

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter No. 37 – Term 4
25th November 2020 – Week 7



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2020 Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 12 Oct – Wednesday 16 Dec

(School ends at 12:30pm on 16 Dec)

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

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| Nov 25 | PTA Meeting 7.30pm |
| Nov 26 | Year 7/8 Dance |
| Dec 1 | Gardasil (Yr 8 boys and girls) |
| Dec 1 | Pack the Bus 9.15am |
| Dec 4 | Ultimate Challenge |
| Dec 7 | Year 4 ASB Sports Trip |
| Dec 8 | Year 7/8 Pool Day |
| Dec 9 | BOT Meeting 6.30pm |
| Dec 11 | Parent Helpers Morning Tea |
| Dec 11 | Y2 End of Year Hui |
| Dec 14 | Y3 EOY Picnic |
| Dec 14 | Year 8 Leavers Function |
| Dec 15 | Year 4 Pool Day |

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

From the Principal

Tena koutou te whānau

On Monday, it was great to see our youngest students from Rōpū Kōwhai, and many of their whānau, being inspired by Captain Sir Tom Moore's 100 laps of his garden during the first UK lockdown. The team took part in their own 100 lap challenge, raising money for Wellington Children's Hospital, so that sick children can receive the care and support that they need. This was a great way to support others and learn to appreciate how lucky we are in our lives.

So far the Give a Little page has raised over \$3,700, here's the link in case you would like to contribute as well;

<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/100-laps-inspired-by-captain-tom>

This week we welcomed back our Year 5 and 6s, after Rōpū Kahikatea's camps in Waikanae last week. The camps provided a wide range of learning opportunities for the children, particularly in coping with challenges and building resilience. A huge thank you to the Rōpū Kahikatea teachers for giving so freely of your time, energy and care, to ensure the camps were successful. Thanks also to the many parents/caregivers who attended, for your help. There would be no way we could offer the range of learning options that we do, without the ongoing commitment and support from our parent/caregiver community.

Last Wednesday, Laura Brennan, our 2021 Sports Leader, and I met with a group of Year 12 students from Wellington College (WC). We met to discuss how KNS might be part of the annual WC Runathon, to raise funds for charity. Our current plan is to have a group of Year 13 leaders from both Wellington Girls' College and Wellington College, work with some of our Year 7 and 8s to organise an event here at KNS. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students from our three schools to work together for a good cause. We are certainly beginning to see the development of strong links between primary and secondary schools in Te Kāhui Ako o Whanganui a Tara; <https://www.kns.school.nz/7/pages/73-te-kahui-ako-o-te-whanganui-a-tara>

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.

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

- 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)

- **He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai** - If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

A thought to share with your children:

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” (*Desmond Tutu*)

Ngā Mihi

Conrad, Andrea and James

BOT News

Summary of 18 November 2020 BoT meeting

The KNS Board met on 18 November. Conrad relayed staff feedback on the draft Charter goals. The next step in the Charter process will be the development of actions which reflect the intent of the goals. The actions will be shared and discussed at the December Board meeting.

The Board also talked about property issues, including the school’s capital works project. Now that the Ministry of Education has confirmed that the senior block will be demolished, architects Stephenson & Turner are working on more detailed design plans. The Board also discussed tenders for replacing the astroturf, which should hopefully take place in Term 1 of 2021.

The Board also discussed other topics, including the KNS enrolment scheme (zoning). The Board agreed to retain the current scheme without amendment, as Board members consider there is an ongoing need for a scheme to prevent overcrowding at the school.

The Board will meet for the final time in 2020 on 9 December, at 6.30pm in the staffroom. The agenda for the meeting will be published on the school’s website a day or two before the meeting. Board meetings are open to the public.

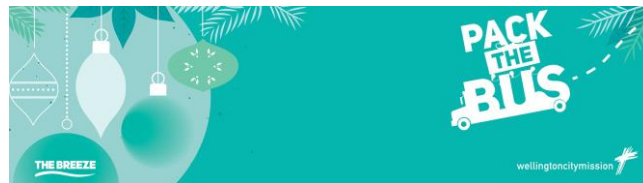
School News

Parent Helpers Morning Tea – Friday 11 December 2020

The KNS staff would like to invite all parent helpers to Morning Tea on Friday 11 December at 10:40am in the school staffroom. **RSVP is required**, please email to office@kns.school.nz or 476 7209 by Monday 7 December.

Scholastic Book Club - due Wednesday 25 October 2020

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 **Wednesday 25 October 2020, 3pm**. Any queries email Julie Smart jsmart@scholastic.co.nz.



Tuesday, 1 December

Any donation is amazing and always greatly appreciated. We've also included some examples below of the types of items The Wellington City Mission need extra help with this year:

| Christmas Items | Essential Items | New Toys & Gifts |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single adult Christmas cakes • Fancy Biscuits/Crackers • Christmas desserts • Chippies • Salted nuts • Chocolate • Relishes/Sauces/Pickles • Retail vouchers • Pavlova/Meringues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tinned fruit • Plain biscuits • Tinned meals • Muesli bars • Tinned fish/Meat • Pasta sauce • Condiments • Baby items (e.g. food/nappies) • Laundry powder /Dishwashing liquid | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vouchers (e.g. Movies/ Zoo/Pool/Supermarket) • Construction toys (e.g. Lego/Meccano/Blocks) • Teen gifts for 10-16 year olds • Educational toys • Books • Puzzles & Board games • Baby toys for 0-2 year olds (e.g. Rattles/Shape sorters) • Diaries/Calendars • Sports equipment |

Scholastic Book Fair



An opportunity to buy Christmas presents, help our school library and help others in need.

