

# KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

Newsletter No. 1 – Term 1  
5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Week 1



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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

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

### Important Dates

**Mar 27** Ultimate Challenge  
**Apr 9** End of Term 1

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

### Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupils: Cooper C, Liam H, Khloe R-S, Leomana A-F, Flynn B, Swar P, Elena N, Amelia D, Ava D, Alena B, Oscar B, Reuben S, Elowen Y, Zoe C, Alexander S, Asher B, Kriday S, Akerangi S, Ollie F, Jack F, Will F, Mili P, Danielle P, Rebecca B, Lily B, Grace O, Joshua L, Franny O and Doris Z.

### From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

For those of you who are new to our school community, welcome to Karori Normal School (KNS) and welcome back to those of you who were with us last year. We have had a great start to the new school year, classes are settled and the children are very happy to be back. It was wonderful to be by the crossing on Donald Street on Tuesday morning to see the smiling faces coming to school and looking forward to a great 2020 school year.

Our focus this year will continue to be on the three goals contained in our Karori Normal School Charter 2018 – 2020:

1. Every Child's Achievement Grows (Learning)
2. Care and Resilience are Fostered (A Culture of Care)
3. We all make KNS a better place (Stewardship, Community and Partnership)

The Board of Trustees and leadership team will be finalising our 2020 Annual Plan at the first board meeting on Wednesday 19 February. I will share details regarding our 2020 planning following this meeting.

### Home/School Partnership and Communication

Please remember an open door policy is central to our KNS culture.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or the programmes we have on offer. It is very important that we continue to work together to build a strong home and school partnership. Please do not wait until a formal parent/teacher meeting to ask questions or raise concerns, we want to deal with these quickly before they become major issues. Remember your first point of contact is your child's class teacher.

We have a number of channels of communication that we use to try to ensure that you have the information you need. These include; the weekly newsletter, team newsletters, the school website, email updates and the Facebook page that we introduced last year. You can find out more about communication with the community on our school website: <http://www.kns.school.nz/1/pages/66-weekly-newsletters>

## **KNS Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) Picnic**

We have a very active, effective and welcoming PTA at KNS. At some schools the PTA is almost entirely focussed on fundraising however, at KNS our PTA sees its community building role as being of equal importance. The PTA will be holding the second annual KNS family Picnic on Friday 28 February from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet other KNS families and catch up with those you already know.

## **Sun Safety**

Please note the following points regarding sun safety, we appreciate your support in keeping the children 'sun safe'.

- Children need to bring their own hats to school as long as it is a sun-safe hat i.e. a **bucket hat** or **wide brimmed hat**. We would also like children to wear their hats to and from school.
- All children will be expected to wear a hat when they are outside at school. If children don't have their own sun-safe hat at school, we will endeavour to provide them with a school sun-hat to wear when they are outside.

A large number of children still do not have hats at school, it would be great if all children could bring their own hats as we are unable to provide hats for them all.

## **Kiss and Drop Zone – Donald Street**

We operate the Donald St Kiss and Drop zone to ensure that children get out of cars safely and that traffic flows smoothly 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.

## **Ryman Demolition Work - Donald Street Traffic**

As you are probably aware, Ryman are expected to carry out more demolition work on the old-Victoria University site adjacent to our school. We have requested and Ryman have agreed, that there will be no truck movements on Donald St from 8.15am to 9.15am and again from 2.45pm to 3.30pm on school days.

We will be keeping a careful watch on the demolition process, particularly the management of traffic and will deal directly with Ryman should any issues arise. If you see a near miss or are concerned about safety please be in touch with Ryman directly and also let us know, so that we can track the number of incidents.

## **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 Concerns**

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](mailto:office@kns.school.nz), with a photograph if possible, and this will be forwarded to the Health and Safety committee for action.

## **Upcoming Enrolments**

If you or any friends have soon to be five-year olds who will be enrolling at KNS, I would be very grateful if you would contact our office team, [vlewington@kns.school.nz](mailto:vlewington@kns.school.nz) or 4767209, to begin the enrolment process. Early enrolment helps us with our planning for staffing and classroom accommodation.

To help us with planning for the future, please contact us regarding enrolment if your children:

- will turn five in the next 12 months,
- live within our enrolment zone &
- will be attending Karori Normal School

### Whakataukī o te wiki

**Hei ta te kaiako ka tuwhera i tona kuaha, engari, mahau ano e kuhu mai.** - Teachers open the door, but you must enter yourself

A thought to share with your children:

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” ([Desmond Tutu](#))

Ngā Mihi

Conrad Kelly  
Principal

### The Mini Coffee Bar is coming to KNS



That’s right, the Mini Coffee Bar will be at KNS next week from 7:00am-10:00am every morning. Grab a delicious coffee after your morning swim/walk/run or at school drop off. If successful, we are hoping for this to be an ongoing arrangement with the Mini Coffee Bar.

Check out his Facebook page [here](#).

