



Kelburn Normal School

*Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence preparing for lifelong learning
Kia auaha te ako a ngā ākonga me te whai i te iti kahurangi mō te akoranga tūroa*

The Bird's Eye View

KNS Newsletter - Friday 10th February

Week 1 Term 1 - 2017

**Tena koutou katoa nga matua me nga Kaitiaki,
Greetings to all Parents and Caregivers,**

Welcome back to Kelburn for 2017. I trust you had a delightful holiday and enjoyed the family time in the traditional Kiwi summer break....albeit a topically 'cool' and windy summer. We start the year with 298 children and 17 classrooms in operation.

We welcome a number of new children to Kelburn this week. I am sure your time here will be enjoyable, engaging and full of growth. Some of our children are younger siblings, some the oldest child in their family to start at school and some children have moved into the Kelburn community. A big warm, welcome to:

- Room 1 - Isla N, Miles L, Pippa W, Eleanor S
- Room 2 - Lyla L, Carter W
- Room 4 - James W, Louise J, Maya V
- Room 5 - Oscar J, Louis P, Cheng-Yung H, Riwon K
- Room 6 - Greta C, Dean N, Connor R, Ziqin C
- Room 7 - Joshua P, Ethan K, Isobel C
- Room 8 - Ruby C, Rivka Z, Kipp P, Angus IW, Chu-Hsin H
- Room 9 - Jenny P, Lucia M, Jeongmin H
- Room 10 - Angus C
- Room 11 - Alice Z
- Room 13 - Medina N, Jaeyeon C

.....Whew!!! Welcome to you and your families.

We also welcome our new teaching staff Richard Dobson (R11), Emma Murdoch (R10), to Kelburn as classroom teachers this year, and to Greta De Vries (R12) officially as a permanent member of our teaching staff. Staff have been back since last Monday, initially working together through our policies, procedures and programmes to build a consistency of practice and we finished last week 'back in the classroom' working with Gail Loane, one of NZ's premier writing teachers. The 2 day workshops were both invigorating and refreshing for our teachers as Gail shared pearls of wisdom and many gems from her distinguished career as a mentor of teachers and writing programmes. Over the course of the week we appreciate how each team has seamlessly settled into their 'working groups' together.

I thoroughly enjoyed my first term last year at Kelburn, and through the newsletters, celebration assemblies, performances, and our social media platform, the school celebrated and recognised the many successes of our children in a variety of academic, sporting and cultural activities. It was certainly a pleasure to say "thank you" to our large group of parents who are so supportive of our school and who were actively involved throughout the year. I am sure 2017 will be similar as we continue to grow as a school to best meet the needs of our students in their 21st century learning environment.

In week three of this term we welcome the Education Review Office for the regular school audit. I have been in contact with them and they will be here on Monday 20 February. We look forward to sharing with them the things that make up Kelburn Normal School.

In week 3 on Thursday 23 February we have our meet the teacher evening at 6.30pm. We start in the hall in and then after a welcome we disperse to syndicates/classes to share our set up for this year. We follow this up in week 5 with Learning Conversations with the class teacher on Wednesday the 8th and Thursday 9th of March. Please put these dates in your diaries as they are important to attend.

Each team will have issued a syndicate newsletter this week which explains the learning programme for this term. If you have any queries please touch base with the classroom teacher who can guide you through the learning programme for your child.

Thank you to the PTA team who put on coffee this morning for new parents (and regulars). It was nice to see both new and familiar faces chatting away to build our Kelburn spirit.

A lovely conclusion for 2016 for the Kelburn team was the happy occasion of Eleanor Middleton's wedding over the summer break. Congratulations to Eleanor and Damodar and we wish the much happiness for the rest of their lives together.

As always, our doors are always open and if you would like to discuss anything please feel comfortable to talk to the person that you think can answer any enquiry you may have.

Andrew

[School News](#)

[Sun Hats](#)

All children are required to have a wide brimmed hat at school. Please make sure it is named. Children without hats will be in the shade. We will be limiting 'outside time' during the hours of 11am onwards. We strongly suggest that you apply sunblock before your child leaves in the morning. We do have some sunblock at school but not enough to cover all children, on a daily basis.

[Absences](#)

Please remember to ring through to the school office if your child is going to be absent or late. There is an option on the phone system for you to record a student absence, so you can ring early in the morning if it suits you better. If your child is absent and we have not heard from you, we will be contacting you to see why they are not at school. We are concerned about your child's welfare, especially since some of our students do walk to school. We cannot assume they are at home with you, so we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as possible.

[Drop off and Student Pick Up](#)

A couple of small reminders about dropping off and collecting children. Students can arrive at school from 8:20 am onwards. Staff have meetings and preparation before this time. Children will be allowed into the class when the bell rings at 8:30am. If they have sports or cultural activities, they will be told by their teacher if they need to arrive earlier.

