

# KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

Newsletter No. 13 – Term 2  
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### 2021 Term Dates

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

**Staff Only Days**  
Friday 4 June 2021  
Monday 13 September 2021

### 2021 TEAMS

**Rōpū Kōwhai – Y1** (Team Leader Lisa Hadfield)  
Rooms 6, 7, 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

## Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupil: Hazel Forde.

## From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

Congratulations to the two KNS teams who took part in last week's Wellington Lit Quiz. Over 40 teams were entered, from primary and intermediate schools around the region and our teams came first and third. This is an amazing achievement for the eight KNS senior students who took part; Fraser MacDonald, Sydney Gillbanks, Madison Badenhorst, Arlo Pryor, Anna Morgan, Jessica Batt, Miles Beaglehole and Miriam Wood. They thoroughly deserve their success, they are all voracious readers who spent a huge amount of time preparing for the day. All the best to the winning team, who now go on to represent Wellington at the National Lit Quiz Finals on Saturday 26 June.

A huge thank you to Mary Callister, our librarian, who worked with the teams to prepare them for the quiz. We are extremely fortunate to have Mary on our staff team, she is passionate about getting children 'into books' and ensures that all our children have a wide range of literature available to them.

### School Day Structure

This term we have changed the way our school day is structured. Last year we trialled a range of options and following much experimentation and consultation with our children and staff, we have settled on the following.

- 9.00am to 11.00am Class-time
- 11.00am to 11.40am Morning Tea
- 11.40am to 1.00pm Class-time
- 1.00pm to 1.40pm Lunchtime
- 1.40pm to 3.00pm Class-time

We have also introduced 'KNS Breaktime Clubs and Activities', again this is a result of feedback from children and staff. There are many options for children to choose from including: mindfulness, Lego, board games, table tennis, drama, chess, dodgeball and Minecraft. I am very grateful to our staff team who are providing these activities in their morning tea and lunchtimes. We certainly have a staff team who are prepared to 'go the extra mile' for our children, I know this is appreciated by our whole school community.

### Important Dates

13 May	KNS Cross Country pp 20 May
14 May – 2 July	Y 4 Swimming
18 May	Y4 Swimming Sports
18 May	Y2/Ropu Manuka Otari Bush Trip
19 May	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
20 May	KNS Cross Country pp date
21 May	Pink Shirt Day
26 May	WGC Y8 Girls and Parents Meeting with Julia Davidson (WGC Principal)
26 May	PTA Meeting
27 May	Y5/6 Swimming Sports
28 May	School Disco
1 June	WZ Cross Country (pp 3 <sup>rd</sup> June)
3 June	WZ Cross Country pp date
4 June	Staff Only Day (No School)
7 June	Queen's Birthday (No School)
8 June	New Entrant Open Morning 9.30am
10 June	Y7/8 Swimming Sports
15 June	Y1/Ropu Kowhai ASB Centre Trip
15 June	IZ Cross Country pp 17 June
17 June	IZ Cross Country pp date
18 June	Year 5/6 ASB Centre Day Out
22 June	WZ Swimming
23 June	BOT meeting 6.30pm
29 June – 2 July	School Photos
6 July	Regional cross country pp 8 July
8 July	Regional cross country pp date

<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

### 'Ngā Rōpū Ako o te Kura' (School Learning Groups).

'Ngā Rōpū Ako o te Kura' (School Learning Groups), have recommenced this term and are going very well. The groups meet each Friday with the initial focus being on team building and growing a culture of Manaakitanga across the school. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school so our first 'Ngā Rōpū Ako o te Kura' challenge has been saying Kia Ora to everyone you meet.

Friday 21st May will be the start of the next focus, with Pink Shirt Day for the whole kura. This will kick off the theme of Aroha. By wearing pink and getting involved in activities for Pink Shirt Day, tamariki will be helping to make Aotearoa a kinder, more inclusive place, where diversity is celebrated, and all people feel safe, valued and respected.

<https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/about/>



### KNS Charter 2021 to 2023

In last week's newsletter I gave an overview of the four goals contained in our new KNS Charter 2021 to 2023. [KNS Charter, Vision & Values](#)

Please find below an overview what we'll be doing in 2021 in relation to our first goal:

(Kauneke) - Ka tipu ake te ako / paetae o ia tamaiti, ia tamaiti, ā, ka whakaritea ia tamaiti mō te ao hurihuri. - (Progress) - Every child's learning/achievement progresses, and every child is equipped for an ever-changing world.

