

# KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

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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

Thank you for your ongoing positive messages as we work our way through the challenges presented by Omicron. It is also great to hear about how the community is rallying around families who have to isolate because of COVID. If you are isolating at home and need any support please contact one of the SLT and we will do what we can. We have a number of staff and parents/caregivers who have offered to help, with groceries, resource deliveries etc.

#### KNS PTA

Our KNS PTA holds its March meeting and 2022 AGM tonight.

On behalf of the whole KNS community, thank you to the PTA for your continued support of our children, parents/caregivers and staff. We are very grateful for your commitment to making KNS a well-resourced school, where relationships are nurtured and valued. We are extremely fortunate to have such a skilled, dedicated and effective group, working so hard for our school.

#### Office Communication

We are currently operating our office team with significantly reduced staffing. It would be very helpful if communication with our office team 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](mailto:office@kns.school.nz).
- If your child is absent for any other reason please email [absences@kns.school.nz](mailto:absences@kns.school.nz) with a brief outline of why your child will be absent from school.

Please remember there is information on our school website, [www.kns.school.nz](http://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 \(COVID\)](https://kidshealth.org.nz/COVID).

#### Hero – School App Reminder

We launched our new school app – Hero, two weeks ago. 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](mailto: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.

### **Kāhui Ako Staff only Day – Friday 25 March**

A reminder that we will be holding a Staff only Day at KNS this **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.

### **Highest Needs Students Review and Consultation**

The Ministry of Education is carrying out a review of the services provided for children with the highest learning needs. Part of the review includes consultation with whanau and school staff. You can find out more about the review and how to contribute to the consultation process [here](#)

### **COVID Update**

As outlined in previous newsletters, please email me if you wish to receive daily updates on the number of positive COVID cases at school.

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

- 39 children have returned to school after testing positive, completing the required self-isolation and having no COVID symptoms.
- In total we have 43 current positive cases throughout the school distributed as follows:
  - Year 0            0 current positive cases and 0 children returned to school
  - Year 1            2 current positive cases and 0 children returned to school
  - Year 2            5 current positive cases and 2 children returned to school
  - Year 3            10 current positive cases and 12 children returned to school
  - Year 4            13 current positive cases and 2 children returned to school
  - Year 5            5 current positive cases and 9 children returned to school
  - Year 6            3 current positive cases and 5 children returned to school
  - Year 7            1 current positive cases and 8 children returned to school
  - Year 8            4 current positive cases and 1 child returned to school

### **Whakataukī o te wiki**

- Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini – My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

### **A thought to share with your children**

- “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” (Helen Keller)

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](mailto:ckelly@kns.school.nz)
- James Appleton [jappleton@kns.school.nz](mailto:jappleton@kns.school.nz)
- Phil McIntosh [pmcintosh@kns.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto:pmcintosh@kns.school.nz)

Thursday 24 March  
**Friday 25 March**  
Monday 28 March  
Tuesday 29 March  
Wednesday 30 March

Millie C Rm 24 & Nina T Rm 24  
**Staff Only Day (no school)**  
Mia W Rm 24 & Olivia K Rm 24  
Jaydon L R 35 & Thomas L Rm 35  
Lowri D Rm 29 & Khloe H Rm 34

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### 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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