

# KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

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### 2019 Term Dates

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

9 May KNS Cross Country pp 16<sup>th</sup> May

15 May Year 8 Girls WGC Talk with Julia Davidson

21 May WZ Cross Country pp 23 May

24 May Y 1-6 School Disco

29 May New Entrant Open Morning 9:30am

30 May Year 7 Vision Screening

31 May Teacher Only Day

3 June Queen's Birthday

11 June WZ Hockey Y5-8 pp 13 June

13 June School Photos - LC Scott

18 June IZ Cross Country pp 20 June

26 June Team Kowhai Assembly

2 July Reg Cross Country pp 4 July

5 July Team Kahikatea Celebration Assembly

10am – 10.40am

5 July End of Term 2

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

## Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupils: Arseniy Stikhanovskiy and Egor Stikhanovskii

## From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

It is a pleasure to see all children enjoying the lovely weather and being able to train for Cross Country each day. Our school Cross Country is tomorrow, Thursday 9th May at Karori Park. It would be great to see you down there supporting your children and enjoying the school event from 9-1pm.

We are hosting teachers from Saudi Arabia, for the next 8 weeks. They are here to look at the NZ Curriculum in action and learn about Universal Design for Learning. They are trained teachers of English and have not taught in a co-education school. We hope they enjoy being part of KNS for the rest of the term.

Yesterday information about Parent/Caregiver and Teacher meetings was emailed to all families. These will be held between May 13th through to May 24th. We are looking forward to the opportunities to have conversations about learning and progress with all our families. We value celebrating the whole child when we talk with parents. Please book early so you have the best selection of times that are available.

As the term is moving along we would like to draw your attention to the school being closed for Teacher Only Day on 31st May. All staff will be involved in professional development with a focus on Digital Technology and our school focus areas.

*"Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tātou mahi"  
"Let the uniqueness of the child guide the work"*

### Board of Trustee Elections

Everyone has a valuable part to play in our school community and we value the support from all our parents and families. At KNS we will be holding Board of Trustee elections in the same cycle as the rest of the country. You will see a note from our supplier later in the newsletter.

What we really want you to know is that it is time to start thinking about whether you will stand for election this year. At every election we require 5 board members. We have 4 current Board of Trustee members standing down this year with children now at High School. You may have received your nomination forms earlier in the week and need to have nominations submitted by 24<sup>th</sup> May at noon. As you will have seen from Bronwyn's earlier letter to the school that any of the current Board of trustee members are happy to talk to you about what it's all about.

Andrea Peetz  
Acting Principal

## BOT Elections 2019

Canterbury Education Services (CES) are providing BOT election services for our School in the forthcoming BOT elections. In May nominations will be called to become members of the Board of Trustees. Key dates are as follows:

<b>By Friday 10th May</b>	Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll.
<b>Friday 24th May</b>	NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 24th May at noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For our school the number of parent vacancies is 5.
<b>Wednesday 29th May</b>	Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.
<b>Friday 7th June</b>	Voting closes at 12 noon.
<b>Thursday 13th June</b>	Votes are counted, and your School advised of the results.
<b>Friday 14th June</b>	New Board takes office

CES has provided this service to many schools throughout New Zealand. We look forward to working with your School.

Kind regards

Wayne Jamieson

Canterbury Education Services

## BOT News

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees recently met on 30 April. We discussed a wide range of topics, and have focused on a few below that are of general interest.

#### 2018 Academic achievement data

At the meeting the Board discussed the 2018 academic achievement data for KNS. This shows the percentages of students working above/at/below expected curriculum levels for each year group in reading, writing, and maths. There is also a breakdown by gender and ethnicity. The data shows KNS is maintaining a very high level of progress and achievement and the judgements that teachers are making in relation to the NZ curriculum levels are consistent.

We are extremely pleased with the results. A separate communication will be sent setting out more detail about the results. We know from input via the 2018 end of year survey that many parents are keen to understand more about academic achievement.

The report demonstrates the impact the Universal Design for Learning framework is having on teaching and learning at KNS. Each team has developed deliberate actions and programmes to address areas requiring continued improvement and link to our overarching school goals.

#### New Board Chair

Our Board Chair Glenn Stevenson stepped down at this meeting. Glenn has been chair for a couple of years and we thank him for his contribution to KNS in this role. His children have now all moved on to secondary school, he is not standing in the upcoming Trustee elections. We elected Bronwyn Barberel to the role of Chair. Bronwyn has been a Trustee since the last elections and is also known to many of you through her PTA work. Bronwyn will be standing at the next elections.

