

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

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17th March 2021 – Week 7



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2021 Term Dates

- Term 1 Thursday 4 Feb – Friday 16 Apr
Term 2 Monday 3 May – Friday 9 Jul
Term 3 Monday 26 Jul – Friday 1 Oct
Term 4 Monday 18 Oct – Thursday 16 Dec

2021 TEAMS

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

Rōpū Mānuka – Y2 (Team Leader – Pam Carr)
Rooms 1, 2 & 4

Rōpū Pōhutukawa – Y3 (Team Leader Nick Dowson)
Rooms 14, 15, 16 & 17

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

17 Mar	BOT Meeting (cancelled)
24 Mar	Y 7/8 Athletics pp 31 Mar
25 Mar	PTA Meeting & AGM
26 Mar	Runathon
1 Apr	Staff Only Day (School closed)
2 - 6 Apr	Easter Holiday (School closed)
13 Apr	WZ Football Y 5-8 pp 15 Apr
14 Apr	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
16 Apr	Last Day for Term 1

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r/month/2021/3/1?tab=wc>

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

Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupil: Oisin Brennan.

From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising our 2021 KNS Picnic on Friday. I was unfortunately at home sick, but everyone I've spoken to has said it was a wonderful community event. Thanks also to those of you who 'put their hands up' to help out with the many tasks which needed to be done on the day. The willingness of our parent/community to get involved is a key part of our culture at KNS.

Yesterday afternoon, Helena Henley, Lisa Hadfield, Pam Carr and Nick Dowson, four of our Year 1, 2 and 3 leaders, ran a very informative session for parents/caregivers, about play based learning at KNS. It's always difficult as a parent to find out 'what actually happens in schools these days'. Approaches to teaching and learning are different from the schooling that we experienced and parents, quite rightly, have questions. Thank you to those of you who attended, many of your questions were the same ones our staff asked when we began looking into a play based approach.

Last night I attended a workshop along with four members of our Board of Trustees at Wellington College. The workshop involved boards from all the eight Kāhui Ako o Whanganui a Tara schools and was focussed on cultural responsiveness. It is a privilege to work with a board who work hard to ensure that KNS is always seeking to improve.

Run-a-thon Friday 26 March

As you are aware next Friday 26 March, we will be holding our first school Run-a-thon at Ben Burn Park. We are working with both Wellington College and Wellington Girls College to make this event a success as well as raising some much needed sponsorship for World Vision.

The aim of Run-a-thon is to raise money for children living in the Chi Kreng community in Cambodia. These children are struggling to get access to a good quality education as many teachers aren't qualified and with more

students enrolling in school, most drop out before completing secondary school. With your support we can help provide books, materials and training to improve education and life skills for the most vulnerable children and families in Chi Kreng.

How to donate - We have a sponsorship page set up directly with World Vision that shows how much KNS have managed to contribute. If you are able to donate we would be very grateful. Please [click here](#) if you would like to donate.

Please encourage your children to get dressed up and in the spirit of things next Friday.

Staff Wellbeing

Our staff team feel extremely fortunate to work in a community as supportive as ours. Next week is however, the eighth week of the term and it is important that we ensure our staff team have the energy to finish the term strongly.

To help our staff maintain their energy and enthusiasm levels we want them 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 29 March.
- Only ask to meet with teachers if a matter is urgent and can't wait until Monday 29 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.

Staff Development Day Reminder – Thursday 01 April (School Closed)

Please note that all our teaching staff will be involved in a staff development day at Wellington College on Thursday 01 April, and KNS will be closed on this day. We will be working with staff from all schools in Te Kāhui Ako o Whanganui a Tara.

These schools are; Karori Normal School, Kelburn Normal School, Northland School, Brooklyn School, Wellington College and Wellington Girls College, with Wadestown School and Karori West Normal School joining this year.

Please also note that all primary schools in the Kāhui Ako will be participating in a staff development day on Friday 04 June, KNS will be closed on this day as well.

Whakataukī o te wiki

E kore te tangata e pakiri i runga i te wai marino – A person who remains in calm waters will never get strong

A thought to share with your children:

“I am always doing what I cannot do yet. In order to learn how to do it.” (Vincent Van Gogh)

**Conrad Kelly
Principal**

School News

Scholastic Book Club - due Tuesday 23 March 2021

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 **Tuesday 23 March 2021, 3pm**. Any queries email Julie Smart jsmart@scholastic.co.nz.

