

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

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
27 Mar AGM & PTA Meeting 7.30pm
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: Mila.

From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

Thank you to our fantastic PTA for their organisation of the first annual KNS Family Picnic last Friday. We had wonderful weather and a great turn-out of families.

Later today you will receive an email regarding the upcoming Board of Trustees elections, please don't hesitate to contact one of the board if you would like further information.

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 third goal – "We all make KNS a better place (Stewardship, Community and Partnership)"

- *Provision of an environment which caters for the learning and well-being of our children and staff.* – You are aware that we have received some very positive news from the Ministry of Education on the property front. We will be working with the ministry this year on the design phase of the work to be undertaken at the school. In addition our landscaping group has plans to continue to improve our exterior environment and we will continue with the upgrade of classroom furniture as well as replacing staffroom furniture.
- *The board has the information necessary to make sound financial and resourcing decisions.* – The board will continue to implement and refine our financial planning processes to ensure that we continue to have a well-resourced school.

- *Children, staff and parents/caregivers feel proud and positive about their school.* – We want to ensure that we continue to listen to our community and communicate effectively with you, this year we are intending to investigate how we might use social media to assist with this particularly, in keeping you updated regarding the many events which take place at KNS each week.

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.

Vis Tab - Sign In and Sign Out System

You are probably aware that last year we began using the Vis Tab system; <https://www.vistab.co.nz/our-customers/vistab-for-schools/>. The Vis Tab replaced the sign in and late books we used to have at the office and it has certainly improved our processes in this area. We use the system to:

- Sign out children who are leaving during the school day e.g. for appointments
- Sign in children who are late and missed the class roll call or those returning to school after appointments etc.
- The system is set up on a tablet at the main school office and is overseen by the office team.
- All children's names and room numbers are loaded onto the system.
- When children sign in or out they begin to type their name, then options of names (including room numbers) which begin with those initial letters appear on the screen, they choose their own name and follow the prompts to either sign in or sign out.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, ckelly@kns.school.nz, if you have any questions about the system or if you would prefer that your child's information is not loaded onto the system.

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)

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

A thought to share with your children:

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." (Thomas A. Edison)

Conrad Kelly
Principal

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 – apeetz@kns.school.nz.

Thursday 7 Mar

Friday 8 Mar

Monday 11 Mar

Tuesday 12 Mar

Wednesday 13 Mar

Gabrielle H & Emily H Rm 25

Anna T & Georgia P Rm 34

Grace S Rm 24 & Stella F Rm 22

Thomas TD & Sydney G Rm 29

Angus C & Ethan G Rm 33

Teacher Aide Vacancies (2)

If you enjoy supporting children and would like to work at KNS then: we require two teacher aides to start at the beginning of Term 2 until the end of the year.

- ❖ Position one is from 11.00am – 3.00pm Monday to Thursday and 11.00am to 2.30 on Fridays
- ❖ Position two – from 9.00am – 12.00pm Monday to Friday.

You will provide day-to-day support for teachers with the learning programmes working with individual and groups of children.

If you wish to apply please send a letter of application and CV, including the names of three referees, to Carol Pilcher cpilcher@kns.school.nz by Monday 18th March 3pm.

For further information or you would like a job description please contact Carol Pilcher 476 7209 (854)

Sports News

Fun Friday Lunch Fundraiser for Futsal - Friday 5th April

Please support the KNS Year 7/8 Futsal team get to AIMS games in Tauranga this September. Jump on board and order your child's fun lunch today, it includes 2 slices of pizza, cookie and a drink. **Orders opens on Friday 8th March and closes midday Friday 22nd March.**

Lunch will include:

- 2 x slices of pizza (they need to choose cheese/ham & cheese/ or vegetarian)
- 1 x fun size chocolate chip cookie time cookie
- 1 x drink (they need to choose anchor chocolate milk/ or Charlie's apple juice with water)

Please go into Kindo to order your lunch.

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/>

We have a number of sports events coming up in the next few weeks and there are a number of emails that have been sent looking for permission for children to attend and/or parent helpers at events.

KNS Year 7 & 8 Athletics

Thursday 14th March (ppt) Thursday 21st March

Google form for help and permission to leave at the end of the day

<https://goo.gl/forms/cA9DRU6ePAoR3DnQ2>

KNS Year 1 - 3 Athletics

Tuesday 19th March (ppt) Tuesday 26 March

We require some parent support for the day, please email mpresland@kns.school.nz if you are able to help out.

Western Zone Football

Tuesday 19th March (ppt) Thursday 21st March

A google form has been sent out to the players who have been selected into teams and the teams are on our sports <http://knssports.blogspot.com>

We are sending 3 Year 5 & 6 teams and 3 Year 7 & 8 teams. We had a number of students who put their name on the list to play and unfortunately some students have missed out.

Competitive Cricket

As part of the Primary and Intermediate Cricket Tournament KNS have entered 2 teams into this competition.

Our Year 5 & 6 team played their round robin games

vs Thorndon on Friday 1st March

We had a great first game together as a team against Thorndon at Ben Burn Park and there were a lot of positive from this game. The game was played in great spirit with a very supportive team approach.

Final score KNS 186/5 vs Thorndon 44/9.



vs St Teresa's on Monday 4th March

Another great game of cricket against St Teresa's. St Teresa's won the toss and sent us into bat. We scored a competitive 162/5.

St Teresa's went into bat and we had a good team effort in the field and bowling and managed to restrict them to 87/14.

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vs Wellesley on Friday 1st March

We had our first game against Wellesley at Ian Galloway Park on Friday.

Wellesley batted first and scored a very competitive 208/0. This was always going to be a tough ask against a talented opposition and we gave it a really good go. KNS were all out for 123/9. Adam batted throughout the innings and top scored with 64.

Monday 4th March

vs Wadestown

vs St Teresa's

It was a really great day of cricket at Ian Galloway. We managed to beat Wadestown by about 60 runs in our first game and then lost to St Teresa's (they got the score around 160ish) with 3 balls to spare so a really close game.

All the boys had the opportunity to bat, bowl and field and they played really well.

Honorable mentions go to Matthew 63 not out and 60 not out, 64 not out for Adam, 46 to Tom, great bowling from Henry, great wicket keeping by Leo Yousef and a fantastic all round performance across the whole three games from Oscar.

Also a massive thank you to Andrew who coached the team for their 3 games, Richard Ruegg and Yvette Baker for scoring and the other parents for helping with transport and supporting the team over the 2 games. We really appreciate your time and support.

Thank you.

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.

PTA News



The PTA would like to thank those involved in the picnic.

A huge thanks from the PTA to everyone who came along to the school picnic last Friday and helped to make it a really fun time, including all the parents and caregivers who brought their kids along and the teachers who came to join in. Special mentions go to Bill from Gipp St Butchers for the yummy burgers, New World Karori for the other ingredients, the Gala BBQ team (such a slick operation), Rutherford and Bond Toyota for the BBQ itself and making Phil Springford available to be "Director of Food Operations", David Wong for the music, and Dave the caretaker for the other crucial logistical arrangements.

KNS PTA Quiz Night - 14th March..... SOLD OUT!!!!

Thank you for all your support in purchasing tables. Doesn't panic if you missed out this time round, we will be holding another one in term three so keep a look out for details later next term.

Anyone keen for an affordable FAMILY PHOTO session with Inspire Photography?



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

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

More details via kns.pta@gmail.com