

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

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9th December 2020 – Week 9



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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

Dec 9 BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Dec 10 Year 1 EOY Celebration Concert 2pm
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

Last Friday we held our Ultimate Challenge, this was an opportunity for the whole school to work in teams to carry out a series of challenges throughout the day. A highlight for me was the very positive, patient and caring leadership shown by our Year 7 & 8 students. Our older students were key to the day's success and the younger children's smiles, laughter, energy and enthusiasm was a real credit to them. A huge thank you to Hayley Famlton and Trish Blacktop for your wonderful organisation and to all those parents/caregivers and staff who worked hard and got into the spirit of the day.

Last week we also held our KNS Battle of the Bands, further information about this event can be found in this newsletter. The bands are a credit to all those children who have taken advantage of this opportunity. Being in a band means getting to school early, working hard, being part of a team and then enjoying the satisfaction of a job well done. The 'battle' was judged by three ex-KNS band members who have moved on but maintained their passion for music and performance which started here. Our judges, like me, are very grateful to David Wong, our Team Kahikatea Team Leader, for the fantastic work he does with our Year 7 & 8 bands each year.

Please find below a range of information regarding, *He Hui Mihimihi* meetings at the start of next year, the process for *end-of-year reporting* and *class lists for 2021*. Please read this carefully and please ask if you have any questions.

He Hui Mihimihi 2021

We will start the year with He Hui Mihimihi; teacher and whanau meet and greet meetings.

- On Wednesday 03 February the day before school starts, He Hui Mihimihi will be held for our Year 4 to Year 8 classes.
- On Thursday 04 February, the first day of school, He Hui Mihimihi will be held for our Year 1 to Year 3 classes.

The details of these meetings are outlined below and will be included in the letter your child will bring home after meeting their 2021 teacher and class on Tuesday 15th December. There is no need to book a time slot, just turn up at the time that suits you. We look forward to welcoming all families and whanau at the start of the year. As always, if you would like to make a separate time to meet with the teacher one on one please email the teacher to arrange a time.

Year 1 - We will begin the 2021 school year with He Hui Mihimihi on the first day of school, Thursday the 4th of February (Rooms 6, 9, 10, 12 and 13). We welcome whānau to come along to their child's classroom to stay for as little or as long as they like between 1:45pm and 2:45pm. This is an informal opportunity for children and their families to settle into the classroom, meet the teachers and get to know their classmates and other children in the team. It is also an opportunity for everyone to connect.

Year 2 - We will begin the 2021 school year with He Hui Mihimihi on the first day of school, Thursday 4th February (Rooms 1, 2 and 4). We welcome whānau to stay for as long or as little as you like between 9-10am. This is an informal opportunity for children and their whānau to settle into the classroom, meet the teachers and get to know their classmates and other children in the team. It is also an opportunity for families to connect.

Year 3 - We will begin the 2021 school year with He Hui Mihimihi on the first day of school, Thursday 4th February (Rooms 14, 15, 16 and 17). We welcome whānau to stay for as long or as little as you like between 9-10am and 1:45-2:45pm. This is an informal opportunity for children and their whānau to settle into the classroom, meet the teachers and get to know their classmates and other children in the team. It is also an opportunity for families to connect.

Year 4 - We will begin the 2021 school year with a day of He Hui Mihimihi - Meet and Greeting. Year 4 teachers will be free to meet on Wednesday 3rd February (Rooms 22, 23 and 23A). We would love to welcome families to come and stay for as long as you like within the time frames.

- 8:15 - 9:15
- 9:15 - 10:15
- 1:30 - 2:30

No Booking is required.

Year 5 and Year 6 - We will begin the 2021 school year with a day of He Hui Mihimihi - Meet and Greeting. Year 5/6 teachers will be free to meet on Wednesday 3rd February (Rooms 18, 19, 20, and Kereru 33, 34, 35). We would love to welcome families to come and stay for as long as you like within the time frames.

- 8:30 - 9:30
- 9:30 - 10:30
- 1:30 - 2:30
- 2:30-3:30

No Booking is required.

Year 7 and Year 8 - We will begin the 2021 school year with a day of He Hui Mihimihi - Meet and Greeting. Year 7/8 teachers will be at school on Wednesday 3rd February (Rooms 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29). We would love to welcome families to come and stay for as long as you like within the time frames.

- 9.30-11.30
- 1:30-3:30

No Booking is required.

ESOL Families

It would be wonderful if all families could visit their new classrooms during your He Hui Mihimihi day or in the first week of 2021. This helps orientate the children and a chance for you to meet their teachers and peers.

I would also like to meet with you and am available on Wednesday 3 Feb and Thursday 4 February. Please drop in or email me to suggest a time.

I am based in the ESOL Room, near Room 4.

Looking forward to catching up.

Ali Kotkin (ESOL Leader) akotin@kns.school.nz

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 iti hau marangai e tū te pāhokahoka **Just like a rainbow after the storm, success follows failure.**

A thought to share with your children:

"All progress takes place outside the comfort zone." (Michael John Bobak)

Ngā Mihi

Conrad, Andrea and James

School News

KNS Battle of the Bands

Last Thursday evening we ran our own KNS Battle of the Bands. All of the school bands performed 2 songs each to parents and family. The bands were nervous and excited to be performing to a large audience for the first time while being judged on their musicianship and stage presence. They all did a fantastic job. Well done everyone!

