

# KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### 2018 Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 15 Oct – Thursday 20 Dec  
**School ends at 12:30pm**

### 2019 Term Dates

**He Hui Mihimihi-31 Jan & 1<sup>st</sup> Feb**

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

### 2018 TEAMS

**Kowhai – Y1** (Team Leader James Appleton)  
Rooms 1, 4, 5, 8, 8A & 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

19 Dec Team Totara ASB Sports Day  
20 Dec **LAST DAY OF TERM 4 12.30PM**

**Term 1 2019**

22 Feb KNS Family Picnic 5 – 7pm  
27 Feb PTA Meeting 7.30pm

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

## From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

We have one more day left in the 2018 school year. We finish tomorrow Thursday 20 December, with an assembly at midday on the astroturf adjacent to the Administration Block. After the assembly the children will return to their classrooms and be dismissed at 12.30pm.

If the weather is wet and we cannot meet outside we will farewell our Year 8 leavers in the hall, commencing at 11.45am. Given the size of the hall we will only be able to accommodate our Year 5 to Year 8 students and teachers, not the whole school.

2018 has been another very positive year at KNS. There have been a huge number of highlights for me throughout the year however, these are some of the things that have consistently brought a smile to my face.

- Seeing children enjoying their learning, working hard and interacting positively with their teachers and classmates. The warm, supportive relationships our staff have with the children is a real feature of our KNS culture.
- Our older children taking on leadership roles and demonstrating that they understand that leadership is not about personal rewards, but service to others. This has been particularly apparent in the way that our Year 7 & 8s support and build positive relationships with our younger children. Their role-modelling is another cornerstone of our positive, caring school culture.
- Children taking advantage of the wide range of opportunities on offer in the arts, sport and culture, experiencing a rich and broad curriculum and sharing what they've learnt confidently when presenting for others. It's great to see children trying new things and continuing to try hard even if they don't meet with initial success.

A huge thank you to the following groups for their contribution to our school's successes this year:

- Andrea Peetz and Carol Pilcher, our Deputy Principals, James Appleton, Lisa Hadfield, Phil McIntosh, Sam Cockerton, Anita Patel, Dave Wong, Anne-Marie Richardson, Fiona Campbell and Trish Blacktop, our Team Leaders and Assistant Team Leaders, who have led many initiatives both at team and whole school level. We are very fortunate to have such a committed, knowledgeable and capable leadership group at our school.
- Our teaching staff team who have worked tremendously hard to ensure that our children enjoy high quality learning experiences. Our teachers are 'lifelong learners' themselves and this has developed a great learning focussed culture in classrooms.
- Our Teacher Aide, Office, Sports Coordination and Caretaking, support staff team who are always prepared to 'go the extra mile' so that teachers can focus on the job of teaching.
- Our Board of Trustees who provide real vision and strategic direction in their governance role. The board has clearly demonstrated strong and effective leadership in dealing with the challenges the school has faced this year.
- Our PTA who continue to do great work in the areas of community building and fundraising for much needed resources.

- Our parent/caregiver community for the support you give us. Without a positive parent/school partnership, education cannot be effective for our children. Many of the opportunities we are able to provide for the children would not be possible without your direct and indirect support and assistance.
- Finally our children for making each day at Karori Normal School rewarding and meaningful. They are our 'clients' and we need to ensure that they remain at the centre of our decision-making.

### **Year 8 Leavers Dinner**

On Monday night we held a leavers' dinner to formally farewell our Year 8s, who are moving on to college. This was a fantastic event. In my speech to our leavers I focussed on three qualities that I hope they will take with them to college next year:

1. A growth mindset
2. An understanding of the learning pit
3. Resilience

We will continue to focus on these at KNS to ensure that all our children are well prepared to deal with the challenges that lie ahead.

Once again, I have been extremely impressed with our Year 8s, they have shown great leadership qualities with a real willingness to take on responsibility and provide help and support, often without having to be asked. They can look forward to secondary school with confidence, knowing that they are well prepared and ready for this next step in their education.

### **2019 Class Lists and Teacher Information**

On Monday afternoon, children met in their 2019 classes. At the meeting children all received a letter containing their 2019 class list and some information about their new teacher. If your child didn't bring a letter home or you have misplaced it please contact the school office [office@kns.school.nz](mailto:office@kns.school.nz) and we will send you a replacement copy.