We encourage all our children to become independent. When picking up your children from Ngiao, please ensure that you wait in the courtyard area until the children are released. If you are collecting

students from the main school, we encourage all parents to wait on the top court area especially as the corridors get very busy. If you have a child in Room 3 or 4, you may wait down by the outside area of Room 3, but we encourage you to wait up at the top court too.

Magpie Lawn - Friday 23rd February

Yes, it's that time of year again. At the end of week 3 we are all going to get together on Friday 23rd February at Magpie Lawn for our annual twilight fun and games. Come along for this community get together. We will begin at 4.30 pm, and the PTA sells food and drink. There will be races and games for the children. Head down Boundary Rd to walk down to Magpie Lawn.

Kapa Haka

Kapa Haka commences on Friday 17 February in the Hall for senior students (Y5-Y8) from 8.30 am - 9.30 am. Juniors (Y1-Y4) will be held from 1.30 pm - 2.00 pm on Thursday afternoons.

Diary Dates

February

Monday 20-23 - ERO visit

Thursday 23 - Meet the teacher (hall at 6.30pm)

Friday 24 - Whole school assembly (11am) and Magpie Lawn BBQ 4.30pm

Monday 27 Feb - March 2 - Y708 Camp at Erua, National Park

Monday 27 Feb - BOT mtg

March

Wednesday 8 -Thur 9 - Learning conversations

Friday 10 - Whole school assembly (11am)

Monday 13 - Junior School at Capital E festival

Tuesday 14 - Year 3 sports festival

Wednesday 15 - Lower Middles at Capital E festival

School Term Dates 2017

Term 1 Tuesday 7 February - Thursday 13 April (10 weeks)

Term 2 Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July (10 weeks)

Term 3 Monday 24 July - Friday 29 September (10 weeks)

Term 4 Monday 16 October - Wednesday 20 December (10 weeks)



The advertisement features a logo on the left consisting of four overlapping circles in red, green, orange, and brown, next to the text 'Sushi Lunches' in a black script font. Below this, 'Sushi Friday' is written in a large, bold, orange sans-serif font. To the right, there is a graphic with overlapping green, brown, and orange shapes, containing the text 'Powered by: Wrap it Up' with a circular logo. At the bottom, two columns of text provide details: 'You never have to think about Friday lunches again! Ordering is easy, it's all online.' and 'Log onto www.wrapitup.co.nz and select from 5 delicious varieties and 3 pack sizes.'

Community Notices

MSP Junior Rugby has built one of Wellington's proudest and most successful sports clubs. The club is about children enjoying their sport and developing their skills in a fun, safe and family oriented environment. Come and check out our vibrant club culture with a strong family atmosphere!

Register online at www.msprugby.co.nz or come to one of our registration events at the MSP gym (next to St Pats College artificial turf) on Saturday 18th February 1pm to 3pm, Wednesday 22nd February 5pm to 6:30pm and Sunday 26th February 12pm to 1:30pm. Not sure? Email us at mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page for more.

Karori Arts & Crafts, 7 Beauchamp Street, Karori Art Classes

Thursday 9 Feb ART FOR 5-7yrs 3.45-4.45pm \$80 for 8 weeks

Learn how to draw, paint, make collage and sculpture in a fun environment.

Tuesday 14 Feb DRAWING for 11-14yrs 4.35-5.35pm \$105 for 8 weeks

Learn to draw realistically using various techniques that include line, tone and value.

FREE OPEN DAY - Sunday 12 February

KACC's Adventure Game Club. From 10am to 12pm or 1-3pm children 6yr+ welcome with their families. Games and teaching provided.

See website for details www.craftsandarts.co.nz

Mindfulness classes for kids aged 7-12 years - Wed 4.30-5pm Register

[Register now](#) for your free trial lesson ongoing fee \$20 per class. These ongoing weekly kids classes are fun and interactive.

Your kids will enjoy learning and practicing key mindfulness exercises and techniques to help them manage stress and anxiety, focus and concentrate, be resilient and promote healthy friendships.

Adults classes

Enjoy three 60-minute escapes with Ovio's Mindfulness One workshops.

\$95 includes three 1-hour classes, a workbook, audio downloads, and a mindfulness journal.

Course starts 17th Feb 9am [Find out more](#) Course starts 14th Feb 7.30pm [Find out more](#)

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Qualified Nanny Available

If you are busy with a young family and looking for some assistance I would love to help you.

I am qualified, experienced and really enjoy working with babies, toddlers and children

My name is Amelia. I have trained with the Wellington Nanny College completing the Certificate in Early Childhood Education. I also have a current St John's Comprehensive First Aid Child Certificate, Children and Water Certificate from Swimming New Zealand and Fire Safety Certificate.

I have cared for a range of children from newborn to 12 years old. I've also worked with children with allergies and food intolerances. I am friendly, reliable and well organised. I am flexible with hours and days and I can nanny share. Referees and CV available. Amelia **027 699 0946**