

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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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

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r>

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

Welcome

Welcome to the following new pupils: Bella Ros-Son and George Moncur.

From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

It has been a busy, but rewarding week, it is great to see how well the children have adapted to their 'new normal' at school. Our team are working very hard to keep a connection with children and whanau working at home, while maintaining classroom learning for those children at school. We are very grateful for the ongoing positive messages of support our staff are receiving.

This week Gipps St Deli has donated vouchers for all our staff, a huge 'shout out' to Sam and his team for this extremely kind gesture.

Please remember there is information on our school website, www.kns.school.nz, regarding what to do if you or a whanau member tests positive for COVID. You can also find useful resources to support your child here; Kidshealth.org.nz (COVID).

Hero – School App

This week we launched our new school app – Hero. Our investment in this app was a direct result of your feedback to our Communications Survey last year where you told us that you wanted a solution that would bring all our school information together in one place. Hero provides a safe and secure platform for us to share important information with you.

It will also help us change how we communicate with you. Newsletters, team updates and communication, permission slips, surveys, recording absences, lists of key dates and links to Kindo and in time other systems will all be available from the Hero app. This means that email will be kept for emergency communication, reducing the volume of emails we send.

You will have received instructions on how to access and download the app and we have QR code flyers around the school for you as well. Resources to further support you access the app are available on our website [here](#) and Jaqueline can help you with extra queries, just email her on office@kns.school.nz.

To start with, the app will support and link you to the main day-to-day communications you may need, and we're looking forward to adding to this over time. I'm confident the app will help us streamline our communication with you and I encourage you to download it as soon as you can.

We want to move as quickly as we can to Hero so we aren't duplicating our communications. However we understand that it may take some time for all families to get set up. Because of this we will continue to email you school notifications through to **Thursday 14 April**. After this time all school communication will move to Hero.

Office Communication

Part our planning for expected staff shortages includes, how we will keep our office team working if one/some of them are unable to work onsite at KNS. All of our office team are set up to work remotely if needed, however, it would be a great help to them if parent communication could be by email wherever possible.

- If you have any questions for our office team or your child has had a positive COVID test please email, office@kns.school.nz.
- If your child is absent for any other reason please email absences@kns.school.nz with a brief outline of why your child will be absent from school.

Kāhui Ako Staff only Day – Friday 25 March

A reminder that we will be holding a Staff only Day at KNS on Friday 25 March. Our staff will be working online with staff from all the nine member schools of the Kāhui Ako; Brooklyn School, Karori Normal School, Karori West Normal School, Kelburn Normal School, Northland School, Wadestown School, Wellington College, Wellington Girls' College and Makara Model School.

The day will be built around a keynote address from [Kathryn Berkett](#), with a focus on building resilience.

Social Media – Tik Tok

Yesterday the parents/caregivers of our Year 7 & 8 students received a message from us regarding an incident at KNS involving a Tik Tok challenge called 'The Hyperventilation Challenge' or the 'Fainting Challenge'.

If your children have access to social media, now might be a good time to talk to them about the material they are viewing. Tik Tok's terms and conditions have a 13 year age limit, so almost all our children should not be accessing this. If you need support from us with this issue please contact one of the SLT.

Netsafe also have a range of resources for parents to use to support their children in navigating the digital world safely, including this resource about Tik Tok; [Netsafe \(Tik Tok family safety toolkit\)](#)

KNS PTA – Yummy Apple Stickers Thank You

As you may be aware our PTA collects Yummy Apple Stickers throughout the year. These are then redeemed for sports equipment. A huge thank you to all of you who keep the Yummy Apple Stickers coming in and special thanks to Liz Hooks for her great work coordinating this.



COVID Updates

As outlined in last week's newsletter, please email me if you wish to receive daily updates on the number of positive COVID cases at school. The reasons I decided not to send daily updates to all parents/caregivers were; not wanting to; 'bombard' people's inboxes and raise community anxiety levels.

Please find below information regarding the number of positive cases at KNS as of today:

- This week are starting to see children returning to school, as they are at Day 11 of their self-isolation and have no COVID symptoms, five children are in this category.
- In total we have 26 positive cases throughout the school distributed as follows:
 - Year 0 0 cases
 - Year 1 0 cases
 - Year 2 1 case
 - Year 3 7 cases
 - Year 4 0 cases
 - Year 5 6 cases
 - Year 6 3 cases
 - Year 7 8 cases
 - Year 8 1 case

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

- ***He manga wai koia kia kore e whitikia.*** - *It is a big river indeed that cannot be crossed.*

A thought to share with your children:

- *“Just because some people can do something with little or no training, it doesn’t mean that others can’t do it (and sometimes do it even better) with training.” (Carol Dweck)*

These are difficult times for our community, please remember we are here to help. 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

Ngā Mihi

Conrad Kelly
Principal

Teacher Aide Position

Karori Normal School has a vacancy for a fixed term part-time Teacher Aide position. If you have the skills and ability to work one to one with a child, or with small groups of children, we would love to hear from you. Please send your CV to Phil McIntosh pmcintosh@kns.school.nz

School News

Children’s masks

Please ensure that your children remember to bring their masks to school each day.

We suggest your child have a small supply of spare masks in their bags, in case their mask breaks or they forget their mask.

We only have a small supply of spare masks at school and would like to keep these spares for exceptional circumstances.

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 March
 Friday 11 March
 Monday 14 March
 Tuesday 15 March
 Wednesday 16 March

Mia W Rm 24 & Olivia K Rm 24
 Florentina S Rm 33 & Freya R Rm 34
 Kate B Rm 34 & Annabel LD Rm 35
 Max G Rm 25 & Emile P Rm 25
 Louis H Rm 20 & Vihaan K Rm 21

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NEWELL	084 300 8551	WELLINGTON	084 480 8988
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Sports News

KNS Netball

REMINDER: If your child is interested in playing netball for KNS Netball Club please contact the KNSN Convenor at KNSNconvenor@gmail.com. We know some people may have missed the email or notice from last week and we don't want your child to miss out!

PTA News

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