

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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2020 Term Dates

Term 2 Wednesday 15 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, 7, 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

Jun 22 - 26 Wellington Girls' College Open Morning
Jun 22 - 27 Wellington College Open Morning
Jun 24 PTA AGM/Meeting 7.30pm
Jun 26 KNS Cross Country
Jun 29 Wellington High School Open Evening – 6pm – 8pm
Jun 30 St Mary's College Open Morning 11.30am, 2pm & 4pm
Jul 3 End of Term 2

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

Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupils: Gale Currie.

From the Principal

Tena koutou te whānau

We are looking forward to our school cross-country on Friday, the weather forecast is good and the organisers have done a great job preparing for the event. It has been great to see the number of children who have been putting in a real effort, to make a personal improvement in their fitness level.

In my opinion, one of the most important things children, and adults, need to learn is, that effort over time and persistence are key to success, not natural ability. I have seen lots of young people who weren't the best at 5 years old, 10 years old or 12 years old, go on to do great things because, they kept doing their personal best. As adults we need to reinforce and affirm personal effort. In the long run that's more important than who comes first right now. "We like to think of our champions and idols as superheroes who were born different from us. We don't like to think of them as relatively ordinary people who made themselves extraordinary." (Carol S. Dweck).

Winter is now definitely here and we are experiencing the usual higher levels of colds and other illnesses. We are continuing to encourage the children to wash their hands regularly and to follow good cough/sneeze etiquette. We will also contact you to ask you to come and collect your child if they are sick. Please remember to keep your child at home if they are unwell, this will help your child get well more quickly and help lessen the spread of colds in classrooms.

2020 Teacher Only Days

We had intended to hold a Teacher only Staff Development Day, on Friday 29 May. This was postponed because we felt that closing the school for children so close to the return from lockdown, would not have been the right thing to do.

We are now intending to hold two staff development, Teacher only Days between now and the end of the year on:

- Friday 21 August
- Friday 13 November

Please note these days in your diaries.

As always if you need any support or have any questions, please contact one of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT):

- Conrad Kelly ckelly@kns.school.nz
- Andrea Peetz apeetz@kns.school.nz
- James Appleton jappleton@kns.school.nz

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

Kaua e mate wheke mate ururoa *Don't die like an octopus, die like a hammerhead shark*

Octopus are renown for their lack of resistance when being captured, however a hammerhead shark will fight bitterly to the end, to the point that when you fillet it fresh, its meat quivers. Commonly used to encourage someone not to give up, no matter how hard the struggle is.

A thought to share with your children:

"Be true to the game, because the game will be true to you. If you try to shortcut the game, then the game will shortcut you. If you put forth the effort, good things will be bestowed upon you. That's truly about the game, and in some ways that's about life too." (Michael Jordan)

Ngā Mihi

Conrad Kelly

BOT News

Summary of 17 June 2020 BoT meeting

The KNS Board met by Zoom in April and May, and met again in person on 17 June. Conrad gave updates on the school's response to COVID-19 at each meeting, and the Board commended him and all KNS staff for their outstanding work at each alert level. The Board noted the school's focus on the students' wellbeing during this time, and considered KNS has really 'walked the talk' when it comes to Charter Goal 2 – 'Care and Resilience are Fostered (A Culture of Care)'.

On 17 June, the Board discussed a plan for development of the new Charter, which is due to be submitted to the Ministry of Education in March 2021. The new Charter will set out the school's strategic direction for the next three years. It will reflect goals and objectives that KNS parents/caregivers want the Board to focus on. Later in July, the Board will be sending out the Charter survey, which is the main way that the Board consults with parents/caregivers about the Charter. This year there is likely to also be face-to-face consultations with various groups.

The plans for the school's renovations are still progressing, but there is no decision as yet on a design. During the July school holidays, it is likely that the old admin block will be demolished – this would have to happen no matter which design the Ministry settles on.

The Board will meet again on 22 July 2020 at 6.30pm. The agenda for the meeting will be published on the school's website a day or two before the meeting.

School News

Absences of Children

Checkline Notifications, Absence emails, Parent Portal Notifications and late arrivals

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason (ie sick, late, holiday, appointment, etc) it is imperative you let us know before 8.55am.

