

# KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

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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

### Important Dates

24 May	Year 7 Vision Screening
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

## Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupil: Hannah Nacey.

## From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

A huge thank you all those who helped ensure last Thursday's KNS cross country and yesterday's Year 4 swimming sports were successful events. It is great that KNS can offer a wide range of opportunities for our children in sport, the arts and cultural activities however, we would be unable to do this without your continued support.

### Pink Shirt Day 2021

This Friday is 'Pink Shirt Day'. We are aiming to have the whole school; staff, children and possibly parents/caregivers wearing pink and getting involved in activities. The aim of the day is to make it clear that at KNS we are an inclusive place, where diversity is celebrated, and all people feel safe, valued and respected. Please encourage your children to get involved, if they don't own anything pink then bright colours will do. Gold coin donations are welcome, [www.pinkshirtday.org.nz](http://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz).

### Lockdown Practice Exercise - Thursday 20 May (1.40pm - 3.00pm)

This morning you will have received information regarding a Lockdown Practice Exercise. We will be conducting the practice tomorrow, with support from an independent company, Harrison Tew<sup>®</sup>, who specialise in emergency management planning for schools. We expect the exercise to run smoothly and for the children and staff to be reassured that they know what to do if we need to 'go into lockdown'.

### Landscaping Survey

As you are aware the Board of Trustees is working with the Ministry of Education to significantly improve the buildings at KNS. As part of this project the MoE has funded a landscape architect to develop a landscaping plan for the school.

Please check your children's bag today, because they will be bringing home a landscaping survey for you and your whanau to complete and return. The landscape architect will use this feedback to inform the planning process. We will also email the survey questions to you if you would prefer to respond via email.

Please return the completed survey to the school office, by Friday 28 May.

## Staff Development Day Reminder – Friday 04 June (School Closed)

Please note that all our teaching staff will be involved in a staff development day on Friday 04 June. KNS will be CLOSED on this day. We will be working with and hosting, staff from the seven primary schools in Te Kāhui Ako o Whanganui a Tara. These schools are; Karori Normal School, Kelburn Normal School, Northland School, Brooklyn School, Wadestown School, Karori West Normal School and Makara School.

Please also note that KNS will be closed for a third staff development day on Monday 13 September.

## Karori Rotary Club Donation

Last Tuesday 11 May, I was invited to the Karori Rotary Club to receive a donation to KNS from the club. It was also an opportunity to share the plans we have for 2021 and beyond, contained in our KNS Charter 2021 - 2023. I am very grateful to Karori Rotary for their ongoing support of our school. The club makes a regular donation to KNS which is used to allow children's participation in activities, like camps, where financial reasons may be a barrier.

## KNS Charter 2021 to 2023

In last week's newsletter I gave an overview of the first 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 second goal:

Whāinga 2 (Tāngata) Ko te iho o te kura, te manaakitanga, te manawaroa me te rato. - Goal 2 (People) - Our care, service and resilience are at our core

- Introducing 'Ngā Rōpū Ako o te Kura', School Learning Groups. These rōpū, provide a time each week for children to connect, celebrate and learn with students and staff across year groups. The focus is on promotion of wellbeing and developing a shared understanding of important values and concepts.
- Teaching programmes which promote children developing greater resilience and perseverance, and understanding that mistakes are opportunities to learn. We will need your support with this, so that children can see that teachers and parents/caregivers are aligned in our thinking.
- Providing all of our children with opportunities to develop and practice leadership skills focussed on service to others.
- Providing development opportunities for our staff currently in leadership roles and emerging leaders, to grow staff leadership capability,
- Seeking feedback from our parent/caregiver community as part of a review of our health teaching programmes to ensure that children's needs are being met. This will take place in the third term.

## Whakataukī o te wiki

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini – My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

## A thought to share with your children:

"Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems." (Gever Tulley)

Ngā Mihi

**Conrad Kelly**  
Principal

## Partnership Hui

**There are still some slots available with certain teachers 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

### Bring some of your used stationery items from home into school!

**You can bring your used stationery items** from home and put them into one of the stationery recycling boxes at school.

There are 8 stationery recycling boxes across the school so we hope it should be easy for your child/children to find one. The following used stationery items can be placed into the stationery boxes:

- Pens/biros
- Felt pens
- Permanent markers
- Whiteboard markers
- Sharpies
- Highlighters
- Mechanical pencils only.

NO wooden pencils or glue sticks please!

These items are then recycled via Terracycle. This recycling initiative was trialled in Term 4 in the junior school and was then expanded in Term 1 across the school.

### Year 7 Vision Screening - 24 June 2020

#### Year 7 Vision Screening - Information for parents

Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme for all Year 7 students.

