

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

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

27 Feb PTA Meeting 7.30pm

1 Mar Family Picnic 5-7pm

3 Mar Year 7/8 Netball Trials 2-5pm

6 Mar New Entrants Open Morning

10 Mar Year 7/8 Netball Trials 2-5pm

14 Mar Year 7/8 Athletics Day pp 21 Mar

14 Mar Quiz Night 7pm OFB

19 Mar Year 1/2/3 Athletics Day pp 26 Mar

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

29 Mar Ultimate Challenge

**3 Apr Team Kahikatea Celebration Assembly
9am – 10am**

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: Iroha, Sena and Titan.

From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

It was great to be able to share the property news with you all this morning, there are exciting times ahead. The MoE's commitment to KNS is the result of many meetings and discussions and I am very grateful for the ongoing support of successive KNS Boards of Trustees and the patience of our staff and community.

Our Board of Trustees met last week, please find included in this newsletter a summary of the other items we discussed, apart from property.

As outlined in previous newsletters this year, we have 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)

Please find below an overview of our plans for 2019 in relation to our second goal – Care and Resilience are Fostered (A Culture of Care)

- *Children developing greater resilience and perseverance, understanding that mistakes are opportunities to learn and that challenge and a 'growth mindset' are important elements in learning.* – We will continue our focus on helping our children understand the need to build resilience and a growth mindset; E kore te tangata e pakiri i runga i te wai marino – A person who remains in calm waters will never get strong. We received valuable feedback in the 2018 parent/caregiver survey that we need to improve how we communicate with you what we are doing in this area, so that you can support and enhance the work we are doing at school.
- *Kāhui Ako focus on children's well-being* – 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). We believe that children who are feeling good about themselves and feeling that school is a safe place will achieve better both in and out of school.

- *Kāhui Ako focus on embracing and celebrating the diverse languages, cultures and identities of our children* – We want all our children to feel that their school welcomes them for who they are and that our school reflects the rich cultural make-up of our community. We believe that over time this will help us overcome disparity between the achievements of different groups at all schools across the Kāhui Ako.

- *The provision of a safe emotional and physical environment* – Continue our focus on improving our processes around health and safety and the development of a culture where everyone takes responsibility for keeping themselves and others safe both physically and emotionally. Feedback in the 2018 parent/caregiver survey indicates that you feel we do well in this area, but there are aspects which we could improve.

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.

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

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:

“When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something; you have to do something.” (John Lewis)

Conrad Kelly
Principal

BOT News

The Board of Trustees met on 19 February for our first meeting of the year. Particularly for those who are new to the school, find out more about what a Board of Trustees does [here](#).

What is the school's focus in 2019?

Last week's newsletter set out the main areas the school will be focusing on in 2019. These are detailed in the KNS [Charter](#) document. In the February meeting the Board spent considerable time working through the content that needs to be updated for 2019 – the Annual Plan. Here's how it all connects.

Last year we developed three goals for the school relevant to the three year period 2018 to 2020. These are:

- Every child's achievement grows (learning)
- Care and resilience are fostered (a culture of care)
- We all make KNS a better place (stewardship, community and partnership).

The goals are refreshed every three years.

Each year the Board agrees on the actions that will be worked on so we can reach our goals. These are set out in the Annual Plan part of the Charter document. We specify how we will know we have been successful (measures). We use the information from the previous year's surveys to help us: parents', staff, in-year exit, and year 8 leavers' surveys are all reviewed.

Also specified are targets for reading, writing, and mathematics for particular year groups. We look at past results to help frame up the targets. The Board takes a monthly in-depth look at goal progress in a rotating order, with a mid-year check point as well, to ensure we remain on track and can adjust focus if necessary.

A round up of results is captured in the annual Principal and Board Chairperson's [report](#). We know from this process that KNS children achieve to a very high standard as a group and we also know where we can make improvements to keep making progress.

Board of Trustee elections in 2019

Elections are scheduled for May/June this year. We'll be communicating more with you about the elections over the next months. Many current Board members won't be standing for re-election, so now is the time to think whether standing is something you would like to do. The Board secretary position will also need a new volunteer (no election involved). Check out this information about possible election [timelines](#) and introductory guidance on [trusteeship](#). You can also contact any of us for a chat.