We had some ex KNS band students judging. Thank you to Mathew Rex, Aaron Bray and Samantha Romijn for coming and having the difficult job of picking a winning band.

Thank you to Mr Kelly and Mr O'Connell for supporting us with the recording studio prize. Thank you to all the families and friends who came to support us.

Well done to Broken Silence for winning!

Mr Wong



Library News

1) Summer Holiday Reading

E-Books and Audiobooks

The summer holidays are a great opportunity for children to catch up on all those books they haven't had time to read during the year. I thought I would just remind you of the fantastic resource we have here at KNS with our e-library through the Wheelers e-platform. There are over 2000 e books and 600 audio books that the children can download 24/7. Click on the picture below to find out more information and to start reading.



To borrow books your children will need their borrower number and pin; if they need a reminder of these please let me know.

Borrowing from our Library

If any children in up to Year 7 would like to borrow from our Library over the summer they can pop into the Library next Monday or Tuesday. They will be able to borrow up to 10 books each. It might be a good chance to read a whole series! The books will be due back the first week of next term.

Wellington City Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge

I also thought I should let you know that Wellington City Libraries have once again launched a Summer Reading Challenge. Children aged 5-12 are encouraged to read and review books over the summer, with the opportunity to win prizes. Why not pop into Karori Library to pick up your Challenge booklet, or look online

<https://www.wcl.govt.nz/blogs/kids/index.php/kids-club-reviews/summer-reading-challenge/>

2) Donations to the Library

I am often approached at the end of the year by parents of children leaving school with ideas for a book they could donate to the Library. Of course there is no obligation at all, but if you are interested, Marsden Books have a pile of suggested titles you could have a look at.

3) Overdue Library Books

We still have **537 overdue books** from children. It would be much appreciated if you could please keep hunting for books if you know your child still has some at home.



Merry Christmas everyone
Mary Callister

Book Fair - Thank you

We just wanted to say a massive thank you for supporting our recent Scholastic Book Fair.

Your kind donations to Kiribati will be sent there in a container in the New Year.

We also have put a box together for a low decile New Zealand school which will hopefully receive them before Christmas.

As usual our school library will greatly benefit from new books purchased with points earned from the Fair.

Finally we need to say a massive thank you to the parents who helped set up the fair and assist when it was open; Vicky Wood, Kim Heron, and Rebecca Walsh. A number of KNS students including Leah, Keerthiga and Aiden were a massive help too.

School Leavers – notice re ezlunch / Kindo school shop

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use ezlunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

If your new school is NOT on the list, use the 'close account' button on that screen. You can choose to donate your balance to school or have it paid out to your nominated bank account.

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 10 Dec

Friday 11 Dec

Monday 14 Dec

Tuesday 15 Dec

Wednesday 16 Dec

Olivia C & Jane I Rm 19

Imogen M & Nena A Rm 20

Eliza A & Gus LQ Rm 35

Liam C & Louis H Rm 33

Sanvi P Rm 34 & Xanthe M Rm 35

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everything you need to get set for the new year

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SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM

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MANUKAU	(06) 262 4545	WELLINGTON	(06) 499 4405
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TAUPO	(07) 216 0071	RECCARTON	(03) 344 0941
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Note: Not all models are available in all Shoe Clinic stores





Sports News

Regional Athletics

Well done to Wilder C, Ben W, Sam C, Paige T, Joe M, Adam B, Jacob G, Asha Y and Giselle K for all your effort at Regional Athletics last week. KNS is super proud of you and the dedication and hard work it takes to compete at this level.

Here are some of the results from the event:

- Wilder C- High Jump- 4th, Long Jump- 3rd
- Sam C- 800m- 4th, 150m- 8th
- Paige T- High Jump- 4th
- Joe M- 1500m- 2nd
- Adam B- 1500m- 8th
- Jacob G- 200m- 9th
- Asha Y- Vortex- 3rd
- Giselle K- 1500m- 3rd

KNS Sports Shirts needed ASAP

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.

Well Done/Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

A huge well done to all our students who have participated in a range of zone and team sports this year. We hope you have had lots of fun and enjoy your summer break and be back and ready for more sports in 2021. Thanks again to all the parent helpers that made this possible throughout the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs Anita Patel
Sports Administrator

PTA News



Find us on

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The PTA wanted to pause and say a **HUGE thanks** to the outstanding KNS parent community for their support during a VERY challenging year



Thanks for getting behind the various fundraising programs we've run (Calendar Art, Fix and Fogg, Ohau Wines, Spring Pop-Ups.)

We look forward to your continued support in 2021 - in order to continue to run these initiatives we need some more volunteers - please consider how you could help out - whether that's joining the PTA; volunteering to run an event (e.g. the picnic or disco); helping out as a "friend of the PTA"; or attending and supporting events whenever possible.

For every 6 bottles of wine purchased Ohau Wines will donate \$10 to KNS. Discount code: KNS2020
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