin crafting and creating for the KNS Gala's bottle stall. Fill up a bottle, jar or any other vessel with an intriguing prize, although please avoid fizzy drinks and nuts. Bottles are to be well sealed. **Please avoid monstrosities as storage space is limited.**

**Prizes for the 25 most creative bottles.**

**Bottle totals ... displayed around the school, updated regularly.**

**Please leave bottles in your classrooms.** Students from Room 22 will collect each Friday morning.

*Final day for collection and judging will be the morning of Friday 18 October, the day before the 2019 KNS Gala.*

**SWEET STALL: Donations of sugar and condensed milk are needed for the Sweet Stall.**

There will be a box in the office where you can drop things off. All donations are gratefully received. Also, if you are keen to make fudge, toffee apples, or any other sweet, please email Kirstie and Kim ([kmdmorgan@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:kmdmorgan@yahoo.co.nz)). *Recipes can be supplied.*

**BABY & TODDLER STALL:** Thank you for the donations we have already received! We are still looking for clean, well presented baby gears that are in sell-able condition.

**Please leave at 2 Baxter Way, on the front doorstep under cover.**

Enquiries email Hannah, Heather and Samantha: [hlcarty@gmail.com](mailto:hlcarty@gmail.com) or [driessadesigns@gmail.com](mailto:driessadesigns@gmail.com)

**GALA TOYS:** Do you enjoy sorting and organizing? Do you like Toys? Every year, many, many toys are donated to sell at the Gala. We have a lovely group of people that help carry, sort, price and sell them, and we need more people. It is a fun job, and you can help as much or as little as you are able to. *The times that we need help are:*

- First and last Sunday afternoon of the holidays - carrying the toys from the hall and starting to sort them out.
- Anytime in the first week of term 4, sorting.
- Friday afternoon, 18th October, moving the toys to the Gala rooms and setting them out, and pricing.
- Saturday 19th October, 11am - 2pm, selling toys in the two Gala Toys rooms.

If you can help on one, or two, or more of these times, please e-mail me on [Annie.Whiterod@icloud.com](mailto:Annie.Whiterod@icloud.com)

**CRAFT STALL:** Make sure you come by the Craft Stall in room 9 (during the gala) to check out our wonderful selection of handmade items. We'll have plenty of things for everyone, and great gift ideas too: tote bags, pencil cases, toiletry bags, cards, hats, painted rocks, baby bibs, summer sleep sacks, scrunchies, hair ties, key rings, juggling balls, cushions and much more.

**DESIGNER CLOTHING STALL: The Designer clothing stall is accepting donations NOW.**

Do you need to have a spring clear-out or make some space for the new season's wardrobe? Do you have outfits that were bought for a one-time event, or internet purchases that didn't quite work? Or maybe you're getting into sustainable fashion. They don't need to be 'uber-labels' – but we want those too! Please ensure that clothes and shoes are CLEAN and in GOOD condition – no rips or stains, and no pyjamas or underwear. Thank you.

**You can drop off your items at 13 Firth Tce (leave on the front doorstep or behind the garage to the side).**

And if you are interested in helping out with this stall – please contact Kim ([kimandnev@hotmail.com](mailto:kimandnev@hotmail.com))

**CHILDRENS CLOTHING STALL:**

The **FINAL** day for any donations to the Children's Clothing Stall is **FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER.**

We kindly won't accept any more donations after this date.

**Clothes must be dropped to 40 Duthie Street Karori, not the school. MANY THANKS!!**

**GARDENING STALL:** Come and join us at the gardening stall! We are looking for a few people who can do one day of watering per week after school - it will take less than 30 minutes. We meet on a Sunday afternoon at 2pm every two weeks to sow seeds and transplant and you do not have to come to every session. Its quite sociable as we do it together. We also accept plants if you have any to donate. Contact [abbiemilburn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:abbiemilburn@yahoo.co.uk) if you are interested in joining in or you have plants to donate.

**ADULTS CLOTHING: SEEKING A CO-CONVENOR** Lorna Ingram, the current convenor, will continue but it is time get some new ideas on how we can make this stall work even better!

Please contact Lorna if you are interested in being a Co-Convenor or are keen to join the team of helpers setting up or selling. [lornajingram@gmail.com](mailto:lornajingram@gmail.com) or 021 567627

**SMOOTHIE STALL:** We need more blenders to make superlicious smoothies.

Please contact Wilhelmina if you are able to give, or lend a blender.

Email address is [wooff@kns.school.nz](mailto:wooff@kns.school.nz)

**DELI STALL:** Last call out for the Deli stall... We are looking for a few more people to make Jam. Jam is amazingly much easier to make that you might think. We have sugar and jars. All you will need to provide is your time and some fruit (frozen fruit works a treat).

Please contact Annie on 021 158 0391 or [annie\\_spanny@hotmail.com](mailto:annie_spanny@hotmail.com) if you think you can help out.



**Please help the Lob-O-Choc Gala stall!**

We are collecting large bars of chocolate NOW!  
 For every bar of chocolate donated, you will receive a ticket for a free turn at the Lob-O-Choc on Gala day.  
 Please deliver chocolate to the office to collect your ticket.

**Thanks for your support!**

**NOTICES:** If you have a notice to be included in the next gala newsletter, please email [kns gala@sandbox.co.nz](mailto:kns gala@sandbox.co.nz) .

Thank you to our new sponsors Ben Cartwright and Jane Edmonds for sponsoring this year Gala.

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