

# KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

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### 2020 Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 12 Oct – Wednesday 16 Dec

**Teacher Only Day – Friday 13 November**

### 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

### 2020 TEAMS

**Rōpū Kōwhai – Y1** (Team Leader Lisa Hadfield)

Rooms 6, 7, 8, 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

Oct 27 – 31	Rm 24 & 25 Camp
Oct 28	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Oct 29	Y4-6 Athletics Day
Nov 3	Y2 Makara Beach Trip
Nov 3	Year 7 & 8 - Sexuality Information Evening 7pm
Nov 6	WZ Athletics pp 13/11
Nov 11	New Entrants Open Morning
Nov 13	Staff Only Day
Nov 16 – 18	Rm 20, 33 & 34 Camp
Nov 17	New Entrant Photo Day
Nov 18 – 20	Rm 18, 19, 21 & 35 Camp
Nov 18	WC Year 10 volunteer Day
Nov 18	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Nov 19	Wellington College Year 9 2021 Induction day
Nov 19	Wellington Girls College Year 9 2021 Orientation Day Hui
Nov 24	Powhiri
Dec 1	Gardasil (Yr 8 boys and girls)
Dec 4	Ultimate Challenge
Dec 11	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Dec 11	Y2 End of Year Hui
Dec 14	Year 8 Leavers Function

## Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupil: Shenaya Fernando, Jasper Dolman and Paige McRobbie.

## From the Principal

Tena koutou te whānau

I hope that you all had a great long weekend.

As you know from Wednesday to Saturday last week we held our KNS Spring Pop Ups. A huge thank you to our organisers Naomi Lane and Belinda Robins and their fantastic team of helpers, who dealt with the many 'curve balls' 2020 has thrown and ran a very successful series of events. The Spring Pop Ups raised in excess of \$12,000, an extremely pleasing result, especially given the uncertainty around COVID 19. It reaffirmed for me how fortunate I am to work in a school that is so well supported by the parent/caregiver community and staff. KNS is a school in which there are always people prepared to step up and take action, to make this a great school for our children.

### Capital Works Project Update

The Ministry of Education has confirmed that the Senior Block will be demolished and replaced as part of our major capital works project. This decision allows us to begin more detailed planning. The KNS board has provided feedback to the MoE regarding the positioning of the new block. Our preference is that the new block be sited between the Admin Block and the Hall, running parallel to Donald St. This will retain most of additional playground space created by the demolition of the Old Admin Block. The demolition of the Senior Block will take place after, the new block is built and significant remediation of the Middle Block is completed.

### Ongoing Vandalism

Unfortunately, along with local residents, we were once again the victims of vandalism at the weekend. Graffiti was sprayed on some classroom blocks and the playbank and Dave Randall and Elaine Buchan spent most of Monday morning cleaning this off. We will be working with the police to identify the culprits and also seeking police advice about measures we could take to reduce vandalism. If you notice any suspicious behaviour around the school please don't hesitate to contact the police 105 number.

### Alert Level 1 Reminder

QR code posters continue to be required to be on display at Alert Level 1. Please keep using the posters when you enter the school. This is so that we can support health authorities with contact tracing, should new cases emerge in the community.

## 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.

## 2020 Teacher Only Days - Reminder

Just a reminder that we are holding our second Teacher only Staff Development Day, on Friday 13 November. The school will be closed for children on this day.

## Year 0 to Year 7 Children Not Returning to KNS in 2021

Planning our staffing and class organisation for 2021 has begun. It would be very helpful if you could inform us, if your child will not be returning to KNS next year. If your child is in Year 0 to Year 7 and he/she will not be attending our school next year, please email Vicki Lewington, [vlewington@kns.school.nz](mailto:vlewington@kns.school.nz), informing her of your child's last day at KNS and which school he/she will be attending in 2021. Thank you to those parents who have already done this. This information is necessary to help us confirm the numbers of classes we need at each level in 2021.

As always if you have any concerns or need support please contact one of the Senior Leadership Team:

- Conrad Kelly [ckelly@kns.school.nz](mailto:ckelly@kns.school.nz)
- Andrea Peetz [apeetz@kns.school.nz](mailto:apeetz@kns.school.nz)
- James Appleton [jappleton@kns.school.nz](mailto:jappleton@kns.school.nz)

## Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

**I orea te tuatara ka patu ki waho**      A problem is solved by continuing to find solutions

This whakatauki refers to the need for creative thinking, adaptability and perseverance. In order to solve a problem you need to have all of these.

## A thought to share with your children:

"A failure is not always a mistake. It may simply be the best one can do under the circumstances. The real mistake is to stop trying." (B. F. Skinner)

Ngā Mihi

Conrad, Andrea and James

## School News



KNS will celebrate **Pink Shirt Day next Thursday 5th November**.

Team Tōtara are organising a range of activities for the day, including a Bake Sale in the afternoon.