- Teaching teams have prepared plans to ensure that learning can continue, should there be a need to go back into lockdown.
- We will continue our focus on growing our staff and children's confidence in Te Reo, understanding of Tikanga Maori and knowledge of local contexts and places of significance.
- Building our staff knowledge of culturally responsive practice, so that we can better cater for the needs of all our children.
- Continuing to support our staff and provide learning opportunities for them, to ensure that we deliver quality, inclusive, future-focussed programmes which cater for all children.
- Providing ongoing learning opportunities for our staff in Digital Technology, so that our children can experience quality programmes in this area.
- Continue high levels of achievement; our aim is for 90% of our children to be at or exceeding curriculum expectations in reading, writing and mathematics.

## Health and Safety - Karori Pool Car-Park

I have been contacted again regarding congestion in the pool car-park around 3.00pm and risk this poses to our children walking to the Karori Pool. There is a sign at the car-park entrance that makes it clear that the car-park is for pool users only. Please do not use the pool car-park unless you are a legitimate pool-user. We have worked hard to build up a positive relationship with the staff at the pool and I am concerned that this might be jeopardised by the actions of a very small minority of our school community.

Please remember there is a path which runs behind Tui Block, Rooms 4 & 5 and the Junior Block which enables access to the pool without having to walk through the car-park.

## Whakataukī o te wiki

Ki te puku mahi, kia u te angitu                      Work hard to succeed.

A thought to share with your children:

“He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.” (Muhammad Ali)

Ngā Mihi

**Conrad Kelly**  
**Principal**

## Kids Lit Quiz

Last week we took two teams to the Wellington Heats of the Kids Lit Quiz. This is an annual competition testing children’s knowledge of literature. There were 49 teams in the competition. Throughout the morning both teams won individual prizes when they top scored on rounds. One team, with Fraser, Sydney, Madison and Arlo scored the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of points. Our other team Anna, Jessica, Miles and Miriam, came first! This team will now take part in the National Finals on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at the National Library.

These 8 children are enthusiastic readers and their joy in reading shone through yesterday. They were a real credit to their school and their families.



Photo of the Wellington Regional winners and Quizmaster Wayne Mills.

**Mary Callister**  
**Librarian**

## Partnership Hui - Bookings open

Bookings are now open for our Partnership Hui. To make a booking:

1. Go to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>
2. Enter code **ngajg**
3. Select your child’s teacher
4. Choose a hui time

These hui are an opportunity for parents, whānau and teachers to meet without the children. The purpose of the Hui is to discuss how your child has settled into the year, their learning and progress and a look forward to the rest of the year. If you would prefer to have the Hui via zoom or a phone call during the above times, please book the time and then email the teacher and they will be in touch. If none of the times suit you, please email your child’s teacher and you can organise a time that does suit.

We hope you are able to book a time for a Hui.

Conrad, Phil and James

# School News

## School Lunches

School lunches are available three days during the week.

All lunch orders need to be placed in the box at the student counter by 9.00am on that day.

**School Lunch Order Form** needs to be completed and stapled on the outside of the envelope. **Correct change** must be put in the envelope as no change will be returned.

### Hell Pizza - Wednesday

Please pick up at the school hall at lunchtime.

### Subway Karori - Thursday (online order)

Please pick up at the school office at lunchtime.

### Umi Sushi - Friday

Please pick up at the school office at lunchtime.

## 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

We need a parent on duty to hand out pizzas from the hall each Wednesday.

It takes about ½ hour from 12.35pm.

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 - **due Thursday 13 May 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](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). The cut-off date to order this issue is **Thursday 13 May 2021, 3pm**.

Any queries email Julie Smart [jsmart@scholastic.co.nz](mailto:jsmart@scholastic.co.nz).

## MEDICAL ROOM – Clothes Needed

The medical room requires **SIZE 5-7 GIRLS PANTS/ LEGGINGS**. If your daughter has outgrown her pants, please feel free to donate them to the office. Thanks in advance.

Annie Kenning

## 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](mailto:pmcintosh@kns.school.nz)

Thursday 13 May

Friday 14 May

Monday 17 May

Tuesday 18 May

Wednesday 19 May

Harriet KP & Amy W Rm 25

Louis H & Liam C Rm 25

Gus LQ & Arlo P Rm 25

Sienna O Rm 34 & Nicholas S Rm 28

Olivia C & Liam F Rm 28

The image is a collage of promotional materials for Shoe Clinic. At the top left is a banner for "Back to School with Shoe Clinic" featuring "School Shoe Hero Picks" and images of Skubi and Cluck shoes. To the right is a "Back to School" graphic with school supplies. Below the banner is a "School Rewards Program" flyer. At the bottom right is a "shoe you" flyer. At the very bottom are logos for Consumer NZ, Podiatry NZ, and LAYBUY.

