

KARORI NORMAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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2021 Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 18 Oct – Thursday 16 Dec

School ends at 12.30pm on 16 Dec

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

2021 TEAMS

Rōpū Kōwhai – Y1 (Team Leader Lisa Hadfield)

Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 & 13

Rōpū Mānuka – Y2 (Team Leader Pam Carr)

Rooms 1, 2 & 4

Rōpū Pōhutukawa – Y3 (Team Leader Nick Dowson)

Rooms 14, 15, 16 & 17

Rōpū Akakura – Y4 (Team Leader Fiona Campbell)

Rooms 22, 23 & 23A

Rōpū Kahikatea – Y5/6 (Team Leader David Wong & Anne-Marie Richardson)

Rooms 18, 19, 20, 21, 33, 34 & 35

Rōpū Totara – Y7/8 (Team Leader Trish Blacktop & Laura Brennan)

Rooms 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29

Important Dates

10 Nov	Y4 Scooter Ready Day
11 Nov	Road Patrol Celebration Day 11.45am
12 Nov	Short Film Festival
15 & 16 Nov	Road Patrol Training 9.15am
16 Nov	Year 4 Te Papa Trip
18 Nov	Y8 Transition Day
22 – 26 Nov	Scholastic Book Fair
25 Nov	Y3 ASB Centre Trip
1 Dec	Pack the Bus 10.15am
8 Dec	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
10 Dec	Cultural Day
15 Dec	Year 4 Fun Swim

<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

From the Principal

Kia ora tātou

Huge congratulations to our two Year 7 & 8 teams that took part in yesterday's ePro8 technology challenge. Both teams did very well coming 5th and 1st. The first placed team moves on to the next stage in the challenge, more details in next week's newsletter.

Congratulations also to Amelie Greenwood, who was in Year 8 at KNS in 2016. Amelie was named Dux at Wellington Girls' College this week, an outstanding achievement.

As outlined in a recent school newsletter we are very appreciative of your ongoing support and understanding as we work through the many complexities around COVID. We are very conscious of the need to adhere to guidelines regarding wearing face masks when on-site and staying outside school buildings, while also doing what we can to maintain the strong relationship between parents/caregivers and staff. Parents/caregivers having the opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns is an essential part of this relationship. Please feel free to contact our staff by email so that we can arrange a time to meet if required.

COVID-19 Required Vaccinations Order

As you are aware we are currently putting together a vaccination register for staff, contractors, volunteers and others who might be on site at a time when children may be present. A member of our office team has been in touch with almost all of our volunteers to outline the requirements regarding vaccination and our vaccination register. If you are a volunteer at school and have not been contacted yet, please contact Annie Kenning akenning@kns.school.nz or Jacqueline Wee jwee@kns.school.nz.

Please note that parents/caregivers who volunteer to work at school must provide us with vaccination information and if you have not had your first vaccination by 15/11/2021, you will be unable to continue as a volunteer.

The vaccination requirement does not apply to parents or whānau undertaking student pick-ups and drop-offs, but these should be conducted in an outdoor environment where face coverings must be worn, and physical distancing measures retained.

Whakataukī o te wiki (Proverb of the Week)

Pai tū pai hinga nāwai rā ka oti – Good to stand, good to fall, continue on and eventually the work is completed.

A thought to share with your children:

“There are no mistakes or failures, only lessons.” (Denis Waitley)

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

BOT News

Summary of 3 November 2021 BoT meeting

The KNS Board met on Wednesday 3 November.

Conrad gave the Board an update on the school's compliance with the recent mandatory vaccination order, noting that KNS is closely following the advice coming from the Ministry of Education.

The Board reviewed KNS's progress against Charter Goal 4 (Rangapū / Partnership). A key element of this goal is communication between the school and parents/caregivers. The communication group (a group that was set up to review the way the school communicates with parents/caregivers) will shortly be making recommendations to the senior leadership team, based on responses to their recent survey.

The Board agreed on a timetable for responses to its own annual parent/caregiver survey, which has now gone out. Survey responses are important because they help to determine what the Board will focus on throughout the following year.

School Board of Trustee elections, which were due to be held in May next year, have been pushed back to September 2022 by the Ministry of Education. This will give KNS parents/caregivers plenty of time to consider putting themselves forward for election as a parent representative on the KNS Board. It's a great way to give back to the community (and to learn more about how the school 'ticks'). The Board also plans to co-opt a Māori representative, to help ensure it gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi (a legal requirement).

The Board will meet again on Wednesday 8 December, at 6.30pm in the staffroom, for its final meeting of 2021. Board meetings are open to the public. The agenda will be published on the KNS website a few days before the meeting.