- By phoning the 24 hour "Checkline" telephone service and leave a message on the answerphone
- By emailing absences@kns.school.nz
- By using the Parent Portal absence application on your device

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

Room 26 Charity Auction

Room 26 started an inquiry project last term to raise money for charity that was inspired by an episode of The Project that we watched, where a man in Christchurch traded multiple items to get from a plastic fork to a Ute! Each class member spent up to \$10 at a local charity shop on a single item. They have been swapping this item around their family and friends and now have new items to sell on behalf of their chosen charities. These items are up for sale now! Check them out on the school Facebook page. We have everything from bikes, to jewellery, to books, to sports equipment and more. Please support our students and their charities by bidding high before Thursday 25th June at 3pm. Email ndonovan@kns.school.nz with your bid. Please view the link below for the list of items on auction.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CUGW461dObTMlStw6hDjvVifQGv_GSlz/view?usp=sharing

Books for Kiribati

Good news! There is another opportunity to help the children in Kiribati by donating to our upcoming book drive. We are looking for picture books, learn to read, easy read and non-fiction books in good condition. These will be donated to the library and schools all over Kiribati.

You can drop the books into a box either in the school foyer or at the school library between now and the end of term.

If you would prefer to contribute a new book a selection of suggested books have been left behind the counter at Marsden Books.

Thank you

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 25 Jun

Friday 26 Jun

Monday 29 Jun

Tuesday 30 Jun

Wednesday 1 Jul

Fergus D & Thomas L Rm 28

James E Rm 25 & Zac L Rm 29

Nicholas W & Santiago LT Rm 21

Xanthe M & Sophie B Rm 35

Ben H & Ciara W Rm 18

Sports News

KNS CROSS COUNTRY

The KNS cross country has been scheduled for Friday 26th June, Week 11 (postponement date July 3rd - Friday Week 12). It will be held on our school grounds. Spectators are welcome, we are running on the streets surrounding the school. It will be important for people hoping to watch to read this carefully. Families are welcome to come and spectate on the school field or watch from your front yards or on the roadsides of the footpath around the course. We kindly ask that you stand on the roadside of the footpath, so our runners are on the house side of the street. Please don't gather in groups as the footpath is small and for the safety of our students we want as much space available to them as possible. Please see below for pictures of the tracks.

We also ask that if possible could families please avoid driving on Donald Street for the first part of the day as we will have the orange gates up at the pedestrian crossing. As always please sign your child in at the school office if they are late on the day.

The first race will begin at 9:30am - we will make our way through Track 4, Track 1, Track 2, and Track 3 as races finish, we aim to complete the event around midday. Your child should have signed up for one of the 4 tracks with their classroom teacher. As this is our first year running the event at school we ask that people are patient with any hiccups on the day. If you have any questions please direct them to either our sports leader, Katy Flintoff - kflintoff@kns.school.nz or deputy principal, James Appleton - jappleton@kns.school.nz.



Track 1



Track 2



Track 3



Track 4

Sausage Sizzle at Cross Country

As part of our annual school cross country, we are going to have a sausage sizzle at school for the students. The students will get a sausage at the end of their race. This will be a gold coin donation that can be handed to their classroom teacher in the morning. We will only be serving regular sausages however if your child has different dietary requirements such as vegetarian or gluten-free they are welcome to bring one sausage to be cooked on the day.

For us to be able to do this we still require 2 parents to help cook and serve the sausages throughout the day.

If you are able to help out at the sausage sizzle can you please email me on apatel@kns.school.nz and let me know if you are available to help from 9 am to 12.30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

A few of our Western Zones, Interzone and Regional event dates have shifted following recent events. Outlined below are the upcoming Term 3 Western Zone event dates to be aware of. Further details of each event will be sent out separately and closer to the time. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact apatel@kns.school.nz.

TERM 3				
YEAR	EVENT	DATE	PP DATE	VENUE
WESTERN ZONE	Cross Country	23 July	4/5/6 August	Karori Park
WESTERN ZONE	Netball	11 August	13 August	Kelburn
INTERZONE	Cross Country	18 August	20/25/27 August	Grenada North
WESTERN ZONE	Hockey	8 September	10 September	National Stadium
REGIONAL	Cross Country	8 September	10 September	Harcourt Park
INTER-REGIONAL	Cross Country	24 September		Harcourt Park

Thanks,

Mrs Anita Patel- Sports Administrator

PTA News

Kids Art Works Fundraiser

Back by popular demand!

Our students are busy preparing beautiful artworks to be created into calendars, diaries, mousepads and more! In order to prepare for this, we will be sending a list of all the students' names and class numbers to Kids Art Works. If you would like us to **not** send your child's name and class number to Kids Art Works, please email amanda.dudding@gmail.com by Wednesday 26 June.



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WINE FUNDRAISER

Karori Normal School's Parent Teacher Association is fundraising to buy a range of learning resources for the school. Funds raised will help with the teachers' wishlist to help bring out the best in our tamariki.

Ōhau Wines is helping us raise money through the sale of their award-winning wines. For every six-pack purchased online, Ōhau Wines will donate \$10 to the PTA.

As a supporter, you will receive a discount on your order and free delivery within New Zealand!

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- 3.) Enter the promotional code word below, before proceeding to payment.
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