

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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2020 Term Dates

Term 1 Tuesday 4 Feb – Thursday 9 Apr
Term 2 Tuesday 28 Apr – Friday 3 Jul
Term 3 Monday 20 Jul – Friday 25 Sept
Term 4 Monday 12 Oct – Wednesday 16 Dec

2020 TEAMS

Rōpū Kōwhai – Y1 (Team Leader Lisa Hadfield)
Rooms 6, 9, 10, 12 & 13

Rōpū Mānuka – Y2 (Team Leader Pam Carr)
Rooms 14, 15, 16 & 17

Rōpū Pōhutukawa – Y3 (Team Leader Phil McIntosh)
Rooms 1, 2, 4 & 5

Rōpū Akakura – Y4 (Team Leader Fiona Campbell)
Rooms 22, 23 & 23A

Rōpū Kahikatea – Y5/6 (Team Leader David Wong & Anne-Marie Richardson)
Rooms 18, 19, 20, 21, 33, 34 & 35

Rōpū Totara – Y7/8 (Team Leader Trish Blacktop & Laura Brennan)
Rooms 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29

Important Dates

Mar 20 Y 1-3 Athletics (cancelled)
Mar 24 WZ Football (cancelled)
Mar 25 Y 7/8 Athletics (cancelled)
Mar 27 Ultimate Challenge
Mar 30 Year 1 He Ata Tūwhera 9.15am
Apr 2 Raising Resilient Children Talk 7pm
Apr 3 Rōpū Akakura Assembly 9am
Apr 3 Rōpū Kahikatea Assembly 2pm
Apr 9 End of Term1

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

From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

Thank you all for your ongoing support as we work through the challenges presented by Coronavirus (COVID-19). It has once again affirmed the strong sense of community we have at our school.

The situation is evolving rapidly and we continue to receive regular updates and advice from the Ministry of Education (MoE). As outlined in recent school newsletters, we have reviewed our pandemic planning following MoE advice.

We have begun planning for the possibility that we may be directed to close the school. Teaching teams are looking at the provision of home learning, if this is required. A survey was sent to all families yesterday, requesting information regarding your family's access to the Internet and devices. It would be very helpful if you could complete this survey as soon as possible, the information will help us with our planning and provision of support for families.

We have decided that until the situation with coronavirus improves, teams will not be holding Team Hui, Team Kapa Haka and Team Singing.

The following events will be postponed and held later in the year:

- Term 1 Pōwhiri
- Year 1 to 3 Athletics
- Year 7 & 8 Athletics
- The Western Zone Football tournament is cancelled.

This situation is evolving rapidly; so we will endeavour to keep our communication regular. Please note KNS will only close if directed to by the MoE.

Key messages remain:

- We will take our lead from the MoE and Ministry of Health (MoH) regarding any decisions related to school closure and/or the dissemination of information to the wider school community.

- We will use email and the school website to share updates with the school community; this is to avoid any confusion that might arise.
- It is important that parents/caregivers provide the school with up-to-date email addresses so that we can contact you. If you are unsure whether or not we have your most recent email address please contact the school office, office@kns.school.nz.
- Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence; please encourage your children to wash their hands regularly and to cover coughs and sneezes with a clean tissue or elbow and dispose of used tissues in the bin. KNS staff will be reinforcing these messages as well.
- It is very important that children who are unwell stay at home.

Support for Parent/Caregiver Conversations with Children Regarding Coronavirus

Please find below a link for parents/caregivers from the MoE, to assist with talking to children about coronavirus:

[Talking to children about coronavirus](#)

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

- **Kia urupu tatou; kua e taukumekume.** Let us be united: not pulling against one another.

A thought to share with your children:

“Because that’s what kindness is. It’s not doing something for someone else because they can’t, but because you can.”
(Andrew Iskander)

Ngā Mihi
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 19 Mar

Friday 20 Mar

Monday 23 Mar

Tuesday 24 Mar

Wednesday 25 Mar

Rosie C & Rosie C Rm 28

Amy B & Grace S Rm 29

Annie B & Madeline T Rm 19

Lucy R & Harriet KP Rm 20

Jessica C & Beatrix E Rm 26

Sports News

COMPETITIVE CRICKET

Both our YR 5-6 and YR 7-8 Competitive Cricket Teams did extremely well in the Competitive Cricket Tournament in the past few weeks. Please keep an eye on the KNS Facebook page for further game results. Semi Finals and Finals information will be advised in due course.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

The Weetbix Tryathlon was due to be held on Sunday however sadly it was cancelled due to the current events however it was lovely to hear that some of our KNS whānau met in smaller community groups to get active!

ATHLETICS

The upcoming Athletics for Years 1-3 (Friday 20th March) and Years 7-8 (Wednesday 25th March) and Western Zones Football for Years 5-8 (Tuesday 24th March) have been postponed indefinitely due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

This decision has been made as we do not feel there that there is a sufficient amount of handwashing facilities for such a large number of students to access between using the various equipment and eating.

WESTERN ZONES FOOTBALL

Unfortunately due to the same reasons outlined above it has been determined by all Western Zones Schools to cancel our upcoming WZ Football Tournament that was due to be played on Tuesday 24th March.

We understand these cancellations are disappointing and hope everyone can understand our reasoning for postponing these events as we aim to reduce any potential risk for our students, whānau and the wider community.

Jess Sewell
Sports Administrator

PTA News



Join us on Friday 27th March!

**770 students. 58 teams. Eight physical, mental and creative challenges.
It's going to be a great day. Be part of it!**

We **need** your help. This much loved school event can not successfully happen without you. If you can help, please get in touch with Hayley Famlton hayley74@gmail.com now.

We need people to:

- Come and spend the day with us assisting a teacher run a challenge
- Bake! We are providing morning tea and lunch for our hard workers. Any baking would be gratefully received on the morning of the event. Please clearly label the contents and name your box/bag if you would like it returned. Thank you.



Yummy Fruit Stickers

Now is a good time to be keeping up our vitamin intake, and what better way to do that than eating lots of Yummy fruit. This week, the "Yummy" fruit sticker collection sheets have come home in the schoolbags. You can buy "Yummy" apples, nectarines, and peaches at New World, Pak'n Save, and Four Square stores, and collect the "Yummy" stickers or labels on the 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 earn DOUBLE points! These must go on the "New Variety" sticker sheets to earn double please.**

More collection sheets are available at the School Office if you run out – or you can print them from the Yummy Fruit website. The School Office also has collection sheets for the "New Variety" apple stickers.

When your sticker sheets are full, return them to the school office. We will be collecting until September. Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into a share of the sports prize pool from DG Sport. Last year, KNS earned over \$2100 worth of sports gear from our sticker collecting, thanks to everyone who helped. Let's see if we can top that this year!

For more Yummy Fruit info or more sticker sheets, check out: <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

Raising Resilient Children

Come and listen to Kathryn Berkett present a talk on "Raising Resilient Children" where we will learn what we can do as parents and as a community to help. The talk will cover what resilience looks like with some real take home strategies and include easy to understand examples.

Kathryn Berkett of ENGAGE has her Masters in Educational Psychology, and has extensive experience in understanding how trauma can impact on development. She has worked and trained, nationally and internationally, delivering to a variety of organisations.

There will be a chance to catch up with other parents over a light supper provided by the PTA.

The event is on 2 April Thursday night, 7pm, school hall.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at event bright through the following link.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/kns-talk-on-resilience-tickets-88805249893>



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