

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

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2018 Term Dates

Term 3 Monday 23 July – Friday 28 Sep
Term 4 Monday 15 Oct – Thursday 20 Dec

2018 TEAMS

Kowhai – Y1 (Team Leader James Appleton)

Rooms 1, 4, 5, 8 & 9

Pohutukawa – Y2/3 (Team Leader Phil McIntosh)

Rooms 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 & 17

Akakura – Y4 (Team Leader Anita Patel)

Rooms 14, 15, 18 & 21

Kahikatea – Y5/6 (Team Leader David Wong)

Rooms 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 28 & 29

Totara – Y7/8 (Team Leader Trish Blacktop)

Rooms 22, 23, 23A, 33, 34 & 35

Important Dates

7 Aug	Y5/6 Swimming Sports
8 Aug	Year2/3 & Year 4 NZIFF Trip
9 Aug	Y7/8 Swimming Sports
14 Aug	ICAS Mathematics
15 Aug	BOT Meeting
16 Aug	Staff Appreciation Day
24 Aug	Western Zone Swimming Sports
29 Aug	New Entrants Open Morning 9:15am
6 Sep	ESOL Open Morning 9 – 10am
11 Sep	Western Zone Netball (pp 13 th Sep)
13 Sep	Interzone Swimming Sports
18 Sep	Artsplash Music
21 Sep	Dancesplash
25 Sep	Year 4 Swimming Carnival
28 Sep	Term 3 Ends

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

Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupils: Oliver SUM.

From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

This term our children will be involved in a number of sporting and cultural events. In the arts we have over 250 children getting ready to take part in the Art Splash Festival in September. This month we have two teams competing in the North Island Ski Championships and in September a basketball team, netball team and some individual athletes will represent KNS at the AIMS Games in Tauranga. Thank you to those parents/caregivers and teachers who are giving up a significant amount of their time to make it possible for our children to participate in these events.

You will be aware from the media today that teacher and principal members of the NZEI have voted to extend strike action on Wednesday 15 August from three hours in the afternoon to a full day. There is therefore a likelihood that the school will be closed for the day on Wednesday 15 August. I am waiting for guidance from the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) about how to deal with this situation however, it would be a good idea for parents/caregivers to consider possible arrangements that they can make for their children on that day.

Health and Safety

Sunshade Frame - Some of our more athletic children have been climbing on the sunshade frame adjacent to the Middle Block. We have put up signs to discourage this however, can I ask that if your children are ones who climb on the frame that you make sure that they know that this is not allowed.

Traffic Safety (Parking in the Donald St Bus Stop) – We often have buses returning children to school around 3.00pm. These buses use the bus stop outside the old VUW Campus on Donald St. There have been a number of occasions recently in which the buses have been unable to use the bus stop because of cars being parked in the bus stop. I will be contacting the Wellington City Council tomorrow to ask them to send a parking warden to review the situation.

Emergency Evacuation Family Reunification Plan

We were unable to practice our family reunification plan on the last day of the first term, because we had to close the school because of a power failure. This proved to be a 'blessing in disguise', as it highlighted some communication issues. We have been working through these issues with a group of parents who have been providing feedback and testing our revised procedures.

Our staff health and safety committee has decided that we will now hold the Emergency Evacuation Family Reunification Plan practice on Friday 28 September, the last day of this term. Further information regarding this practice will be sent to you in the second half of the term.

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.

In the meantime please check with the office team, office@kns.school.nz or 4767209 if you are unsure who you have authorised to be able to collect your children in case of an emergency.

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

Pai tū pai hinga nāwai rā ka oti - Good to stand, good to fall, eventually the work is completed.

A thought to share with your children:

“Failure is so important. It is the ability to resist failure or use failure that often leads to greater success.” (J.K. Rowling)

Ngā Mihi

Conrad Kelly
Principal

BOT News

Board of Trustees

We recently met on 24 July.

How is KNS going against its goals?