## Sports News

### CROSS COUNTRY 2021 - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May (PP Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May)

Like in 2020, this year the Cross Country will be held at school and surrounding streets (please see maps of each course below).

We are encouraging participation and giving things a go so will be having mixed gender races and not recording results (apart from Western Zone qualifiers).

Children will have told their teachers which track they want to participate in.

If your child/ren want to be considered for Western Zones (available to Year 4-8, and top 6 finishers will go through to Western Zones) they must ensure they are running the allocated track.

**Track 2 - WZ Year 4**

**Track 3 - WZ Year 5&6**

**Track 4 - WZ year 7&8.**

All start lines and finishing lines **are now on the quad**. Races start 9.30am, the order of races starts with Track 4 first, then Track 1, Track 2 and Track 3.

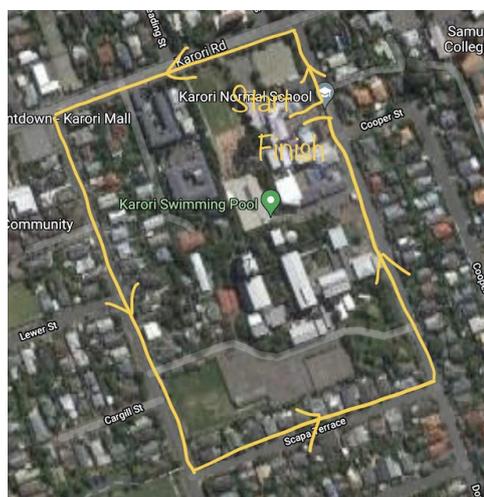
As a celebration of each student's participation, there will be a sausage sizzle for each student at the end of their race. Gold coin donation please. If your child is vegetarian, please bring a sausage in a named bag and we will ensure it is ready for your child after their race.

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who have offered to help, we really appreciate you giving up your time to ensure this event is a success. If you would like to offer your help, please email me on [sportsadmin@kns.school.nz](mailto:sportsadmin@kns.school.nz)

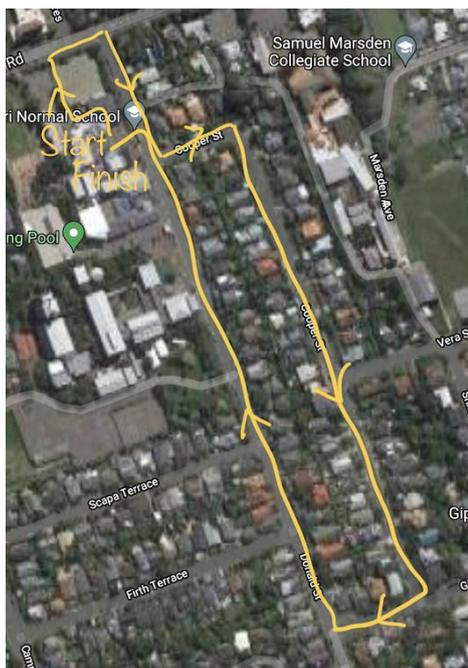
#### TRACK 1 - 1km (approx.)



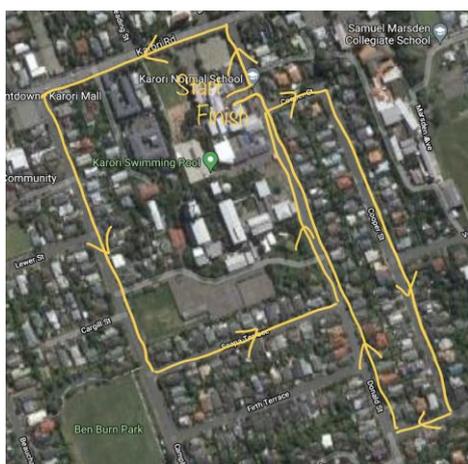
#### TRACK 2 - 1.3km (approx.) WZ Year 4



### TRACK 3 - 1.6km (approx.) WZ Year 5/6



### TRACK 4 - 2.35km (approx.) WZ Year 7/8



If you would like any more information, please don't hesitate to contact your child/ren's teacher or me.

And GOOD LUCK to all the children, remember we're celebrating participation as well as competition.

