

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

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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

Feb 26 PTA Meeting
Feb 28 KNS Picnic 5-7 pp 6/3
Mar 10 New Entrants Open Morning 9.30am
Mar 20 Y 1-3 Athletics pp 23/3
Mar 24 WZ Football pp 26/3
Mar 25 Y 7/8 Athletics pp 1/4
Mar 27 Ultimate Challenge
Apr 2 Raising Resilient Children Talk 7pm
Apr 3 Ropu Akakura Assembly 9am
Apr 3 Ropu 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

Recently the Education Review Office visited KNS to review our school in line with their review cycle of all New Zealand schools.

The ERO team visited KNS in Term 4 2019 and their final report will made public next week on their website; www.ero.govt.nz.

The report provides an overview of our school and ERO's judgement of where the school is, in meeting educational outcomes. You will see there is an overall judgement that Karori Normal School is "well placed" at meeting ERO's evaluation indicators. A copy of the report is now on our school website; [Karori Normal School ERO Review 2019](#). There are a range of things we are doing really well and aspects where we might improve.

I'm pleased to say the areas for improvement are aspects that the school and board had already identified and are already making progress on. The board would like to thank all of the staff and the senior leaders at the school for their continued support and encouragement of our children's development.

Bronwyn Barberel (Board Chair)

The wonderful spell of weather continues and it's great that children have been able to get outside so often. Please remember 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.

As you know we have a dedicated and hard-working staff team, they are our most valuable resource in ensuring that our school continues to provide an environment that meets the needs of the children. When my children were school-age it was very important to me that their teachers had the energy and enthusiasm to 'want' to be in the classroom with the children.

The wellbeing of our children is supported by the wellbeing of our staff. We know that building a positive relationship with children is a key to them feeling safe and cared for. Our students at KNS have told us that the

relationship with their teacher is really important as it helps them to learn better. Te Kāhui Ako o Te Whanganui a Tara has a focus on wellbeing and all schools we are working closely together with are developing initiatives to support staff and students. We would like you to support our first wellbeing week for staff.

To help our staff maintain their energy and enthusiasm levels we want staff to be able to focus on their own families and out-of-school lives next week. To support this, next week I would appreciate it if parents/caregivers would:

- Only email teachers if a matter is urgent and can't wait until, Monday 09 March.
- Only ask to meet with teachers if a matter is urgent and can't wait until Monday 09 March.

Next week our staff won't be taking part in any work based before or after school meetings and I'm expecting them to focus on their out-of-school lives.

Ryman Site

Thank you to those parents/caregivers who alerted me to a truck leaving the Ryman site on Campbell St last Thursday, just after 3.00pm. Ryman have been contacted and we are working with them and WCC to ensure that there is no repeat incident. Ryman have confirmed that they will continue to manage movements on Donald St to avoid peak school traffic times of 8.30am to 9.15am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm. Please note there may be occasions when 'over-size' trucks need to use Campbell St and I am working with Ryman and WCC around the traffic management plan for these situations.

We will be continue to keep 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, office@kns.school.nz, so that we can track the number of incidents.

KNS PTA

Our PTA will hold its February meeting this evening. If you are interested in joining the PTA, finding out more, or meeting a great group of people, please come along to the staffroom at 7.30pm tonight.

Remember that the PTA will be holding the second annual KNS Family Picnic on this 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.

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

- **Toia te waka – mahia te mahi** – Be actively involved

A thought to share with your children:

- "In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact." (Les Brown)

Ngā Mihi
Conrad Kelly
Principal

BOT News

Summary of 19 February 2020 BOT meeting

The KNS Board had its first meeting for 2020 on 19 February. Its main job during the meeting (as always during the first meeting of a year) was to work with Conrad to finalise a draft of the Annual Plan for 2020. The Annual Plan is essentially a series of objectives/actions for Conrad and the staff to undertake during the year. Each objective/action is in furtherance of one of KNS's three Charter goals. It is the Board's role to set those objectives/actions based on parent and caregiver feedback (from the survey), and then monitor whether they have been achieved. The Annual Plan document also lists the ways that the Board can measure achievement of the objectives/actions. The Charter is on the KNS website, here: <https://www.kns.school.nz/7/pages/6-vision-charter-and-values>.

Architecture firm Stephenson & Turner has prepared a master site plan (not yet publicly available) for the school's renovations. The plan is currently with the Ministry of Education and will be reviewed by its design review panel. The Ministry has the final say on design.

The Board will meet again on 18 March 2020 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.

School News

Year 7 & 8 Immunisation Consent Forms overdue

The immunisation consent forms for Year 7 and 8 pupils are now due. We would be grateful if they could be completed and returned to the school office. 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

Updating of School Records overdue

Thank you to those parents who have returned these forms on time. There are still quite a few outstanding and your child should have brought home a 2nd copy on Monday. We need these forms to be returned urgently whether there are changes or not. Please return the forms in the envelope provided to the **school office by tomorrow 27th Feb.**

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 27 Feb

Friday 28 Feb

Monday 2 Mar

Tuesday 3 Mar

Wednesday 4 Mar

Belle S Rm 27 & Stella F Rm 28

Arabella A & Mia C Rm 24

Holly I & Olivia Rm 19

Imogen M & Nena A Rm 20

Liam F & Arlo A Rm 24

Sports News

Western Zone Cricket Tournament

Thank you to all the students and parents who attended this event on Tuesday 25th. Parent help is always greatly appreciated and these events will not happen without it. It was a great day for all involved. Our next Western Zone event will be football which is in the end of March. We look forward to seeing everyone out having a great time.

Competitive Cricket

Congratulations to all of our Students who were selected in our Yr 5-6 and Yr 7-8 competitive cricket teams for 2020.

Thanks to all students that put their hand up and had a go at the trials – everyone did a great job and it was a tough choice for the selectors. Please ensure you try again next year!

The 2020 Tournament is due to start next month so keep an eye out for results.

Himalayan Trust Summit Challenge – March 2020

Check out the details for the new Himalayan Trust Summit Challenge below;

Sir Edmund Hillary founded the Himalayan Trust in 1960, to work alongside partner organisations in Nepal to help the people of the Everest region with health, education and general wellbeing. To Sir Ed, his greatest achievement was not climbing Everest, but helping the people of Nepal.

Students can continue Sir Ed's legacy and change lives in Nepal by [joining the Summit Challenge today.](#)

Your challenge is to climb 8848m – the height of Everest – in March 2020 to help bring safe water, life-saving healthcare and quality education to people in the Everest region of Nepal. You can work together as a team to climb, run, walk or bike it. Or you could even get creative – how about reading 8848 pages or baking 8848 cupcakes?

However you decide to take on the Himalayan Trust Summit Challenge, it will be a chance for students to follow in Sir Ed's footsteps, challenge themselves, help others, and have fun doing it!

COMING UP

Keep an eye out for details of our upcoming sporting events, particularly Netball and Football... lots of exciting sporting opportunities ahead for Term One.

Jess Sewell

Sports Administrator

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.

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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