School News

ICAS English Year 7/8

18 children from KNS took part in the ICAS Assessment last term. Congratulations to all participants, it was wonderful to see so many children challenging themselves. There were 1 High Distinction, 3 Distinction, 4 Credit, 3 Merit and 7 Participation Certificates awarded. Your child will be given their certificate to bring home. To get your child's results please use the Log-in details on the back page of their certificate.

Cancelled Open Morning - 19th of November, 2021

We are sad to announce that due to the current Covid Level 2 restrictions, our KNS Open Morning scheduled on the 19th of November, has unfortunately been cancelled. If your child is starting before March the 9th, 2022 and you have any questions you would like answered please contact James Appleton or Lisa Hadfield to arrange a meeting.

Lisa will also be in touch with you in the very near future around your child's pre school visit. Rest assured we will still ensure your child is smoothly transitioned into school. Any questions please get in touch.

Kind regards
Lisa Hadfield and James Appleton
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Scholastic Book Fair



An opportunity to buy Christmas presents, help others in need and support our school library.

Monday 22nd November to Friday 26th November
Karori Normal School Library

We are pleased to let you know that we will once again be holding a Scholastic Book Fair. For those families new to the school, it is essentially a pop-up book store which is open for one week only!

This year however the Book Fair will work a little differently as it needs to be **contactless**. More details about the arrangements will be provided closer to the time.

The Book Fair is also a great opportunity to think of others who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year we will be supporting Kiwi Christmas Books. There will be a donation box should you wish to purchase a book to contribute to the charity. These books will then be collected, wrapped and distributed to children in need in our region. Here is a link to the website which explains this in more detail; <https://www.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz/our-recipients>

Bucket Hat delivery update

The most recent update from our supplier re: bucket hats, is that they are due to arrive the week beginning 18/11/21. They apologise for the delays caused by Covid restrictions

KNS Blue Sunhats

If you have any of our school's blue sunhat, please return it to the school office ASAP.

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 11 November

Friday 12 November

Monday 15 November

Tuesday 16 November

Wednesday 17 November

Molly B & Tara W Rm 29

Cameron L Rm 21 & Arlo P Rm 25

Lucy B Rm 34 & Liam C Rm 25

Imogen M & Jane I Rm 28

Felicity O'B Rm 34 & Anna M Rm 27

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Sports News

RESULTS FROM YEAR 4-6 ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all our students who gave it a go at the recent Athletics day!
Official results below.

	High Jump	Long Jump	Vortex	Quoits	Short Sprint	Long Sprint
Yr 4 Boys	1= Tuan A D	1= Lachlan B	Theo H	Toby C	Edward D	Edward D
	1= William W	1= Alfie H	Toby C	Tiake S	Alfie H	Alfie H
	3 = Edward D, Xavier H and Max M	Theo H	Lachlan H	Monish B	Tuan A D	Tuan A D
Yr 4 Girls	1= Taylor C, Maja C, Maddie M and Genevieve R	Anika H	Paige B	Elsa P	Shiloh M	Shiloh M
		Paige B	Taylor C	Maja C	Taylor C	Taylor C
		Elsa P	Eva M	Sarah L	Hannah J	Hannah J
Yr 5 Boys	Ryan C	Wilder C	Ryan C	Ryan C	Wilder C	Wilder C
	Wilder C	Ryan C	Wilder C	Jasper C	Jayath J	Charlie K
	Fred FR	Charlie K	Jayath J	Fred FR	Fred FR	Ryan C
Yr 5 Girls	Isabella S	Olivia K	Pippa G	Saaga M	Evelyn R	Mila B
	2= Mila B	2= Tessa F	Yen M Y	Isabella S	Mila B	Evelyn R
	2= Lia M	2= Sophie M	Isabella S	Yen M Y	Sibylla L	Isabella S
Yr 6 Boys	1= George C	Henry E	Frank E	Henry E	Alexander M	Alexander M
	1= Henry E	Lewis K	Henry E	Ethan P	2nd = Lewis K	Lewis K
	1= Luke T	3= George C and Luke T	Vinnie M	Lewis K	2nd = Luke T	Luke T
Yr 6 Girls	1= Jiya K	Arabella B	Sadie P	Lily B	Arin Y	Arin Y
	1= Sienna O	Caitlin F	McKayla C	Adriana M	Jiya K	Lucia F
	3= Lucia F and Cassia W	Adriana M	Adriana M	Vivi K	Adelaide P	Adelaide P

Monique Percy
Sports Administrator

PTA News



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