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November Karori Normal School Library

Open 8.30am to 9.30am, and 2.30pm to 3.30pm every day that week, except Friday 27th when the Fair will be open later until 5pm.

Following the success of our campaign last year we have decided to again use the Book Fair as an opportunity to think of others who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will use the Fair to support children in Kiribati and in a New Zealand school which would benefit from a few extra books too.

To this end we thought some of you might like to purchase a book to donate to Kiribati whilst you are shopping at the Book Fair. We will have a box at the Fair for books that have been bought for Kiribati. Any Scholastic points earned from the donated books will be used to purchase books for the NZ schools.

As the local ANZ bank is closed it is preferable if payment is made through the EFT Pos machine at the library.

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 26 Nov
Friday 27 Nov
Monday 30 Nov
Tuesday 1 Dec
Wednesday 2 Dec

Ella H Rm 29 & Rhiannon S Rm 28
Holly I Rm 28 & Ella H Rm 26
Natalia F & Jayathi J Rm 33
Nicholas W Rm 21 & Louis H Rm 33
Tara W & Paige T Rm 35

Sports News

Regional Athletics

Well done to all our KNS students who participated in the Interzone Athletics last Tuesday. Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 3 at Interzone Athletics and will now go on to represent Primary Sport Wellington at the Regional Athletics meet on Tuesday 1st December. Good luck to all our students. We are really proud of you all.

| Name | Year | Event |
|-----------|------|----------------------|
| Wilder C | Y4 B | High Jump, Long jump |
| Ben W | Y6 B | Vortex |
| Sam C | Y6 B | 800m, 150m |
| Paige T | Y6 G | High Jump |
| Joe M | Y8 B | High Jump, 1500m |
| Adam B | Y8 B | 1500m |
| Jacob G | Y8 B | 200m |
| Asha Y | Y8 G | Shot put, Vortex |
| Giselle K | Y8 G | 1500m |

KNS Sports Shirts

Please return ALL 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 back ASAP.

UPCOMING DATES

A busy year is almost coming to an end. 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.

| TERM 4 | | | | |
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| YEAR | EVENT | DATE | PP DATE | VENUE |
| REGIONAL | Regional Athletics | 1 December | 3 December | Newtown Park |

Mrs Anita Patel

Sports Administrator

KNS ULTIMATE CHALLENGE Are you up for the challenge?

Thank you for the great response so far!

A few volunteers needed please!

Come be a part of the fun on Friday 4th December

738 students. 58 teams. Eight physical, mental and creative challenges.

Be part of this fantastic day!

We **need** a few more volunteers to come and spend the day with us assisting a teacher run a challenge.

We would also love a few more baking offers please!

If you can help, please complete the [Volunteers Form](#)

This event was scheduled back in March. To celebrate our resilience and ability to bounce back from adversity we are rising to the "Ultimate Challenge" with a fun day in December. For this 2020 event there is no expectation to sponsor or raise money for participating in this event. Instead coming together as a community will be the emphasis. Supporting your child with a positive mindset, helping on the day, making playdough or baking for the volunteers and staff are ways that you can support this event.

Teams

Your child will have met their team several times throughout the year so they are familiar with each other.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed at the varying challenges, you will be supporting teachers at the challenge and be assigned to that challenge for the day. If you are able to help on the day this is greatly appreciated. This is a great way to meet staff and children in our school community.

Baking is also appreciated on the day to fuel the adults to ensure a fun day throughout.

We have enough playdough offers - thank you!

To sign up for any (or many) of these, please complete the following [Volunteers Form](#)

PTA News



Find us on

Facebook

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



2020 Christmas Fundraisers

Fantastic gifts are now available at the KNS [Kindo shop](#) - and they all **give money back to KNS!**
Lots of great gift ideas for teachers, family and friends (or yourself!), all provided by creative NZ small businesses.

- [Order NOW](#) on your Kindo account (closes Friday 27 November)
- There's information on the Kindo site and here's a link to a [PDF](#) brochure.
- Delivered to school by Friday 4 December (orders over \$100 will be dropped off to your house for free)

Shop in the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you, while supporting your school.



Karori Normal School
PTA

WE'RE FUNDRAISING!

And just in time for Christmas



Buy large jars of award-winning Fix & Fogg nut butter and for every jar you buy, **\$3** goes directly to us! (All jars **\$11.00** each).

For orders go to Kindo.



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PEANUT BUTTER"
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Karori Normal School 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!

Follow these four simple steps:

- 1.) Visit the Shop page at www.ohauwines.co.nz.
- 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!

DISCOUNT CODE WORD: **KNS2020**

