

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

Important Dates

Feb 25 WZ Cricket pp 27/2
Feb 28 KNS Picnic 5-7 pp 6/3
Mar 18 Y 1-3 Athletics pp 20/3
Mar 24 WZ Football pp 26/3
Mar 25 Y 7/8 Athletics pp 1/4
Mar 27 Ultimate Challenge
Apr 3 Rōpū Akakura Assembly 9am
Apr 9 End of Term1

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

Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupils: Emacey-Shaun, Jessica & Lily.

From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

The great start to the school year has continued, coinciding with a wonderful spell of weather. Classes and teams are working hard to build a positive, learning focussed culture and the school already has a very settled feel. Well done to the children for returning to school so ready to learn and thank you for your ongoing support. You have obviously spent time over the last few weeks of the holidays helping your children approach the 2020 school year with a positive frame of mind.

Our Board of Trustees will hold its February meeting next Wednesday 19 February. An overview of discussion at the board's December 2019 meeting can be found in this newsletter.

Teaching Teams/Rōpū 2020

This year the school is structured into six teams/rōpū. Those of you who were with us in 2019 will notice that there has been significant moving of teams around the school. As outlined in a December school newsletter the reason for the changes was to enable teachers to continue to focus on collaborative practice. We have deliberately placed classes within teams close together, so that they can collaborate more easily.

- Rōpū Kōwhai Year 1 - Lisa Hadfield (Team Leader), Jo Stevens, Kath Walrond, Maria Gorrie & Helena Henley
- Rōpū Mānuka Year 2 – Pam Carr (Team Leader), Libby Allwood, Sam Butts & Schiehallion McKelvie
- Rōpū Pōhutukawa Year 3 – Phil McIntosh (Team Leader), Katy Flintoff, Michele Mills & Sam Cockerton
- Rōpū Akakura Year 4 – Fiona Campbell (Team Leader), Wilhelmina Wooff & Treena Tiller
- Rōpū Kahikatea Year 5 & 6 - David Wong (Team Leader), Anne-Marie Richardson (Team Leader), Nick Dowson, Colin Lambie, Cherie Le Quesne, Jacqui Croft & Emma Newton
- Rōpū Tōtara Year 7 & 8 - Trish Blacktop (Team Leader), Laura Brenna (Team Leader), Katherine Francis, Tiana Karaka, Rose Ellis and Kane O'Connell

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 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.

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 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 (Proverb of the Week)

- **E kore te patiki e hoki ki tona puehu** *The flounder (fish) does not return to his dust* (Do not make the same mistake twice)

A thought to share with your children:

- "Always stop to think whether your fun may be the cause of another's unhappiness." (Aesop)

Ngā Mihi

Conrad Kelly
Principal

BoT News

Summary of 18 December 2019 BoT meeting

The KNS Board had its last meeting for 2019 on 18 December. At the beginning of the meeting, Board members shared their pepeha as a way of increasing Te Reo across all areas of KNS. The Board thanked Conrad for the report it had received from KNS's tikanga Māori team on the continued progress on the school's cultural responsiveness strategy.

Board members also discussed a report about the performing arts at KNS. The Board is conscious that, as a state-funded primary school, KNS is reliant on the goodwill of a small number of teachers who volunteer and give up their personal time. The Board was pleased with the report and will continue the conversation on performing arts as it develops the new Charter.

The Board approved a draft budget for 2020, discussed KNS's 2020 goals and objectives, and noted that ERO (the Education Review Office) will publish its final report early this year.

The Board also discussed the responses to the parent/caregiver survey. Overall, the responses were positive. Generally, in areas where the responses were not positive, more communication about what KNS is already doing in those areas may be helpful. The Board will be taking all of the feedback into account when finalising KNS's goals and objectives and its 2020 agenda.

Architecture firm Stephenson & Turner is due to present a master (conceptual) plan for the school's renovations in March.

The Board will have its first meeting for 2020 on Wednesday 19 February at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Board meetings are open to the public. The agenda for each meeting will be published on the school's website a day or two before the meeting.



Eight-year-old Mark Neave of Karori with his baked goods, raising money for the area's homeless. Photo supplied.

Youngster helps the homeless

Eight-year old Mark Neave is helping Karori's homeless with proceeds from his bake stall at St Ninian's monthly garage sale.

Once a month he and mum Jacqui rise at 6am to bake up a storm before heading to their booked church sales table to sell the delicious goodies to the locals.

They usually produce at least 10 home baked items selling at two to three dollars each. That includes lolly cake, shortbread, cupcakes, scones and the hot favourite, truffles.

In December Mark raised \$140 with all proceeds going to the Wellington City Mission. Jacqui said her son, who attends Karori Normal School, was prompted into

Jacqui Neave, supporting son Mark's compassion for the area's homeless. Photo supplied.



action when he saw beggars outside the local mall and started giving them food before moving on to fundraising.

St Ninian's monthly ga-

rage sales begin again for 2020 on Saturday February 8 from 9am to 1pm.

To book a space call 04 476 7137 or email stnup@xtra.co.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

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



Fridays – Sushi from Umi Sushi at Karori Mall

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1, 2020 - due Friday 14th 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. The cut-off date to order this issue is **Friday 14th February 2020**. Any queries email Julie Smart 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

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 – apeetz@kns.school.nz.

Thursday 13 Feb

Friday 14 Feb

Monday 17 Feb

Tuesday 18 Feb

Wednesday 19 Feb

Sydney G Rm29 & Eleanor B Rm 28

Ollie A & Thomas TD Rm 24

Matthew BC & Ora M Rm 25

Emily C & Arabella S Rm 27

Fergus D & Thomas L Rm 28

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 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

Do you like to collaborate to organise a bit of FUN?

The duo/team that organises the Ultimate Challenge is down to one and we need one or two people to get on board and support this event. You do not need to create the challenges as we have a bank of them but new ideas or the ability to refresh them are welcome. There are a range of roles that you can take on such as admin, gathering resources, helping set up prior to the event or just be general support.

This year the Ultimate Challenge is on Friday 27th March

Happy to answer any questions and find a role that suits your skills and time. I look forward to hearing from you!

Hayley Familton hayley74@gmail.com

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:

12 & 14 yr old sizing:

<https://www.auroraclothing.co.nz/product/aurora/xth-performance-hoodie-kids/>

Adults sizing:

<https://www.auroraclothing.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 28th 2020.

Organised by the KNS PTA

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.