#### 2019 Trustee elections

We are geared up to ensure a well-run election for school Trustees. We discussed the communication plan we have designed to provide you with the right information at the right time. Look out for this material that will enable you to participate in the process. This is outlined in the newsletter.

#### Policy review

The purpose of Board of Trustee work is to ensure the school is well governed. To assist with this we have a full set of policies that cover topics such as financial management, health and safety, appointments, delegations, and many others. Because the environment in which we operate does not stay still, each policy is reviewed on a set basis to ensure it is still relevant, required, and being complied with. This month we looked at a number of policies and agreed several new policies. The full [governance manual](#) is available for the whole community to view.

## Who we are

Find out more about the KNS Board here <http://www.kns.school.nz/7/pages/8-board-of-trustees>

Glenn Stevenson (Chair and parent representative), Bronwyn Barberel (Newly Elected Chair); Conrad Kelly (Principal); Parent representatives: Julia Forsyth, Kay Webster, Clayton Willocks; Blair Wightman (co-opted member).

## School News

### Dancesplash Years 1 - 4 Co-ordinator urgently required

Recent years has seen a huge increase in the number of students participating in our Years 1 - 4 and Years 5 - 8 Dancesplash teams. This year, our Dancesplash teams will perform at the Michael Fowler Centre on Thursday 19 September (the 7:45pm show).

Our previous Years 1 - 4 Dancesplash co-ordinator is no longer able to fulfil this role, therefore, we are reaching out to the parent community to see if there is a willing volunteer with dance/choreography expertise who would be keen to take up this position in Terms 2 and 3.

Years 1 - 4 Dancesplash rehearsals will initially be held during one lunchtime per week in the school hall, although rehearsals may increase to twice a week nearer the time of the performance. The Co-ordinator will be supported during rehearsals by a group of four teachers (on rotation) who will be able to assist with group management. Their role will also include support with administration and costume organisation.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Kane O'Connell ([koconnell@kns.school.nz](mailto:koconnell@kns.school.nz)) and Michele Mills ([mmills@kns.school.nz](mailto:mmills@kns.school.nz)) by **Friday 10 May**. We are more than happy to answer any further questions that you might have.

### Performing Arts Shirts

If you find any KNS performing arts shirts at home, can you please hand them to Kane O'Connell in Room 22 or to the school office? Even if your child is performing in the 2019 Artsplash Choir, we'd still like all performing arts shirts returned so that we can stocktake in preparation for Artsplash.

### Wellington Girls Information Talk for Year 8 Girls and Parents 15 May 2019

We are delighted to have Mrs Julia Davidson, Principal from Wellington Girls College, come and talk with our Year 8 girls and parents on Wednesday 15 May at 3.15pm-4:15pm. Julia will provide you with information and answer questions. This will be held in the Kereru Block. Please contact Andrea Peetz: [apez@kns.school.nz](mailto:apez@kns.school.nz) if you have any questions.

Please rsvp to the office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May of your attendance. [office@kns.school.nz](mailto:office@kns.school.nz)

## COLLEGE INFORMATION FOR ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 9, 2020

<b>St Mary's College</b>	<a href="http://www.st-marys-wellington.school.nz/enrolments/">http://www.st-marys-wellington.school.nz/enrolments/</a> For more information email <a href="mailto:office@stmw.school.nz">office@stmw.school.nz</a> or phone 04 473 5554
<b>St Patrick's College</b>	<a href="https://www.stpats.school.nz/enrolment/enrolment-procedure/">https://www.stpats.school.nz/enrolment/enrolment-procedure/</a>
<b>Onslow College</b>	As Karori is out of the zone for Onslow parents are required to go into the ballot. The closing date for applications is July 30 with families informed of ballot results by August 15th. <a href="http://www.onslow.school.nz/future-students/enrolment/enrolment-timeline">http://www.onslow.school.nz/future-students/enrolment/enrolment-timeline</a>
<b>Wellington High</b>	WHS warmly invites you and your whānau to attend our Opening Evening 2019 on Monday 10 June from 6pm-8pm. In Zone enrolment interviews will be held in early August for prospective Year 9 students in 2020. <a href="http://www.whs.school.nz/enrolment/">http://www.whs.school.nz/enrolment/</a>
<b>Wellington Girls' College</b> - Open morning Friday 21 June, 9.15am or 11am <a href="http://www.wellington-girls.school.nz/enrolment/enrolment">http://www.wellington-girls.school.nz/enrolment/enrolment</a> Prospectus with Enrolment Application Form available from <a href="https://wgc.school.nz">https://wgc.school.nz</a> from mid May - please note we do not print copies of our Prospectus.	