We would love it if your child could dress in pink or red and bring some loose change for a treat at the Bake Sale. There will be Dairy Free, Gluten Free and Vegan options available as well as plenty of healthy options (smoothies, fruit skewers and savoury muffins).

All proceeds will be donated to the Pink Shirt Day foundation.

Thank you for your support,

Rose Ellis and students from Team Tōtara

*Kōrero mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora - Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!*

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

Thursday 29 Oct

Friday 30 Oct

Monday 2 Nov

Tuesday 3 Nov

Wednesday 4 Nov

Hanna W Rm 26 & Susannah C Rm 28

Grace S & Amy B Rm 29

Olivia C & Jane I Rm 19

Imogen M & Nena A Rm 20

Beatrix E & Jessica C Rm 26



*We're selling cupcakes to raise funds for the SPCA*

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov @ 2 Cooper St**

Selling from 2.50 pm - \$3 per cupcake

*All proceeds go to the SPCA*

## Sports News

### Cup and Shield Cricket Tournament

The Year 7/8 competitive cricket team played in the semi-final and finals for the Cup and Shield Tournament at Miramar Park last Thursday. A huge well done to Adam B, Liam B, Angus B, James E, Cameron H-W, Liam C, Fergus D, George F-R, Ben D and Ben M for their efforts on the day. After winning a tough semi-final against Scots they fell short in the final game against Wellesley. KNS is very proud of you all. A huge thank you to Roger B for coaching the team, Yvette B and Duncan M for scoring and Stu D for umpiring the game. We couldn't do it without your support and we really appreciate it.

### Year 4/5/6 Athletics Day

The Year 4-6 Athletics Day was postponed to Thursday due to bad weather. Athletics day will be held at Ben Burn Park from 9.00 am to 2.55 pm come along and support if you can.

We urgently need more parent helpers for Thursday if you can help please fill in the google form below ASAP. We would really appreciate your support. **Google Form:** <https://forms.gle/CetDRiSTRGLibtWB8>

### Year 7/8 Sprints Trials for Western Zone

We require few parent helpers to assist in running the 100m and 200m sprints at Ben Burn Park on Tuesday the 3rd of November (Week 4). These sprints are for students to qualify for Western Zones Athletics, as we were unable to hold our official Year 7/8 Athletics due to COVID19 and camp clashes. If you are available to help please email me on [apatel@kns.school.nz](mailto:apatel@kns.school.nz). All other qualifying events for WZ athletics have been completed for Year 7/8.

### Western Zone Athletics

Western Zone Athletics is happening on Friday 6th November (pp Friday 13th November) from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm. The KNS athletics team is made up of the top 3 place getters from each event from our respective athletics sports days. Students compete in their age group and boys and girls separately. More detailed information regarding this event has been sent to the families involved. Please read it carefully and complete the google permission slip by **Monday 2nd November 3 pm**.

### Year 2 Swimming Lessons

A friendly reminder the Year 2 children will be starting their swimming lessons from next week at Karori Pools. Please remember to pack togs and a towel for the lessons.

### KNS Sports Shirts

Please return any KNS sports tops to the office in Tui Block. There is a blue washing basket the shirts can be returned to. We need these shirts ASAP.

### UPCOMING DATES

Outlined below are the upcoming Term 4 Western Zone event dates and School events to be aware of. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact [apatel@kns.school.nz](mailto:apatel@kns.school.nz).

**TERM 4**

YEAR	EVENT	DATE	PP DATE	VENUE
WESTERN ZONE	Athletics	6 November	13 November	Newtown Park
INTERZONE	PSW Interzone Athletics	17 November	26 November	Newtown Park
REGIONAL	Regional Athletics	1 December	3 December	Newtown Park

**Mrs Anita Patel**  
**Sports Administrator**

**PTA News****KNS Quiz Night - Thursday 5 November, 7pm.****Who is in for a fun night to test your brain power?**

Due to the popularity of the KNS Quiz nights over the last couple of years, the PTA is excited to host another one at One Fat Bird, Thursday 5 November, 7pm.

The winning team walks away with a One Fat Bird voucher and locally made chocolate. There will be spot prizes up for grabs and a raffle.

This will be a great way to meet other parents in your kids' classes. Maximum of six per team, \$20 per person, \$120 per team of six. If you want to come along and don't have a team, let me know and we will find one for you.

We are pretty excited to host a social event this year now we are in level one, please note the quiz can and will go ahead if we move to level 2.

**Please register your teams through Jacqui Neave, by the 3 November**

[Jacqueline@jacquelines.co.nz](mailto:Jacqueline@jacquelines.co.nz)

**Special thanks to:**

One Fat Bird  
Mean doses  
Zealandia  
Fix and Fogg  
Whitakers



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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.

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- 2.) Make your wine selection and proceed to check out.
- 3.) Enter the promotional code word below, before proceeding to payment.
- 4.) Receive wine, and enjoy!

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