### **2019 – He Hui Mihimihi**

- At KNS we will be holding He Hui Mihimihi meetings on Thursday 31 January 2019 and Friday 01 February 2019.
- For those of you who are new to KNS, He Hui Mihimihi are meetings held before the start of the school year involving children, teachers and parents/caregivers. The meetings are an opportunity to build a strong and positive relationship between the home and school, right from the start of the year.
- Information about bookings etc. was sent home with your child on Monday. If you have lost the letter or are unsure how to book a time please contact the school office [office@kns.school.nz](mailto:office@kns.school.nz) as soon as possible.

### **2019 Karori Normal School Family Picnic**

On Friday 22 February 2019 the PTA is going to be hosting the Karori Normal School Family Picnic. This will be held on the school field from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. Bring your own picnic dinner or make it easy and purchase food on site. Get to know your new class mates and their families and catch up with old friends. More details will come out early in the new school year.

### **Whakataukī o te wiki**

Titiro whakamuri  
Kōkiri whakamua

Look back and reflect so you can move forward

A thought to share with your children:

**“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.” (H. Jackson Brown Jr)**

**Conrad Kelly**  
**Principal**

## BOT News

The Board of Trustees met on 11 December in our final meeting of the year.

### 2019 - What do we want to achieve?

We spent some time this meeting talking about objectives for the school in the coming year. A key consideration is that the Kāhui Aki will be starting up next year. This is a community of learning for KNS together with Wellington College, Wellington Girls College, Kelburn Normal School and Northland School. The focus of the Kāhui Ako is very strongly aligned with KNS's Charter. Fostering the wellbeing of our students is a prime goal, positively influencing learning, and creating a growth mindset, so we will be weaving this through what we want to achieve with our three KNS strategic goals in 2019.

### Initial results from the parent survey

Thanks to everyone who gave us their views in the 2018 parent survey. We've looked at the initial results and found they provide evidence to show we are on the right track with much of how the school is operating and where we put our efforts. But there is plenty for the Board to think about so we can continue to improve KNS. This is absolutely the value in seeking and considering the views of the school community. We'll provide a run down of results for you after the next Board meeting.

### Trustee elections in 2019

You may know there are Board of Trustee elections currently planned for May next year, with a new Board taking office in June. As is noted elsewhere, this could be the time for you to consider standing. Remember that if you would like to know more about what the Board does you can contact any of us for a chat, or perhaps come along to a Board meeting to see what the governance process is all about. We next meet on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 6.30pm.

A very safe and happy holidays everyone.

### 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

**SCHOOL ENDS at 12:30pm ON THURSDAY**



### Library News

#### 1) Summer Holiday Reading

##### **E-Books and Audiobooks**

The summer holidays are a great opportunity for children to catch up on all those books they haven't had time to read during the year. I thought I would just remind you of the fantastic resource we have here at KNS with our e-library through the Wheelers e-platform. There are now over 2000 e books and 600 audio books that the children can download 24/7. Click on the picture below to find out more information and to start reading.



To borrow books your children will need their borrower number and pin; if they need a reminder of these please let me know.

### **Borrowing from our Library**

If any children in Years **4,5,6** and **7** would like to borrow from our Library over the summer they can pop into the Library next Wednesday 19th December. They will be able to borrow up to 6 books each. It might be a good chance to read a whole series! The books will be due back the first week of next term.

### **Wellington City Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge**

I also thought I should let you know that Wellington City Libraries have once again launched a Summer Reading Challenge. Children aged 5-12 are encouraged to read and review books over the summer, with the opportunity to win prizes. Why not pop into Karori Library to pick up your Challenge booklet, or look online <http://www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/kids/index.php/kids-club-reviews/summer-reading-challenge/>

### **2) Donations to the Library**

I am often approached at the end of the year by parents of children leaving school with ideas for a book they could donate to the Library. Of course there is no obligation at all, but if you are interested, Marsden Books have a pile of suggested titles you could have a look at.

### **3) Overdue Library Books**

We still have **223 overdue books** from children. It would be much appreciated if you could please keep hunting for books if you know your child still has some at home.



Merry Christmas everyone, hopefully some of you will get a book in your Christmas stocking, and some time to read it!

