

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

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9th February 2022 – Week 2



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2022 Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 2 Feb – Thursday 14 Apr

Staff only Day on Friday 25 March

Term 2 Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

Staff only day on Friday 03 June

Term 3 Monday 25 July – Friday 30 Sept

Term 4 Monday 17 Oct – Friday 16 Dec

Staff only Day on Tuesday 25 October

2022 TEAMS

Rōpū Kākano – NE (Team Leader Lisa Hadfield)
Rooms 6 & 9

Rōpū Kōwhai – Y1 (Team Leader Julia Laidlaw)
Rooms 10, 11 & 13

Rōpū Mānuka – Y2 (Team Leader – Pam Carr)
Rooms 1, 2, 4 & 5

Rōpū Pōhutukawa – Y3 (Team Leader Cherie Le Quesne)
Rooms 14, 15, & 17

Rōpū Akakura – Y4 (Team Leader Anne-Marie Richardson)
Rooms 16, 22 & 23

Rōpū Kahikatea – Y5/6 (Team Leader Fiona Campbell & David Wong)
Rooms 23A, 24, 25, 33, 34 & 35

Rōpū Totara – Y7/8 (Team Leader Trish Blacktop & Laura Brennan)
Rooms 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 & 29

Important Dates

23 Feb PTA Meeting

<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 pupils : Keira Byers, Esther Vowles, Aadhithya Hariharan, Alex Quintus, Ava Byers, Finn Heffield, Bea Vowles, Chloe Wang, Anisa Noyes, Eliana Park, Max Heffield, Finn Westfield, Maximus Duke, Aiden Wang, Mila Mello, Lucy Williamson, Peyton Broadhurst, Niam Patel, Alexander Peart, Elijah Park, Holly Patel, George Kerrison, Charlotte Purcell, Felicity Ballard, Charles Chou, Charlie Elder, Tom Burlace, Jack Shackel, Odhran Duncan, Ethan Glasgow, Surya Vivek, Leo Gledhill, Aia Okotai, Linda Chen, Hanok Cinu, Abigail Cinu, Aaima Mumtaz.

From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

As outlined in the emailed updates sent already, we have had a settled start to the school year. Children have taken the introduction of masks in their stride and they are showing real independence as they manage themselves at the start of the day, particularly our younger students. A huge thank you for your support and trust and a thank you to our staff for the welcoming, flexible way they are approaching the challenges of working within the Red setting of the COVID Protection Framework (CPF).

You will be aware from the media that some schools have already had COVID cases amongst their students and staff. If we are notified of a case of COVID at KNS, we would work closely with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health to identify those children and staff who were close contacts. We would also notify the school community that there was a confirmed case of COVID, as quickly as we can.

- If your child is identified as being a **close contact** you would be informed of this, via email, and receive information about the steps you should take. The current process for close contacts is that they need to get tested and then self-isolate for 10 days from the date they had contact with the case.
- If your child is not a close contact, you will receive a message, via email, that will be sent to the rest of the school community informing them that were not identified as close contacts.

Our aim is to keep the school open for all children, except, those who are unwell or identified as close contacts.

Keeping the school open may pose some challenges for us and it is likely to look and feel slightly different. We will probably have a number of our teaching staff sick and/or self-isolating, as well as students. We will do our best to keep learning programmes going for both the children at school and those at home. Our current plan for those children who are self-isolating, is that we will provide work for these students and it will be monitored by part-time teachers, rather than classroom teachers, who will be keeping our face-to-face onsite programmes going. There may come a point where the lack of availability of staff means that we would move to online learning for all children, except those of essential workers.

Please note this is our current planning and this might change very quickly given that there are so many unknowns e.g. the numbers of children and staff self-isolating and the availability of staff. We will keep you updated regularly and I ask that you be understanding if this does not work perfectly all the time.

As always if you need any support or have any questions, please contact one of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT):

- Conrad Kelly ckelly@kns.school.nz
- James Appleton jappleton@kns.school.nz
- Phil McIntosh pmcintosh@kns.school.nz

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

- Kia urupu tatou; kua e taukumekume. Let us be united: not pulling against one another.

A thought to share with your children:

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.” (Mark Twain)

Ngā Mihi

Conrad Kelly
Principal

School News

Updating of School Records due **Friday 11th February**

Today your child would have brought home an envelope containing a student record form. We ask that you check the record forms carefully and either confirm or update your child’s school record information. If you have more than one child at school we require each of these forms returned. These forms need to be returned whether there are changes or not to the **school office by Friday 11th February** at the latest.

Scholastic Book Club - due **Wednesday 16th February**

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 16th February, 3pm**. Any queries email Julie Smart jsmart@scholastic.co.nz.

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

Thursday 10 February

Friday 11 February

Monday 14 February

Tuesday 15 February

Wednesday 16 February

Sienna C Rm 27 & Nerushan P Rm 23A

Alex R Rm 34 & Henry E Rm 29

Max G Rm 25 & Vihaan K Rm 21

Natalia F Rm 21 & Max S Rm 23A

Jayathi J Rm 28 & Lowri D Rm 29

PTA News

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WELCOME BACK!

Year 7 and 8 KNS Hoodies

It's a KNS tradition that Y7/8's have the opportunity to purchase a KNS hoodie with their name on it (surnames OR first names only*)
 If your child would like one please read on....



Cost: \$62 per hoodie - purchase using [Kindo](#)
[Sizing and product info](#) (most common size chosen in 2021 was kids 14 years)

Organised by the KNS PTA (at cost – this is not a fundraiser).
 Order by: 28 Feb (no late orders)
 *No nicknames or alternative spellings.



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