

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

Newsletter No. 6 – Term 1
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2022 Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 2 Feb – Thursday 14
Apr

**Kāhui Ako 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

Mar 23 PTA AGM (via Zoom) 7.30pm

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

From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

I am currently isolating at home because I am a household contact. This week has reinforced how fortunate I am to work with a group of people who show initiative and 'go the extra mile'. I am managing to get most tasks done remotely and I'm extremely grateful for the support and hard work of those onsite, as they keep things operating as normally as possible at KNS.

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. This has been updated to take account of the latest isolation guidelines. You can also find useful resources to support your child here; Kidshealth.org.nz (COVID).

Hero – School App Reminder

Last 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

We are currently operating our office with significantly reduced staffing, caused by some of our team being unable to work onsite. All of our office team are set up to work remotely, however, it is a great help to them if parent/caregiver 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.

COVID Updates

As outlined in previous newsletters, 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:

- 25 children have returned to school after testing positive, completing the required self-isolation and having no COVID symptoms.
- In total we have 18 current positive cases throughout the school distributed as follows:
 - Year 0 0 current positive cases and 0 children returned to school
 - Year 1 1 current positive cases and 0 children returned to school
 - Year 2 1 current positive cases and 1 child returned to school
 - Year 3 2 current positive cases and 10 children returned to school
 - Year 4 2 current positive cases and 0 children returned to school
 - Year 5 4 current positive cases and 6 children returned to school
 - Year 6 2 current positive cases and 3 children returned to school
 - Year 7 4 current positive cases and 4 children returned to school
 - Year 8 2 current positive cases and 1 child returned to school

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

- **E kore te tangata e pakiri i runga i te wai marino – A person who remains in calm waters will never get strong**

A thought to share with your children:

- "May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears." (Nelson Mandela)

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

School News

Scooter Helmets

Please remind your children that if they scoot to/at/from school they need to wear a helmet. It is dangerous to scoot without helmets.

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.

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 17 March
Friday 18 March
Monday 21 March
Tuesday 22 March
Wednesday 23 March

Evelyn R Rm 35 & Sophie M Rm 24
Sienna C Rm 33 & Roman C Rm 34
Emily S Rm 23A & Khloe H Rm 34
Roman C Rm 35 & Arabella B Rm 21
Flynn L Rm 34 & Jayathi J Rm 25

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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



Find us on

Facebook

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

Please fill in the Class Contact Form by the end of February - <https://forms.gle/hTSP9qXJasioXcKT7>

Collect Yummy Fruit Stickers



Please help KNS to earn new sports equipment (we earned \$3121 of gear in 2021 thank you!). Simply buy any fruit with a “Yummy” sticker attached - apples, pears, nectarines, plums, or peaches, and collect the stickers (or plastic bag labels). **If you buy ‘Ambrosia’, ‘Sweet Tango’ or ‘Lemonade’ apples, you can earn DOUBLE points!**

Look out for collection sheets to pop your stickers/labels on, which will be coming home in school bags in the next few weeks. If you can’t wait for your sheets you can also print them off at <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

We will be collecting until September - happy munching!



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