## School News

### Updating of School Records due **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Yesterday your child would have brought home an envelope containing a student record form. We ask that you check the record forms carefully and either confirm or update your child’s school record information. If you have more than one child at school we require each of these forms returned. These forms need to be returned whether there are changes or not. Please return the forms in the envelope provided to the **school office by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**.

### Year 7 & 8 Immunisation Consent Forms due **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

The immunisation consent forms for Year 7 and 8 pupils will be given out to children over the next few days. We would be grateful if they could be completed and returned to the school office by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. If your preference is for your child to be immunised by your health care provider, the non-consent part of the form still needs to be completed and returned. Please don’t hesitate to make contact with me if you have any questions.

Thank you, Nicky Giles [ngiles@kns.school.nz](mailto:ngiles@kns.school.nz)

## School Lunches – Lunches starts from Week 2 except for Zhou's Kitchen who starts from Week 3

Tuesdays – Chinese from Zhou's Kitchen

Wednesdays – Hell's Pizza (Northland)

Thursdays – Subway (Karori) payment online, using the link:

Fridays – Sushi from Umi Sushi at Karori Mall



### Help Needed for Pizza lunches

Can you spare ½ hour on the occasional Wednesday?

We need some new parents to help with Hell Pizza on Wednesdays please

KNS receives \$1 for every pizza so it's a great fundraiser & a fun way to contribute to the school.

We need a parent on duty to hand out pizzas from the hall kitchen each Wednesday. It takes about ½ hour from 12.15pm.

We also need help with processing the orders on Wednesday mornings after 9am. This only takes around ½ hour too.

You can volunteer for as many or as few duties as you like & the roster is very flexible.

Please let Stacey Wilson know if you're able to help – 027 415 4849 or [fin.stacey@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fin.stacey@xtra.co.nz)

### Scholastic Book Club Issue 1, 2020 - due Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). The cut-off date to order this issue is **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Any queries email Julie Smart [jsmart@scholastic.co.nz](mailto:jsmart@scholastic.co.nz).

### Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, late to school, or has an appointment, please ensure you notify the school one of the following options

1) Checkline 476-7228 and leave a message on the answerphone

2) email [absences@kns.school.nz](mailto:absences@kns.school.nz)

3) parent portal app on your device

**If your child arrives late they must come to the office and sign in on arrival.**

### 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 6 Feb

Friday 7 Feb

Monday 10 Feb

Tuesday 11 Feb

Wednesday 12 Feb

#### Waitangi Day

Myles A & Sienna P Rm 27

Rosie C & Jessica Rm 28

Amy B & Grace S Rm 29

Jessica C & Beatrice E Rm 26

### Sports News

#### Karori Normal School Netball AGM

The Karori Normal School Netball AGM will be held Wednesday 12th February from 7pm at the Karori Rec Centre (upstairs). All parents of children interested in playing netball for KNSN are most welcome and encouraged to attend. The club relies on volunteers to run and welcomes new members.

#### KNS Netball Trials Year 7 & 8

KNS Netball trials for Y7 and Y8 netball players to be held on 8th and 15th March 2-5pm at the Karori Rec Centre. Please note ALL Y7 and Y8 players need to attend these trials even if they do not wish to play in a competitive team. More information and a link to registrations to follow shortly. Please contact the KNS netball convenor on [knsnconvenor@gmail.com](mailto:knsnconvenor@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Weetbix Tryathlon 2020

Registrations for this event is now open. You can register under KNS again using the following link

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35582&G=99885>

This is for the event on Sunday 15th March @ 8am

## PTA News

### Your info needed for 2020 Class Lists and Appointment of Class Co-ordinators

Welcome back to school!

As part of building a strong community at Karori Normal, the PTA are keen to encourage interaction amongst the families in each class.

To help with this please complete the following google form

<https://forms.gle/uWJEUrt4CA12yJrY6>

The details collected will be shared with the parents/caregivers of your child's class and your class co-ordinator (Note: the PTA is not able to use the school's database with your contact details so we rely on this google form for contact information.)

We are also looking for class co-ordinators. Class co-ordinators play a key role in bringing families together through arranging class meet ups during the year. If you are able to help with this please indicate this in the form.

Finally, we are always looking for new members of the PTA (Parents and Teachers Association) or people who are willing and able to help out. If you are interested please indicate this in the form.

Thanks for your time

The Karori Normal PTA

### Year 7 and 8 KNS Hoodies

It's a KNS tradition that Y7/8's have the opportunity to purchase a KNS hoodie with their name on it!

If your child would like one please read on....

Cost: \$55 per hoodie



*Graphic example above*

Product info and sizing: <https://www.auroraclimbing.co.nz/product/aurora/xth-performance-hoodie/>

(FYI: The hoodies are by the same company who has done the Pirates Swim School and KNS Hockey)

Purchase using Kindo (<http://www.kns.school.nz/1/pages/61-kindo-shop>)

**Orders must be placed no later than Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

Organised by the KNS PTA