- **Vision** – pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- **Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from our service.**

**Non-consent** – please notify your school if you do not want your child being screened.

*This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.*

### 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 20 May**

**Friday 21 May**

**Monday 24 May**

**Tuesday 25 May**

**Wednesday 26 May**

**Ella H Rm 25 & Vihaan K Rm 29**

**Harriet KP Rm 29 & Jessica C Rm 25**

**Stella F Rm 27 & Lowri D Rm 21**

**Theo F & David R Rm 28**

**Violet M & Emilia Rm 29**

## Massey University - Biodiversity and Childhood Health Study

Massey University is conducting a study looking at how exposure to the natural environment affects health in children 6-11yrs. The aim of the study is to investigate if exposure to greater biodiversity may have health benefits, which may lead to better treatment options for common health conditions such as asthma and allergies.

If your child is **6-11yrs**, the research team would be grateful if you would consider taking part. For this research to be successful, the study needs children **with and without asthma** and allergies to take part. The study initially involves completing a questionnaire and your child taking part in two tests, a breathing and an allergy test. The research team will later invite a smaller number of selected participants to take part in some further clinical tests. To take part in the research, please return the consent forms in the invitation pack, which will be given to your child **next week**.

If you would like further information about the study and the tests involved, please refer to the invitation pack, click this [link](#), or contact the study coordinator:

Jean Feary McKenzie  
05 08 ASTHMA or [asthma@massey.ac.nz](mailto:asthma@massey.ac.nz)



## Sports News

### CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the participants in our school's cross country. It was great to see lots of happy children and supportive parents. Thanks again to all of the parents who helped with marshalling and on the sausage sizzle. We really appreciated your help. And thanks to all of you that took the time to provide feedback in response to my email.

Qualifiers for Western Zones are as follows, in alphabetical order (not placed order).

### WESTERN ZONES QUALIFIERS

#### YEAR 4 BOYS

Monish B, Lachlan B, Tuan D, Edward D, Xavier H, Alfie H, Max M, Oliver M, Robert S

#### YEAR 4 GIRLS

Isla C, Ayla CU, Taylor C, Annika H, Amelia M, Maddie M, Elsa P, Alice R, Genevieve R

#### YEAR 5 BOYS

Wilder C, Jasper C, Ryan C, Charlie K, Max G, Emile P

#### YEAR 5 GIRLS

Emma A, Mila B, Olivia K, Saaga M, Juliet M, Florentina S, Isabella S

#### YEAR 6 BOYS

George C, Frank K, Henry E, Lewis K, Vinnie M, Alexander M

#### YEAR 6 GIRLS

Rose A, Caitlin F, Lucy F, Lucy M, Adriana M, Adelaide P, Cassia W

#### YEAR 7 BOYS

James B, Alex B, Ollie C, Liam C, Sam C, Ted Knight

#### YEAR 7 GIRLS

Sophie B, Millie C, Abigail M, Lucy R, Nina T, Ciara W

#### YEAR 8 BOYS

Liam B, Silas C, Steven LT, Ben M, Ewan OC, David R

#### YEAR 8 GIRLS

Madison B, Lily C, Pita G, Emmasen H, Amara P, Millie S

We wish you all the best of luck for WZ on Tuesday 1st June (PP Thursday 3rd June). Run well, and do the best you can for yourself and KNS.

#### SWIMMING SPORTS - YEAR 4

Congratulations to all participants in our Year 4 swimming sports. Results will be available next week after being finalised. Thanks to all the parents who offered their help, in response to my desperate plea the night before. And especially those who came down even though their own child wasn't swimming. Wow, that is incredible support!

#### WELLINGTON UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Thanks to those who attended "Give it a Go" with WUHA on Sunday 9th May. I hope they all enjoyed it. If they wish to play in the Mini League on 22nd May, please email Nicky [mini@wuha.org.nz](mailto:mini@wuha.org.nz)

#### OTHER SPORTS NEWS FOR TERM 2

Year 5/6 Swimming Sports Thursday 27 May

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

Year 7/8 Swimming Sports Thursday 10 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)

Thanks,  
Monique

### PTA News



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**Karori Normal School**

## Quiz Night

**One Fat Bird,**

**Thursday 17 June, 7pm**

**KNS**  
**gala**

### Karori Normal School Quiz Night

One Fat Bird, Thursday 17 June, 7pm

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**

Supported by: [Ben Cartwright - Ray White](#), [Elliott electrical](#), [Metro Productions NZ](#)



**SURF'S UP!** KNS HALL

28 MAY

**THE KNS KIDS DISCO IS BACK WITH AN EPIC BEACH PARTY FOR 2021!**

JUNIOR DISCO YRS 0-2: 4.00-5.30PM  
 SENIOR DISCO YRS 3-6: 6.15-7.45PM

**\$7 TICKETS ON SALE ON KINDO 3-16 MAY (VALID FOR COVID "RAIN DATE" OF 18 JUNE TOO)**

\$4 TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PRESCHOOLERS TO JUNIOR DISCO  
 PRIZES FOR CREATIVE COSTUMES!

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY METRO LIGHTING



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.



Click below to buy your membership  
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[shop.ohauwines.co.nz](http://shop.ohauwines.co.nz) [T&C's Doc](#)  
 Discount code: KNS2020



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

