

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori



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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

8 Apr Team Kowhai Assembly 9:15am

10 Apr Team Akakura Assembly 9.15am

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

Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupils: Chloe Benbow and Jack Kettle.

From the Principal

Kia ora tātou, As-salaamu ‘alaykum

Last Friday we held our annual Ultimate Challenge. A huge thank you to our organising team of; Lena Going, Hayley Familton and Trish Blacktop and all the other parents and staff who worked hard on the day or provided food for the many helpers. We had a fantastic day, it was wonderful to see so many smiles and hear so much laughter as the children worked together to achieve a wide range of challenges.

I was very impressed with the all the children’s willingness to get involved and the wonderful leadership demonstrated by our Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 students. Watching our older children working so well with our younger ones was a real highlight of the day for me. It is really important in any school, but particularly a large school like KNS, that we build, develop and maintain ‘a culture of care’. The care, patience and empathy shown by our older children was a credit to them.

Last Thursday one of our Year 7 & 8 Leadership groups organised a Remember and Unite Day, for the people affected by the Christchurch shootings. Thank you for encouraging your children to take part and your generosity in contributing to this cause. Please see below a note from the organisers:

Dear Whānau

Thank you for getting behind our cause and helping us raise so much money for Christchurch. We have donated \$810 to the Give a Little page set up in support of the victims' families. It was wonderful to see how much colour there was in the playground, thank you so much for helping us out.

Ngā Mihi

The Remember and Unite Year 7-8 Team

Te Kāhui Ako o Te Whanganui a Tara

As you are probably aware this year we have begun working with Wellington College, Wellington Girls’ College, Kelburn Normal School and Northland School as part of Te Kāhui Ako o Te Whanganui a Tara. This is a very exciting initiative which I expect will have a very positive impact on all five schools, as we learn from and with each other.

Later today you will receive a newsletter from the Kāhui Ako leaders, Andrea Peetz and Suzanne Pidduck. They will be communicating termly with all parents/caregivers to ensure that you are kept up-to-date regarding this development.

Board of Trustees Secretary Role Available

Cathy Swanson has done an amazing job as the secretary for our Board of Trustees over the past three years. Cathy’s children have now moved on to college and she will be stepping down from the board secretary role after our May board

meeting. If you have secretarial skills and would like to make a contribution to the smooth running of KNS please contact me, ckelly@kns.school.nz, to find out more about what the role entails.

Kiss and Drop Zone

The recent wet weather has led to an increase in traffic on Donald St. 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.

Children Arriving Early for School

A number of children arrive at school very early, i.e. around 8.00am. I understand that family circumstances sometimes mean that parents/caregivers need to drop their children at school early. It is however, important that parents/caregivers understand that we are unable to supervise children before 8.30am and that children remain the responsibility of parents/caregivers until this time.

Health & Safety

Our staff Health and Safety committee meets regularly to address health and safety issues around the school. If you notice anything which concerns you regarding health and safety at KNS please email the office, office@kns.school.nz, with a photograph if possible, and this will be forwarded to the Health and Safety committee for action.

Tawa College Business Studies Group Request

A group of Tawa College Year 11 business studies students are intending to set up a business selling board games, focussed on recycling. They are seeking feedback from families to help them with their product design. If you have time, can you please complete the short online survey below? I'm sure they would appreciate your support.

[Tawa College Business Studies Survey](#)

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

- **He rangi tā matawhāiti he rangi tā matawhānui** - A person with narrow vision has a restricted horizon; A person with wide vision has plentiful opportunities – be broadminded

A thought to share with your children:

- "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." (Charles R. Swindoll)

Conrad Kelly
Principal

School News

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 4 Apr

Friday 5 Apr

Monday 8 Apr

Tuesday 9 Apr

Wednesday 10 Apr

Amy B & Hannah C Rm 35

Charlie B & Arabella S Rm 23A

Jessica C & Sophia VA Rm 17

Beatrix E & Michelle DC Rm 26

Fergus D & Harry D Rm 34

Term 2 Kiss & Drop Volunteer Vacancies

Kiss & Drop volunteers are needed for Tuesdays and Fridays in term 2.

Kiss & Drop operates from 8.25am to 9am on Donald Street every week day and is run by volunteer parents and caregivers. It is a simple but effective valet service, helping KNS kids and their bags safely from cars. It is also a great way to help out our school community.

If you are available to help out with Kiss & Drop on any of the following dates please email Suzanne Woodley as soon as possible at suzanne_woodley@yahoo.co.uk

Thanks for your support.

Tuesday 30 April
Tuesday 7 May
Tuesday 14 May
Tuesday 21 May
Tuesday 28 May
Tuesday 4 June
Tuesday 11 June
Tuesday 18 June
Tuesday 25 June
Tuesday 2 July
Friday 3 May
Friday 28 June

Appleton Park Working Bee - KAKA (Karori Kaitiaki)

Thanks for your support for KAKA to date!

We would love your help, particularly to get word out about our upcoming two working bees.

These will be at Appleton Park, a flat site that is perfect for all ages and abilities to come and help make a corner of Karori thrive!

Everyone is welcome, but we do ask that kids are supervised.

Please could you share the details below with your networks?