### OTHER SPORTS NEWS FOR TERM 2

Year 4 Swimming sports - 18 May at Karori pool 9.30am to 12.30pm

Year 5 & 6 Swimming sports - 27 May at Karori pool 9.30am to 12.30pm

Year 7 & 8 Swimming sports - 10 June at Karori pool 9.30am to 12.30pm

PARENT HELPERS REUIRED please, to assist in time keeping and recording, and other jobs.

Please RSVP on email sent out early in the week, or by emailing me on [sportsadmin@kns.school.nz](mailto:sportsadmin@kns.school.nz), or filling in form below.

<https://forms.gle/sX96fP8f3gyuyb838>

WZ Cross Country - Tuesday 1 June (PP Thursday 3 June)

IZ Cross Country - Tuesday 15 June (PP Thursday 17 June)

WZ Swimming - Tuesday June 22

Regional Cross Country - Tuesday 6 July (PP Thursday 8 July)

**Monique Percy**

Sports Administrator - [sportsadmin@kns.schoo.nz](mailto:sportsadmin@kns.schoo.nz)

## PTA News



Find us on  
Facebook

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



If the disco is to continue next year, the Disco Organising Team needs fresh ideas and energy! If you like to organise a good party, get a kick out of kids having fun, or just love to dance - we want you! Email Thea - [thewallacefive@gmail.com](mailto:thewallacefive@gmail.com) to talk about how you can get involved.

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### Quiz Night

One Fat Bird,  
Thursday 17 June, 7pm

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Prizes for the winning team, spot prizes, and raffles.

Team of 6: \$120. Supported by One Fat Bird, Whittaker's Chocolate, Zealandia, Gamboni's Deli, and Karori New World.

To book a table, email: [jacqueline@jacquelines.co.nz](mailto:jacqueline@jacquelines.co.nz)



#### Save the Date - 30 Oct 2021

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Please save your Craig's jam jars and drop them off in the KNS school office foyer (they'll be used for the gala.)

## Have you thought about joining the PTA?

Hello Parents & Caregivers,

Is your child in their early stages at Karori Normal School or are you new KNS? My name is Gavin and I was hoping to share a little about the KNS PTA and why I decided to join. Last year was our son's first year at Karori Normal School and we were looking at ways in which we could connect and become more involved with his education.

The PTA is a combination of parents (of junior & senior students) and teaching staff who support our wonderful school and the wider community by running community events and fundraisers throughout the school year. It's a friendly group and we are always looking to welcome new members. It's a great way to make things better for our students and to give back to the hard-working teaching staff who support our children.

We also have a wonderful group of volunteers known as "Friends of the PTA" who are invited to help at various events if able.

I strongly encourage you to consider exploring what it means to join either the PTA or become a "Friend of the PTA" to support your child's education and the Karori community.

We would love to extend a warm welcome to everyone wanting to learn a little more, so feel free to come along and bring someone with you on **Wednesday 26th May @ 730pm** in the staff room.

Alternatively, let us know if you can to provide some support for future events at [kns.pta@gmail.com](mailto:kns.pta@gmail.com)

Regards Gavin & the PTA



## Wellington City Active Travel Research Project

Kia ora parents/guardians,

My name is Zara Molijn and I am a Masters student in Public Policy at the Victoria University of Wellington. The Wellington City Council want to better understand what is holding years 0 through 8 children back from walking, biking, scootering and/or skating to and from school.

To be able to gain this type of insight, we need your help!

We are asking that just one parent/guardian per household fills out an **anonymous** 5 - 10 minute survey. The survey will be open for **3 weeks**. Thus, from midnight on **Wednesday the 19th of April** we will no longer be accepting responses.

**Follow this link to the Survey:** [http://vuw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9N1SndqcyjIMNiC](http://vuw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9N1SndqcyjIMNiC)

Your response will provide us with valuable insights that will help inform how we can make active school travel safe and easy.

Your response is **anonymous** therefore we will not be able to identify you. Additionally, all results will be presented at an aggregate level meaning schools will not be individually identifiable.

As a thank you for your participation, completed surveys that state a child's school will be entered into a prize draw where the school can win 1 of the 3 sports equipment prize packs. The more parents from the school that complete the survey, the more chances the school will have to win. The equipment in these prize packs has been kindly donated by the Wellington Community Sports Bank. The winners for these prize packs will be drawn by a random number generator at the end of May, 2021.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [molijnzara@myvuw.ac.nz](mailto:molijnzara@myvuw.ac.nz)

We appreciate your time and thank you in advance.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Zara Molijn