Who we are

Find out more about the KNS 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

Lunch – Hells Pizza

As of 1st March, the cost of pizza will be increasing to \$6.

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 – apectz@kns.school.nz.

Thursday 28 Feb

Friday 1 Mar

Monday 4 Mar

Tuesday 5 Mar

Wednesday 6 Mar

Ruby D & Zac L Rm 33

Susannah E & Gabrielle H Rm 25

Jessica C & Sophia VA Rm 17

Beatrix E & Michelle DC Rm 26

Ella C & Eden F Rm 24

Sports News

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

On Tuesday 26th February we had approximately 70 students attend the Western Zone Cricket Tournament at Karori Park. The focus of the day was about experiencing cricket in a fun environment. It was a fantastic day with some great cricket played and lots of fun had by all.

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to support the teams, help umpire, score and manage the team. Without your help and support we wouldn't have provided this opportunity to all the students.

Please have students return any KNS shirts to Room 35 as soon as possible.

Competitive Cricket.

KNS have entered 2 teams into the competitive cricket tournament in term 1. We wish them the best of luck with their upcoming games.

We would also like to thank the coaches for the 2 teams. We really appreciate all the time that is required for this tournament and without your help we wouldn't be able to enter teams into this competition.

The Year 5 & 6 team will play

- Thorndan School @ Ben Burn Park on Friday 1st March. Start time 10am
- St Teresa's School @ Ben Burn Park. Date to be confirmed.

The Year 7 & 8 Team will play

- Wellesley College @ Ian Galloway Park on Friday 1st March. Start time 9:30am
- Wadestown School @ Ian Galloway Park on Monday 4th March. Start time 9:30am
- St Teresa's School @ Ian Galloway Park on Monday 4th March. Start time 12:00pm

Weetbix Tryathlon.

Wellington event is SOLD OUT!

This event will take place on Sunday 17th March at Kilbirnie Park.

We currently have 100 students who have enrolled to take part and good luck to them all enjoy the amazing experience
If there are any families attending the Weetbix Tryathlon this year that would be happy to take down the school flag and set up a little base and meeting point for our school can you please get in contact with me on mpresland@kns.school.nz
Thank you

Ripper Rugby Year 5 - 6 2019

KNS are interested in sending a competitive team to the Wellington National Ripper Championship Qualifier

This will be a one day tournament held on **Tuesday 7th May (ppt) Thursday 9th May.**

Venue to be confirmed

Teams must meet the following criteria if they wish to be eligible to qualify for the National Ripper Championship:

- Teams Composition - 7 players plus 3 substitutes
- Team composition - Mixed teams of 5 girls and 5 boys with a minimum of 3 girls on the field at any one time
- Grades - **Year 5 & 6 combined**
- All players must be registered online before the tournament

We are looking for any parents/caregivers who is interested in coaching this team or teams for this event and who will be able to be there on the day with the team. We would like them to have a trial if necessary, take trainings and as mentioned, be there on the day with the team. The Winners of this tournament go through to the National Ripper Championship.

We will need to know as soon as possible as if any parent/s are interested in taking this on as registrations are limited and we need to be prepared for when registrations are due.

Once we have organised coach/es then we will ask for student interest and know the number of students who are interested.

If you are interested please email me on mpresland@kns.school.nz and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

KNS Athletics

KNS Year 1 - 3 Athletics

Ben Burn Park

Tuesday 19th March

ppt Tuesday 26th March

Please note the change in dates

KNS Year 7 & 8 Athletics

Ben Burn Park

Thursday 14th March

ppt Thursday 21st March

A notice for parent helpers and more information will be coming out soon. Please look out for these as we will require a number of parent helpers for these days.

PTA News

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

**Anyone keen for an affordable FAMILY PHOTO session with Inspire Photography?
Save the date 23 and 24 March**



Inspire Photography will be coming to Karori Normal School to photograph families between 9am and 4pm on Saturday 23rd March and in the morning of 24th March.

Inspire Photography is an award-winning, Wellington-based professional photography studio who specialise in portrait, wedding and commercial photography. We will be offering family portrait mini sessions 15 minutes

Book a session now at <https://goo.gl/forms/SJBdeHtVBU0qqiRr2>

More details to follow in early March or via kns.pta@gmail.com