### **Performing Arts and Dance Crew Shirts**

Please return all performing arts shirts to Room 19 and Dance Crew shirts to Room 18.

### **Kindo end of year**

#### **Families leaving the school**

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use ezlunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

If your new school is NOT on the list, you will need to close your account. Send an email to [hello@mykindo.co.nz](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz) requesting to close your account. This request will need to:

1. Be emailed from your mykindo account email address
2. State the current balance on the account
3. Provide the bank account number for refunding the balance (or ask for it to be forwarded to the school)

Refunds and account closures will be actioned during January/February.

## 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](mailto:apectz@kns.school.nz).

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

AM Oliver G & Ashley C R33 & PM Tamsin & Millie D R35

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**



The flyer features the Shoe Clinic logo at the top left. The main headline is "BACK TO SCHOOL WITH SHOE CLINIC". Below this, it lists "SCHOOL SHOE 'HERO PICKS'" available from a large range in store, with images of various shoe models. A "SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM" is also advertised, offering a \$10 discount on a pair of shoes for every pair of school shoes sold. A "shoe you" section promotes a 30-day money-back guarantee. The flyer includes a list of 18 stores nationwide with their addresses and phone numbers. At the bottom, it provides the website [www.shoeclinik.co.nz](http://www.shoeclinik.co.nz) and the Shoe Clinic Webstore logo. Logos for Consumer Trust, PodiatryNZ, and LAYBUY are also present.

## PTA News

**SAVE THE DATE FOR: THE KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC**

**FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY: AFTER SCHOOL ON THE SCHOOL FIELD**

Get to know your new class mates and their families and catch up with old friends

Bring your own picnic dinner or make it easy and purchase food on site from 5-7pm.

More information to come in the New Year



### Looking for a volunteering opportunity that won't drag on forever? Become KNS's Sausage Sizzle Coordinator!

Kelly Sports is looking for a school (or group of schools on rotation) to take over the sausage sizzle at Friday night soccer at Ian Galloway Park from 1 February to 22 March.

The KNS PTA is working to arrange a roster of schools but we need a Sausage Sizzle Coordinator from KNS to lead our school's turn (approximately 2-3 Fridays in Term 1).

You will need to:

- purchase the supplies you need, including sausages, bread, drinks etc (you will be reimbursed by the PTA);
- pick up the Toyota mobile BBQ from a Toyota branch in the Wellington region and transport it to Ian Galloway Park;
- recruit and coordinate a group of three volunteers to help you cook and sell around 300-400 sausages between 3.30 and 6pmish on our rostered Fridays; and
- bank the night's takings.

If you think you could take on this role, please email [kns.pta@gmail.com](mailto:kns.pta@gmail.com) and we'll be in touch with more information.

## Community 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](mailto:martin.binks@raywhite.com), and Ph: 022 066 3170 or 04 212 3170. Martin Binks, Licensed Real Estate Salesperson, REAA 2008, Ray White Karori

### **Learn to play a musical instrument after school at St Teresa's in 2019!**

Our neighbouring school - St Teresa's, has agreed to allow our students the opportunity to learn to play musical instruments after school in their music rooms next year. Lewis Eady Music School offer 30 minute lessons (group or one-on-one) after school at St Teresa's on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Instruments available for children in year 3 and upwards include keyboard, guitar, piano, singing and ukulele.

If you are interested in securing after school music lessons for your child in 2019, please email

[musicschool@lewiseady.co.nz](mailto:musicschool@lewiseady.co.nz), pop **St Teresa's** in the subject line, and this message 'I am interested in music lessons at school in 2019'. *Please note there is no obligation – this is simply a registration of interest. Lessons will only go ahead in 2019 should there be sufficient interest.* For more information on the instruments and programmes offered, please visit [www.lewiseady.co.nz](http://www.lewiseady.co.nz)



**Jacquie Harper**, degree qualified **Nutritionist** based on Campbell Street, Karori. Jacquie offers one-on-one consultations for all family members but particularly helping with digestive complaints, food allergies/sensitivities, building up the immune system, sports and childhood nutrition. Please see [livingcure.co.nz](http://livingcure.co.nz) for more information or contact Jacquie on 021 414641, email [jacquie@livingcure.co.nz](mailto:jacquie@livingcure.co.nz).