We've done an assessment of how well we are going so far this year in meeting our goals. These three goals are set out in our Charter, and are:

- Goal 1: every child's achievement grows (learning)
- Goal 2: care and resilience are fostered (a culture of care)
- Goal 3: we all make KNS a better place (stewardship, community, and partnership)

We consider we are making good progress. In goal 1, which is about student achievement, one of the areas of focus is around music programmes, including endeavouring to raise the rate of student participation, and seeking more involvement from the parent community such as those with musical expertise. Our teaching staff are also implementing the transition from reporting using the National Standards to reporting based on the New Zealand Curriculum.

An area we know we need to keep under close management is property and the creation of an environment that caters for the learning needs of our children. As with many schools, KNS has a set of buildings that are not without problems. We have plans for improvements in all blocks with the Old Administration Block being a priority. We are working closely with the Ministry of Education to resolve the issues which led to the closure of this block and will provide an update on firm plans as soon as we are in a position to do so. We need to work in with Ministry of Education funding and requirements, so do need to prioritise and phase spending. We are satisfied so far this year with progress we've made in landscaping particularly. The next project is the creation of a replacement Katherine Mansfield memorial near the library.

Another aspect we are hoping to focus more on is Board succession planning. You may know that there are Board of Trustee elections scheduled for mid-2019. Have a think about whether you would like to stand for election, and if so, please do consider coming along to some of the meetings so you can get a good idea of what is involved in school governance.

To help assess how we are going overall we need input from you and others in the school community. We run a survey every year, and this year we plan to have it open for responses from the end of August. The intention is to keep it open for a few months. We value all input, and will let you know via email and the newsletter once the survey is up and running.

Who we are

Find out more about the 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

ICAS Science Competition

Recently 52 children from KNS took part in the ICAS Science Competition. Congratulations to all participants, it was wonderful to see so many children challenging themselves. Your child will receive their results and certificate this week. A special mention goes to the following children who achieved particularly well:

Distinction:

Rick Zeng	Helena Errington	Ethan George
Hamish McKenzie	Tasha Sidorov	Emily Wong

Credit:

Vihann Kapoor	Siddharth Jog	Sylvie Lucas
Lucas McDonald	Thomas Tait Dreaver	Gabrielle Hewson
Charlie Bauer	Ben Dudding	Quinn Statham
Leonardo Yousuf	Rachel Baker	Susannah Forsyth
Jessica Hewson	Sabine Kenworthy	Eva Tunnicliffe

Merit:

Lewie Dudding	Connor Dunlop	Luca Hughes
Ethan Buchanan	Soham Kapoor	Aaron Lowe
Ruth Moore		

SPCA National Cupcake Day – Monday August 6th

Some KNS students will be selling cupcakes outside 2 Cooper St after school on Monday August 6th (\$3 per cupcake). Please come along and support the SPCA.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 5, 2018 - due Friday 3rd August 2018

No need to fill out the forms, **please do not return anything to the school**. You can download the app for your phone via Apple App Store or go to mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. The cut-off date to order this issue is **Friday 3rd August 2018**. Any queries email Julie Smart jsmart@scholastic.co.nz.

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 2nd August
Friday 3rd August
Monday 6th August
Tuesday 7th August
Wednesday 8th August

AM Georgia P & Tom C Rm 34 PM Andrew D & Mattias B Rm 35
AM Fred I & Luke M Rm 33 & PM Millie M & Mia B R23
AM & PM Thomas L & Rick Z R26
AM Sabine K Rm 35 & Hannah C R22 & PM Millie T & Susannah R23A
AM Susannah E & Aleisha B R33 & PM Georgia P & Hamish Mc R34

Sports News

KNS Swimming Sports

- Year 4 - 6 - Tuesday 7th August
- Year 7 - 8 - Thursday 9th August.

Information and parent helper requests have been emailed out to all families involved. If you are able to help time the races please use the google form.

The students will be signing up for the races in class. Please discuss what races would be best for your child/ren.

Races include

- 25m Freestyle
- 50m Freestyle
- 25m Backstroke
- 25m Breaststroke
- 25m Butterfly

KNS Sports Shirts

If you have any KNS Sport Shirts used last term can you please return these to Room 18 as soon as possible

KNS Basketball

Congratulations to Murphy Rodgers who returns today after 5 weeks away playing basketball. In the last week of term 2 he represented Wellington Basketball in an invitational Under 14 team in Melbourne. For the past 17 days he has been in Las Vegas playing for the New Zealand Basketball Academy. His age group team played in three tournaments against intense competition. They won bronze medal in the second tournament and took out the championship in the last tournament. This was a huge achievement for a NZ team playing in USA.