Details:

Appleton Park

14 April 2-4pm (rain day 27th April)

Weeding to prepare the area for planting

Facebook event: <https://bit.ly/2OrsEsD>

Sign up form: <https://bit.ly/2UVgIBQ>

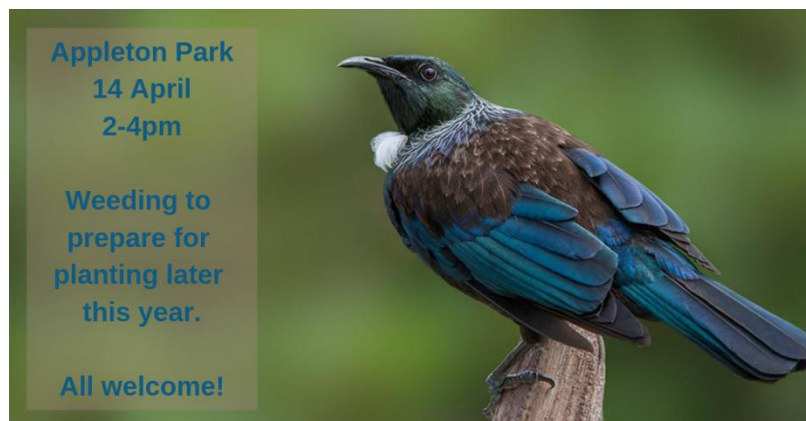
Appleton Park

12 May 2-4pm (rain day 19th May)

Planting native trees

Facebook event: <https://bit.ly/2Trd55j>

Sign up form: <https://bit.ly/2UVgIBQ>



Sports News

MINI LEMONADE POPSICLE DAY - [FRIDAY 12th](#) APRIL- \$1

Join us in celebrating the end of term 1 with a mini lemonade popsicle for morning tea on the last day of term **Friday 12th April**. By buying a popsicle you will support the Year7/8 boys AIMS games Futsal team. Popsicles cost \$1 and money can be paid to your teacher tomorrow morning, **Thursday 4th April, Friday 5th April and next Thursday 11th April**. Popsicles will be delivered to your class in time for morning tea on Friday 12th April.

KNS Cross Country @ Karori Park

- Thursday 9th May ppt Thursday 16th May
- Whole school event from 10 - 1pm

We will be running the KNS Cross Country event this year the same way it was planned last year as a whole school event. All the students will be down at the park together cheering each other on and the students will be able to choose what track they would like to run.

The students will be able to choose which track they want to run and there will be 4 tracks to choose from. They will make their choice in class time.

- Year 1 & 2 students can choose from tracks 1 & 2
- Year 3 & 4 students can choose from tracks 1, 2 & 3
- Year 5 - 8 students can choose from tracks 1, 2, 3 & 4

Track 1 - approximately 700m

Track 2 - approximately 1.2km

Track 3 - approximately 1.5km

Track 4 - approximately 2km

Those wanting to have the opportunity to make the WZ cross country team **MUST** run the track for their age group. (e.g) Yr 4 - track 2, Year 5 & 6 - track 3, Year 7 & 8 - track 4.

Please take some time over the next week to have a discussion with your child/ren about what would be a suitable track for them to choose and the importance of setting goals and training to achieve this. They will need to sign up to a track with their teachers in class by the end of term 1.

They will also need to identify if they would like to aim for WZ. The top 6 from each year level - Yr 4 - 8, boys and girls go through to the WZ cross country.

Parent Helpers for cross country.

Our KNS Cross Country is a major sporting event on the calendar and we require a number of parent helpers to help make this a great event. If you can spare some time to help out by being a marshal on a course or on the bbq cooking and handing out sausages then please complete the google form below.

We are also looking for a few parents who may be able to take charge of the BBQ. If this is you or you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on mpresland@kns.school.nz

Google form: <https://forms.gle/b6FPsxKnjVwsm5ap6>

Weetbix Tryathlon

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Weetbix Tryathlon over the weekend.

Also congratulations to Hana W Rm 24 who was the roving reporter for What Now during the tryathlon. A fantastic job.

Futsal Tournament

On Tuesday 2nd April the AIMS Games Futsal team attended a tournament at ASB Centre against other schools around Wellington.

It was a great day and we would really like to thank Lisa D and Jacquie H who took the team for the day and transported the boys.

KNS Sports Shirts

If you have any KNS sports shirts that have been used throughout term 1 events can these please be returned to Kereru Block as soon as possible.

Term 2 sports dates

KNS Cross Country @ Karori Park

Whole School
Thursday 9th May (ppt) Thursday 16th May

Western Zone Cross Country @ Karori Park
Yr 4 - 8
Tuesday 21st May (ppt) Thursday 23rd May

Western Zone Hockey @ National Hockey Stadium
Yr 4 - 8
Tuesday 11th June (ppt) Thursday 13th June

Interzone Cross Country @ TBC
Year 4 - 8
Tuesday 18th June (ppt) Thursday 20th June

Regional Cross Country @ QEII
Year 4 - 8
Tuesday 2nd July (ppt) Thursday 4th July

PTA News

Year 7 / 8 Hoodies Reminder Order closes April 5th 2019

The KNS PTA are again offering Year 7 / 8 students the opportunity to buy KNS branded hoodies customized with their name printed on the back.

These hoodies are only available to Year 7 / 8 students and are a way for students to celebrate and to be recognised as part of Team Totara. **There is no obligation to purchase.** Please refer to the email that was sent to you on Friday 15 March for more information.

Any questions about ordering or sizing please email noviamead@outlook.co.nz

New Entertainment Books arrive in 2 weeks!
Pre-order the NEW 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Membership and receive bonus offers you can use right away! Click the link to order, or for more information about Entertainment Books and Digital memberships:

SUPPORT US NOW!



TOY STORY 4

**Fundraiser
3pm 23 June**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**Working bee
(Planting) 2-4pm
May 18 & 19**