**Wellington College** - Open mornings Saturday 22 June, 10am and Monday 24 June 9:30am – 11am

**2019 Key Dates for Enrolments for Year 9, 2020**

Enrolment forms and college prospectus for 2019 can be found on our website at

<https://www.wellington-college.school.nz/quick-links/enrolment>. Click [here](#) to complete your on-line enrolment application for Year 9 2019 or 2020

**Marsden School Karori Open Days – 16 August, 25 October 2019**

Year 9 Scholarship applications close - 16 May 2019

Year 9 Information Evening - 29 May, 7pm, Marsden School

Enrolment - applications for enrolment by end of Term 2. For more information please visit

<https://www.marsden.school.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](mailto:apeetz@kns.school.nz).

**Thursday 9 May**

**Friday 10 May**

**Monday 13 May**

**Tuesday 14 May**

**Wednesday 15 May**

**Arabella S & Charlie B Rm 23A**

**Emma B & Millie M Rm 34**

**Susannah E & Gabrielle H Rm 25**

**Jessica C & Katarina M Rm 35**

**Luke S & Myles A Rm 24**

## 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**

**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

### KNS Cross Country

Thursday 9th May

(ppt) Thursday 16th May

@ Karori Park

Our KNS Cross Country is now upon us.

#### Organisation for the day

We have a number of buses that will shuttle all the students to Karori Park with the first bus leaving just after 9am. So please ensure students are at school before 9am.

Once down at Karori Park the year 2, 3, 5 & 6 will be seated on the bank by the playground.

The year 1, 4, 7 & 8 will be seated outside the changing rooms.

## **Race times**

These are approximate however we will try and keep to these as much as possible.

We will have a staggered start so each year level will be split into boys and girls

Eg: Year 8 boys, Year 8 girls, Year 7 boys etc...

WZ children will get a mark on their hand at the start of the race to identify them as WZ runners.

Track 4 - 10:15am start

Track 3 - 10:55am start

Track 1 - 11:30am start

Track 2 - 12:05pm start

A more detailed timetable will be on the Sports blog and emailed out to families.

Feel free to come down and support the students throughout the day.

## **Students will need to bring:**

- Appropriate shoes to run in (they must all wear shoes)
- Appropriate clothing
- Warm jersey/jackets to put on before and after their race
- Sunhat and sunscreen
- Drink bottle

## **Sausage Sizzle**

Students will need to bring a gold coin donation for the sausage sizzle and hand this into their teachers on the morning of the event.

All students will receive a sausage sizzle at the end of their race.

Due to the large number of sausages and time frames we will only be offering standard Hellers precooked sausages.

If your child/ren are unable to have these due to allergies or gluten intolerance you are welcome to bring along a sausage that can be cooked alongside the other sausages.

These will need to be clearly labelled before handing this to the bbq helpers and your child will need to let the parents know.

## **Postponement**

In the event of bad weather a decision will be made by approximately 7:45am. A message will be emailed to families, left on the sports line and also added to our Sports Blog.

## **Western Zone Cross Country**

Tuesday 21st May

(ppt) Thursday 23rd May

@ Karori Park

11:30 - 2:15pm

From our KNS cross country the top 6 Year 4 - 8 boys and girls will go through to the Western Zone cross country at Karori Park.

Those students that make it through will be emailed information to gain permission from families and also ask for parent helpers shortly after the KNS event. We will require a number of parent helpers for this event including parents to help marshal on the course as well as supporting and supervising the students.

## **Year 7 & 8 Girls Basketball**

Do you have a year 7 or 8 interested in playing Friday basketball at the Karori Rec Centre.

One 30 minute game each week.

Games are played between 3:30 and 7:30pm

Approximately \$45 per player for the term

We need to confirm by Thursday 9/5 so please contact Cindy Paxton [paxtonfour@xtra.co.nz](mailto:paxtonfour@xtra.co.nz) if your child is keen.

