

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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2019 Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 14 Oct – Thursday 19 Dec
School ends at 12:30pm

2020 Term Dates

Term 1 Tuesday 4 Feb – Thursday 9 Apr
Term 2 Tuesday 28 Apr – Friday 3 Jul
Term 3 Monday 20 Jul – Friday 25 Sept
Term 4 Monday 12 Oct – Wednesday 16 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

27 Nov	PTA Meeting
28 Nov	Year 7 Formal Dance 6pm – 7.45pm Year 8 Formal Dance 7.15pm – 9pm
29 Nov	Team Kahikatea City Gallery/Te Papa Visit
2 Dec	Team Akakura Science in Van
3 Dec	Regional Athletics
3 Dec	Pack the Bus
5 Dec	Team Kahikatea Nga Manu Reserve
6 Dec	Team Kahikatea ASB Sports Centre
9 Dec	Team Kahikatea Johnson Hill Walk
10 Dec	Rm 26, 28 & 29 Swimming Safety
12 Dec	Rm 16, 17, 22 & 23 Swimming Safety
12 Dec	Team Pohutukawa Final Open Morning 9am
12 Dec	Year 5-8 Performing Arts Cushion Concert 6.30pm – Samuel Marsden College
13 Dec	Team Kahikatea Final Assembly 9.15am
16 Dec	Year 8 Leavers Function
17 Dec	Team Kowhai Botanical Gardens Trip
17 Dec	Team Kowhai End of Year Concert 1.45pm
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

Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupils: B Nellalayil Manoj, I Abdi, M Abdi & M Abdi.

From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

Last Friday morning we welcomed 30 teachers from Wellington College (WC) and Wellington Girls' College (WGC) to KNS. These were all teachers who will be teaching Year 9s at the colleges in 2020. It was a great way for them to hear about and see the programmes we offer in Year 7 and 8 and most importantly interact with our children, most of whom will be attending WGC or WC in 2020 or the following year. The visit was arranged through our involvement in Te Kāhui Ako o Whanganui a Tara.

KNS is very fortunate to be working so closely with these colleges and it can only be of benefit to our children as they transition to the next stage in their education. You can find out more about the Kāhui Ako on our school website; <http://www.kns.school.nz/7/pages/73-te-kahui-ako-o-te-whanganui-a-tara>

School Donations

The Board of Trustees met last Wednesday evening, a summary of the main points of from the meeting is included in this newsletter. One of the matters discussed was school donations. Currently about 20% of our income is generated from parent/caregiver fundraising, including the school donation. It would be hard to imagine how we could provide the resources and programmes that we do without the substantial support we receive from our parent/caregiver community. Many thanks to those of you who have already paid the donation for this year. If you have not yet paid the donation please consider paying even a portion of the amount.

Evacuation Plan - Reminder

In case of a major emergency e.g. we need to ensure that children are safely collected from school. Our plan for the safe collection of children is called our 'family reunification plan'. Key points from this plan are:

- If we decide to implement the family reunification plan we will try to inform parents/caregivers of the decision to release children from school using the school's normal communication channels where possible.
- Children will remain at school until they have been collected by one of the people authorised to collect them i.e. no child will be released from school unless they are accompanied by an authorised person.

- Parents/caregivers are to provide the school with the names of at least two other people who are authorised to collect their children in case of an emergency.
- The release of children with an authorised person will take place in an orderly and controlled manner from the astro-turf.

If you are unsure who you have authorised to collect your children or if your contact details have changed recently, please contact the school office team, office@kns.school.nz or 4767209.

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

He manga wai koia kia kore e whitikia – It is a big river that cannot be crossed

This whakataukī promotes the concept that difficulties can be surmounted.

A thought to share with your children:

“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.” (Dale Carnegie)

Ngā Mihi

Conrad Kelly
Principal

BOT News

Summary of 20 November 2019 BoT meeting

The KNS Board met on 20 November.

The Board wishes to thank the parent and caregiver community for the high number of responses to the recent parent/caregiver survey. Survey responses are important because they help to determine what the Board will focus on throughout the year. Board members will soon begin analysing the feedback.

Reviewers from ERO (the Education Review Office) were on site at KNS during the first week of November. ERO expects to publish its report early next year. An ERO review can place an extra burden on staff and the Board is grateful to all KNS staff for the positive way in which they responded to the review.

The Board was pleased to note that the Ministry of Education has appointed architecture firm Stephenson & Turner for KNS’s renovations. Schools are a big part of S&T’s work. We’re still a long way from breaking ground, but it is exciting to note that S&T is already working on a master (conceptual) plan.

Board members spoke about KNS’s cultural responsiveness strategy. They agreed that they need to play a role in this too, if they expect it of the staff and students. At the next meeting, Conrad is going to report to the Board on the school’s strategy. Board member Nicole Rex is going to help Board members practice their mihi.

The Board will meet again on Wednesday 18 December at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Board meetings are open to the public.

School News

Clothing Donation for Women’s Refuge

Dear Whanau,

As part of an in-class project, we are looking for clothing donations for women’s refuge. Please do not feel obligated to donate, however, if you would like to help our cause, between the dates, 25/11 and 11/12, please bring any clothing to Room 23a.