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 Phil McIntosh – pmcintosh@kns.school.nz

Thursday 18 Mar
Friday 19 Mar
Monday 22 Mar
Tuesday 23 Mar
Wednesday 24 Mar

Cassia W & Gayathri A Rm 34
Henry E & Vincent M Rm 19
Arty RT & Michaela M Rm 35
Nena A & Natalia F Rm 26
Sanvi P Rm 24 & Emily P Rm 19

Kia ora Kaitiaki,

Thank you for joining us in our last working bee at Birdwood St Reserve. We have unfinished business here and hence ...

Our next working bee is coming up on Sunday 28th March, 2021 is again to Birdwood Street Reserve to remove the last of the agapanthus we had dug up and were unable to take away. Also to prepare the site for a planting working bee in May.

Other volunteer groups will be joining us in May. This site has easy access and car parking.

We are aware of concerns about COVID-19 and so ask you to stay home and take rest if you're feeling unwell. We will also have sign-in sheets for contact tracing and health and safety requirements.

Details

2-4pm, Sunday 28th March, 2021

Birdwood St carpark (corner of Birdwood St/Chaytor St/ traffic lights)

Please bring gardening gloves, a water bottle, a jacket and sunscreen/hat. If possible loppers, shovels, spades and rake.

Hope to see you there!

If you can't make it this time, we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable weekend! Thanks for all of your support, we couldn't do it without you.

KaKa Facebook page

If you have not already, please like our page and you will be updated with any posts. Here is our link:

<https://www.facebook.com/KaroriKaitiaki>

The KāKā team



FREE Dental Checks!
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The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be at your school from Wednesday 24 February to Thursday 16 April 2021. Once seen, your child will be given a letter that will inform you of what happens next. This will be either:

- Your child requires no further appointments this year
- Your child needs an appointment at your local Dental Hub Clinic for further care
- Please check your child's school bag!

Your local Hub clinic is:
Selby Hub
175 A Adelaide Road
Newtown

To update your contact details or check if your child is enrolled please call our Selby Hub Clinic on 806 2801 Monday to Thursday 8.00 to 4.30pm.

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Sports News

Competitive Cricket Year 5/6 and Year 7/8

Congratulations to both the Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 teams so far.

A convincing win for the Year 7/8 against St Teresa's, and sadly a loss to St Benedict's. Good luck for the quarter final boys. Big thanks to Roger, Dave and Stu for coaching the team, and to the other parent helpers.

Two great wins for the Year 5/6 against Kelburn normal and Wellesley Year 5, and sadly a loss to Wellesley Year 6. Good luck for your next game boys. Big thanks to Adam for coaching the team, and to the other parent helpers.

Year 7/8 Athletics Day and Year 1/2/3 Sports Day Parent help

Thank you so much for responding to my plea for parent help. We now have sufficient for both events, I really appreciate it.

Western Zones Football - Tuesday April 13 (PP Thursday April 15)

Watch this space for more information

**Monique Percy
Sports Administrator**

PTA News

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/karorinormalschool/>



A huge thanks from the PTA to everyone who came along to the school picnic last Friday and helped to make it a really fun time, including all the parents and caregivers who brought their kids along, the teachers who joined in and our Kapa Haka group who gave a superb performance. *Ka aroha ra.*

The PTA would like to thank everyone who helped us put together the picnic, including Hellers Sausages for Schools, Ric and the Sizzlers crew, Karori New World, Bill at Gipps St Butchers, David Wong on the music, Rutherford and Bond Toyota for the BBQ, and Dave the caretaker for other crucial logistical arrangements.

Collect Yummy Fruit Co Stickers

It's time to collect Yummy fruit stickers again! This is a great little fundraiser which enables KNS to earn over \$2100 of new sports equipment each year.

Just buy any fruit with a "Yummy" sticker attached - apples, pears, nectarines, plums, or peaches, and collect the stickers (or plastic bag labels). **If you buy 'Ambrosia', 'Sweet Tango' or 'Lemonade' apples, you can earn DOUBLE points!**

Look out for collection sheets to pop your stickers/labels on, which will be coming home in school bags in the next few weeks. If you can't wait for your sheets you can also print them off at <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

We will be collecting until October - happy munching!



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