## **KNS FUTSAL QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER - Thursday 6th June, ONE FAT BIRD @7pm**

Come join us for a night of questions and laughs with your mates and support the Year 7/8 Futsal boys fundraising efforts. Teams of 6, \$20 per person and some great prizes and spot prizes up for grabs. Teams are limited so please register your team early to [Lisa.duggan@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.duggan@gmail.com)



## Gala Committee Members Needed!!!!

We are now starting preparations for this years Gala, **this is my last year overseeing the Gala team**, our team at the moment is made up of 3 school representatives, 1 parent helping to organise the food, 1 parent helping with our newsletters, 1 new parent helping with our rubbish initiative introduced last year and myself.

We need some new people to come and learn all the aspects I do to pull the Gala together.

**Please let me know if you are interested in any of the following areas:**

- Sponsorship, advertising & signage
- Finding new convenors, interacting with stall convenors and helping to get the volunteers required for the day, including the Yr 7/8 helpers on the Friday.
- Collecting and managing trestle tables, clothing racks, electrical equipment required for Gala day, testing of electrical equipment, and returning them.
- Schedules, project management, minutes and oversight, staff liasion, security and areas of finance

It is hard work but when you know you have done your bit to help raise over \$60,000 - \$80,000 a year it is worth it.

**Don't wait to see if someone else will put their hand up. Contact me (Leaine) on [leained@yahoo.com](mailto:leained@yahoo.com)**



**Baby and Toddler Stall 2019: Convenors Required** 2018 was Suez and Sacha's last year managing the baby and toddler stall at the KNS Gala. They would love to pass on our knowledge to one or two people who are keen to take over. It has been a popular stall which we would love to continue with but we need a convenor or two to do it. Please contact Leaine on [leained@yahoo.com](mailto:leained@yahoo.com) if you are interested.



**Craft Stall 2019: Convenor Needed** We need a new person to run this stall. There are creative people who help with home-made crafts or creating reusable items, if you are crafty and would like to make your mark on this stall please contact Leaine on [leained@yahoo.com](mailto:leained@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

**We also require Convenors for Jaffa Roll and Lob – a – Choc at this stage. Please email Leaine at [leained@yahoo.com](mailto:leained@yahoo.com) if you are interested.**

## PTA News

friday may 24 kns hall



Tickets on sale on Kindo now!  
**Dance Around the World Disco**

Junior Disco (Yrs 0-2) 4.00-5.30pm  
 Senior Disco (Yrs 3-6) 6.15-7.45pm

Buy your \$7 ticket on [kindo.co.nz](http://kindo.co.nz) by 10 May  
 Prizes for the most inventive costumes!

Proudly supported by Metro Lighting



## Entertainment Book

The New 2019/20 Entertainment Memberships are now available!

Karori Normal School is once again selling Entertainment Memberships as part of our fundraising.

We receive \$13 for each book or Digital Membership we sell.

There are fantastic savings to be made at Wellington's leading restaurants, cafes and attractions. Your membership is a great way to find exciting new places to visit, or a reminder to get back to those old favourites. There are also great offers for over 2000 Hotels, Theme Parks, Rentals Cars, online shopping and so much more.

Payment for the Book or Digital Memberships can be made through the link below. To order securely online go to;

[www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104j220](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104j220)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Karori Normal School**

KNS PTA

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## Working Bees 18 May and 19 May at 2pm

Help us make the school look great! Join us for a school working bee on Saturday 18 May at 2pm or Sunday 19 May at 2pm.

We have 200 plants from the Council to plant in school grounds. Parents, caregivers and children welcome. Our meeting point will be near the entrance to the playing field. (Rain days will be 25 and 26 May).

Please email Anna Grant at [annamantelli@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:annamantelli@yahoo.co.nz) if you may be coming - it helps us to know who is coming. Or if easier just turn up!

## Yummy Fruit Stickers

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting yummy stickers off their fruit. If you have just joined Karori Normal School, this is a great fundraiser where we can trade yummy stickers in for new sports equipment from DG Sport. Last year KNS earned over \$1500 worth of new gear from our sticker collecting, so it is well worth doing. Let's see if we can top that this year!

You can buy "Yummy" apples, nectarines, and peaches at New World, Pak'n Save, and Four Square stores, and put the "Yummy" stickers or bag labels on a collection sheet. Collect either cut-out labels from the bags, or stickers on individual fruit. If you buy 'Ambrosia', 'Sweet Tango' or 'Lemonade' apples, you can use the "New Variety" sticker sheets and get **double** points. The School Office has collection sheets for the "New Variety" apple stickers, as well as the normal sheets. You can also print them from <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

When your sticker sheets are full, please return them to the school office. We will be collecting until late September. Happy munching!