Ngā Mihi,

Amanda and Isabelle

Thank you so much for supporting our cause.

REMINDER **Year 7/8 Dance** - Thursday the 28th of November

Sign in outside Rooms 24/25

Year 7's 6 pm - 7:45 pm (collected from Room 24/25)

Year 8's 7:15 pm - 9 pm (collected from Hall)

No child will be allowed to leave without an adult.

- Room **23a** please bring water
- Room **33** please bring juice or fizzy
- Rooms **24 and 34** please bring something savoury (we will not be heating anything)
- Rooms **25 and 35** please bring something sweet (NOT LOLLIES please)

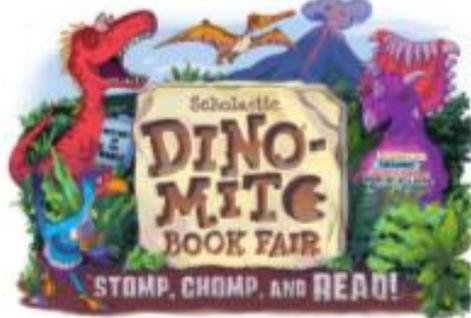
Nut free please. If the food caters for allergies please label this on your plate.

Charlie Bauer and The Clash of the Classes Committee

Scholastic Book Fair on this week!

An opportunity to **buy Christmas presents, help our school library and help others in need.**

Remember this year you can buy an extra book to donate to children in **Kiribati** and any extra points earned will be used to purchase books for a **New Zealand school**, one which would benefit from a few extra books.



The Book Fair is open each day from **8.30am to 9.30am**, and from **2.30pm to 3.30pm**. **Today** the Book Fair is open late **until 5pm**. The Fair will also be open this **Friday until 5pm**, so you could shop before netball on Friday night. Eftpos is available. There is also some other great news about the Book Fair – we are now expecting 25 copies of the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid book – **Wrecking Ball** (\$16) and the **Minecraft 2020 Annual** (\$21). Just let Mary know if you would like one put aside for you.



Tuesday, 3 December

Any donation is amazing and always greatly appreciated. We've also included some examples below of the types of items The Wellington City Mission need extra help with this year:

DON'T MISS THE BUS!

MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR WELLINGTON FAMILIES IN NEED.
Each year since 1992 Pack The Bus has helped tens of thousands of Wellington families by collecting non-perishable food items, games, toys, toiletries, retail vouchers and so much more through our community.

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE VISITING SCHOOLS BETWEEN 2ND - 6TH OF DECEMBER AND WE WANT TO VISIT YOUR SCHOOL!

To be part of Pack The Bus 2019 please contact Jessmanthey@mediaworks.co.nz. Please send through your first date and time preference as well as your second so we can slot you into this year's PACK THE BUS!



Essential Items:

Spreads and Muesli bars
Weetbix, Oats & Muesli
Sugar and Milk Powder
Pasta Sauce
Tinned Soup/fish/meat
Biscuits and Crackers
Body Wash and Deodorant
Baby Food, Wipes and Nappies
Laundry Powder and Dishwashing Liquid

Christmas Items:

Small Christmas Cakes
Fancy biscuits/crackers
Fancy relishes/sauces
Salts/roasted nuts
Chippies
Toiletries for the whole family
Retail vouchers

Toys: (new toys only please - and unwrapped)

Construction Toys - Lego/Meccano
Art equipment
Educational toys and books
Puzzles
Baby toys for 0-2yr olds
Diaries/Calendars
Board games

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 28 November
Friday 29 November
Monday 2 December
Tuesday 3 December
Wednesday 4 December

Mattias B & Ollie A Rm 25
Angus C & William B Rm 33
Elsie B & Grace S Rm 24
Thomas TD & Sydney G Rm 29
Jessica C & Katarina M Rm 35

PTA News



Frozen 2 - KNS PTA Movie Fundraiser

(raising funds for learning resources)

3.30 pm Sat 30th Nov - The Penthouse - \$17.50pp

<https://kns-frozen2-tickets.eventbrite.co.nz>



KNS School WINE FUNDRAISER

Karori Normal School's Parent Teacher Association is fundraising to buy a robot! No, seriously, we're wanting to buy a Bee-Bot Education Robot, which can be used to help children learn about algorithms and simple computer programming.



Ōhau Wines is helping us raise funds through the sale of their award-winning wines. For every six-pack purchased online, Ōhau Wines will donate \$10 to the school's Bee-Bot fund.

As a supporter, you will receive a discount on your order and free delivery within New Zealand!

Follow these four simple steps:

- 1.) Visit the Shop page at www.ohauwines.co.nz.
- 2.) Make your wine selection and proceed to check out.
- 3.) Enter the promotional code word below, before proceeding to payment.
- 4.) Receive wine, and enjoy!

DISCOUNT CODE WORD : **KNS2019**



The winery is local as it is in Ohau at the Kapiti Coast. You can even go there for a wine tasting if you wanted to try before you buy.