SPORTS DATES FOR TERM 3

Year 4 - 6 Swimming Sports

Competitive and Non Competitive

- Tuesday 7th August
- @ Karori Pool

Year 7 & 8 Swimming Sports

- Thursday 9th August
- @ Karori Pool

Year 4- 8 Western Zone Swimming Sports

- Friday 24th August
- @ Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre

Year 4 - 8 Interzone Swimming Sports

- Thursday 13th September
- @ Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre

Year 5 - 8 Western Zone Netball Tournament

Non Competitive

- Tuesday 11th September
- Postponement date Thursday 13th September
- @ Hataitai Courts

AIMS Games

Sunday 9th September - Friday 14th September.

PTA News

Staff Appreciation Day

Thursday 16th August is Staff Appreciation Day. It is when we say "Thank You!" to our fantastic teachers and other staff at KNS for inspiring, motivating and encouraging our kids to learn, and for making KNS a fun place to come to school. To show our appreciation, KNS parents are providing a lunch for the school staff on Thursday 16th August, and also supervising playground duty that lunchtime.

If you can help by contributing some food for the lunch, please e-mail Annie on mi_casa@xtra.co.nz. The type of food that would be great for the lunch are: soup, bread rolls, savouries or baking. Also, if anyone can help do playground duty at lunchtime from 12.40 – 1.25 on Thurs 16th August, or for part of this time, please let me know also.

Sunday 5 August 2018 at 11am – PTA fundraiser

Take a gentle walk and help the PTA raise funds for the school.

Sean Rudman is a Postgraduate Masters student at the University of Wellington and he has developed games in the format of a 'scavenger-hunt', (like orienteering) to help him with his research project.

Sean is able to provide a donation to the PTA in return for your time.

The walk will occur on Sunday the 5th August 2018 at Karori Park. It will begin at 11am and will take 2.5 hours. Its an easy walk and Sean has built in time for explaining everything.

Please email Sean Rudman, at sean.rudman@vuw.ac.nz to register your interest or ask any questions.

We would love to find 20 people aged over 16 years old to participate and help out Sean.

Community News

Due to the huge increase in Community News we have decided to only post local news

Leaders for Education scheme - I am proud to support Karori Normal School under the Leaders for Education scheme. If you or someone you know is thinking of selling your home, arrange for a free, no obligation appraisal from Martin Binks. If you sell your home with me I will make a donation of \$250 to the school. This is only available from Martin Binks at Ray White in Karori. I can be reached by e-mail at martin.binks@raywhite.com, and Ph: 022 066 3170 or 04 212 3170. Martin Binks, Licensed Real Estate Salesperson, REAA 2008, Ray White Karori

Lunchtime French Term 3 2018 - Learn a new language the FUN way!

Lunchtime French classes are held every Thursday lunchtime. Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the emphasis being on FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home.

A free trial lesson classes is available. Email annick@lcclubs.co.nz to register your interest.

OTHER CLASSES AVAILABLE: After-school French classes are also held in Karori, Northland, Khandallah, and Hataitai. Spanish and Mandarin also offered subject to demand.

New: Easy Online Registration.

Contact: Annick on 021 462 042 or email annick@lcclubs.co.nz or visit www.lcclubs.co.nz for more information.

KELLY SPORTS TERM 3

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Play Like a Sports Hero! (Yrs 1-2) – Mondays 3.05pm-4.05pm. Learn the fundamentals of all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more. Includes fun games & drills to build these skills.

Play Like a Sports Hero! (Yrs 2-4) – Mondays 3.05pm-4.05pm - Come and try **Football, Netball, Ripa Rugby and Handball**. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Does your child love to draw, paint and create? **The Karori Arts and Crafts Centre** have some great kids art classes after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (most start week 2 of the holidays). Suitable for kids aged 5 - 16. See our website for more info and to book: www.kacc.org.nz