

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

Today is the last day in a very eventful year. We finish with a poroporoaki for our Year 8 leavers, at 11.45am in the area outside the Senior Block. After the poroporoaki, the children will return to their classrooms and be dismissed at 12.30pm.

We will also farewell a number of our staff:

- Andrea Peetz is moving to Northland School to be their new principal.
- Katy Flintoff is moving to a school in Whanganui.
- Treena Tiller is moving to St Bernard's School in Brooklyn
- Schiehallion McKelvie is moving to Crofton Downs School
- Nicola Donovan is moving to Churton Park School

We wish them all the best for the future.

It has been a remarkable year with a number of challenges along the way, including an 8½ week period when no children physically attended KNS. 2020 reaffirmed what I already knew about our school community. We have staff that care deeply about the children, we have parents who are truly supportive of the school, and each other, and children who have done incredibly well learning to cope with change and overcome the 'curve balls' life throws. We dealt with an unprecedented situation, calmly and with care, but most importantly together. Our children, staff and the wider KNS community have demonstrated remarkable resilience.

Along the way there have been a number of highlights for me including:

- Seeing children enjoying their learning, working hard and interacting positively with their teachers and classmates. The warm, supportive relationships our staff have with the children is a real feature of our KNS culture.

- Our older children taking on leadership roles and demonstrating that they understand that leadership is not about personal rewards, but service to others. This has been particularly apparent in the way that our Year 7 & 8s support and build positive relationships with our younger children. Their role-modelling is another cornerstone of our positive, caring school culture.
- Children taking advantage of the wide range of opportunities on offer in the arts, sport and culture, experiencing a rich and broad curriculum and sharing what they've learnt confidently when presenting for others. It's great to see children trying new things and continuing to try hard even if they don't meet with initial success.

A huge thank you to the following groups for their contribution to our school's successes this year:

- Andrea Peetz and James Appleton, our Deputy Principals, Lisa Hadfield, Pam Carr, Phil McIntosh, Fiona Campbell, Dave Wong, Anne-Marie Richardson, Laura Brennan and Trish Blacktop, our Team Leaders, who have led many initiatives both at team and whole school level. We are very fortunate to have such a committed, knowledgeable and capable leadership team at our school.

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

2021 TEAMS

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

3 Feb He Hui Mihimihi Y4, Y5/6 & Y7/8 & ESOL Families

4 Feb Start of Term 1

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

- Our teaching staff team who have worked tremendously hard to ensure that our children enjoy high quality learning experiences. Our teachers are 'lifelong learners' themselves and this has developed a great inclusive, learning focussed culture in classrooms.
- Our Teacher Aide, Office, Sports Coordination and Caretaking; support staff team who are always prepared to 'go the extra mile' so that teachers can focus on the job of teaching.
- Our Board of Trustees who provide real vision and strategic direction in their governance role. The board has clearly demonstrated strong and effective leadership in dealing with the challenges the school has faced this year.
- Our PTA who continue to do great work in the areas of community building and fundraising for much needed resources.
- Our parent/caregiver community for the support you give us. Without a positive parent/school partnership, education cannot be effective for our children. Many of the opportunities we are able to provide for the children would not be possible without your direct and indirect support and assistance.
- Finally our children for making each day at Karori Normal School rewarding and meaningful. They are our 'clients' and we need to ensure that they remain at the centre of our decision-making.

Whakataukī o te wiki

Titiro whakamuri
Kōkiri whakamua

Look back and reflect so you can move forward

A thought to share with your children:

If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living. (Gail Sheehy)

Ngā Mihi

Conrad, Andrea and James

BOT News

Summary of 9 December 2020 BoT meeting

The KNS Board met for the final time this year on 9 December.

The Board discussed the school's capital works project. Architects Stephenson & Turner's design plan for Block G is proceeding well. However, other areas of the school require remediation and discussions about that are ongoing. Landscaping planning has also started, but is at a very early stage.

The Board also approved a draft budget for 2021. 2020 has been a difficult year, and the budget is currently showing a deficit, but the Board has decided to accept that for one financial year.

The Board again discussed the draft Charter goals. The goals were developed as a result of parent/caregiver feedback in 2020. Conrad and the staff will continue to develop actions which reflect the intent of the goals.

The Board also discussed other topics, including its work plan for 2021.

The Board will meet for the first time in 2021 on 17 February, 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.

In the meantime, the Board would like to thank staff, students, and our community for their ongoing commitment to our children's learning and wellbeing. The Board wishes you all a happy holiday season, and looks forward to a fabulous 2021!

School News

Wanted: Change Table

We are on the lookout for a change table so parents and whanau can comfortably change their children here at school. If you have a change table that you would be willing to donate to the school, please email James jappleton@kns.school.nz

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

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

Sports News

BACK TO
SCHOOL **HQ**
everything you need to get set for the new year

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 Designed for teenagers and young adults, these shoes are a durable modern choice. Designed to last long with the most modern of technology, it is a choice choice, whether it is for a young person or a young adult, it is a choice choice.

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Sports News

2021 Year 7 & 8 Netballers - Karori Normal School Netball Club

Please hold the dates of March 7th & 14th for KNSN Year 7 & 8 Netball team trials.

'An email will be sent out in the New Year as to how these trials run, timings etc. Have happy holidays!

PTA News

