

# KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Donald Street, Karori

Newsletter No. 2 – Term 1  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Week 3



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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: Hanok Cinu, James Sundaresan, Chhuldum Sherpa, Eason Lu, Eano Lu and Arthur Hemery.

### From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

I walk around the school most mornings before the 8.55am bell rings. This is a chance for me to talk to parents/caregivers, staff and children and to remind myself why I do my job.

This morning was a great example of why schools are so important to children's wellbeing. The astro turf had games of football taking place, there was cricket on the asphalt, scooting on the Katherine Mansfield Courts, teachers chatting to children in classrooms, children in groups laughing, book readers, Lego builders, some had already started their classroom learning for the day and a group wanting to talk to me about a talent quest; there was a huge amount of positive social interaction taking place. We will do our best to keep this going and to keep KNS open while we move through the Red setting. Thank you all for supporting us and adhering to the guidelines, this helps us immensely.

Our Board of Trustees meets this evening, a summary of their discussion will be included in next week's school newsletter.

### Masks and Vaccinations for Children

- Masks – please ensure that if your child is in Year 4 to Year 8, they have a mask at school, unless they have a mask exemption.
- Vaccination for children – You can find Ministry of Health information about vaccination for children [here](#)

### Volunteers

A number of you provide invaluable support to our school as volunteers. The mandatory vaccination requirements for people working in early learning services, schools and kura have been updated to require a COVID-19 booster dose, as follows:

- All staff, volunteers and contractors need to have received two COVID-19 vaccinations **as well as a booster dose** within 183 days of their second vaccination
- If 183 days have already passed since the person received their second vaccination, they are required to receive their booster dose by 1 March 2022
- Any person who does not meet these requirements will not be able to continue working on site.

If you work as a volunteer at KNS e.g. Kiss and Drop, Junior Bookroom, PMP etc. please provide proof of your COVID-19 booster, specifically we require the vaccination date which you can access through your my Covid records to Jacqueline Wee or Annie Kenning in our school office, as soon as possible.

### Reminder – Procedure in Case of COVID at KNS

As outlined in last week's newsletter. You will be aware from the media that some Wellington 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 7 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](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)

### Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

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

### A thought to share with your children:

- “Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.” (Stephen Hawking)

Ngā Mihi

Conrad Kelly  
Principal

## School News

### Wanted - Microwave

If you have a working microwave that you no longer need we would love to have it to support a student here at KNS. Please contact James [jappleton@kns.school.nz](mailto:jappleton@kns.school.nz) if you are able to help.

### Scholastic Book Club - due **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). The cut-off date to order this issue is **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm**. Any queries email Julie Smart [jsmart@scholastic.co.nz](mailto:jsmart@scholastic.co.nz).

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)

**Michaela M Rm 20 & Gayathri A Rm 27**  
**Muna A Rm 19 & Louis H Rm 20**  
**Ryan C Rm 25 & Bryn B Rm 34**  
**Alex T Rm 34 & Evelyn R Rm 35**  
**Jaydon L Rm 35 & Thomas L Rm 35**

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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: Mar 7 (no late orders)

\*No nicknames or alternative spellings.



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[Ordering link](#)