



Kelburn Normal School

*Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence preparing for life-long learning - Kia auaha te ako a ngā ākonga me te whai i te iti kahurangi mā te akoranga tōroa*

## NEWSLETTER WEEK 7 TERM 4 - 2015

### KIA ORA EVERYONE & WELCOME

Welcome to Kelburn Normal School to our new students Isla K and Cosmo C to Room 21. It's great to have you as part of the KNS team. Just a reminder that next week is a busy week for all so be aware of what's happening. Exciting times are ahead for the Year 8 students with the Year 8 leavers' dinner next Monday evening. It's a big night for all concerned and we know that it's a great way to celebrate their time at school. As you may have read in an earlier email, Susie Brown's mother passed in the early hours of Monday morning. As a result she will not be at school this week and possibly next week. Our thoughts are with Susie and her family at this challenging time.

### BOARD PROPERTY UPDATE

We have been working with the Ministry to design a re-development of the school within an approved budget of \$6.5m

Together we have developed a really good design. The designers did an amazing job of creating connected spaces within that very difficult building shape with its many structural walls that could not be removed. However, it could not be built within the approved budget. The Board and the Ministry have reconsidered the various options, and the options to raise funding, but we simply could not raise all the funds required.

The Ministry have asked for additional funding for the redevelopment of Kelburn school.

Minister Kaye, the Associate Minister of Education and the MP for Auckland Central, has responsibility for school property and technology. As Associate Minister for Education, she has already brought to Kelburn school a fibre internet connection and WIFI to every classroom.

I am pleased that today Minister Kaye is expected to announce funding of \$8.5m to redevelop the Kelburn school, including a new main classroom and library building, the refurbishment of the admin block and hall, and the old building areas being turned into play space.

The concept plan is attached. As you can see this is only a concept. All it really shows is roughly where the buildings and play spaces are. Now we have the budget for a new building, we can go and design it.

With this funding announcement from the Minister, the Ministry has agreed to:

1. Build a new, 2 story, 13 classroom and library building - on the top court along the Upland Road boundary. The exact location is not set in stone, but for a variety of reasons we think that is the best site. Once completed, this building would house every syndicate - including the junior school.

2. Refurbish, to a very good standard, the existing Administration block and this hall.
3. All the other buildings, including the Ngaio area, will be turned into play space!

We will retain the glen site as play space until all this work is completed. However, the glen site will then be sold by the Ministry to help pay for the new school. The Ministry has not yet made any decisions about the Visual Resource Centre site. However, if in the future the Ministry decides it does not need it, the site will be retained by the Kelburn school.

### **What's next?**

As you already know, the work in the gully will be complete this summer and the entire gully area will be open for use from the beginning of Term 1 next year.

Early next year we will work with the Ministry to design the new building and the refurbishment of the hall and admin blocks.

The re-locatable classrooms on the top court were kept there so classes could use them when we refurbished the main block. As they are probably not required anymore, we will work with the Ministry early in the new year to have these removed.

Classes will stay in the main block until the new building is ready, then they will move in. After that the old block can go and the area turned into play space.

The project steps are likely to be:

- Design
- Once we have draft designs, we can consult with the community
- Final designs
- Prepare construction contracts
- Construction activity
- Move into the new building
- Remove the old buildings and replace with the new play spaces.

We have only just today got the funding, and the experts have not yet done the work required. But we suspect 2016 will be mostly about design and arranging the contracts, with 2017 to build and maybe demolish. Hopefully during the summer of 2017/18 the new play spaces will be built. Some time in 2018 – the school should be complete! But we could be wrong.

We are confident, that by working with the Ministry, the staff and the community, we can rebuild this school to make it an even better place for our kids to learn and play, and our staff to work.

Today is a big step forward, but it's not over yet. We would also like to thank the Minister and the Ministry for their support. The Ministry has been very good to work with on this quite challenging project. Thank you all for your support and patience during this process. If you have any questions, please contact any Board member.

Merry Xmas

Tim Stewart, Chair, Board of Trustees

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Please follow the link below to read the beehive release from Hon Nikki Kaye

<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/85m-redevelopment-kelburn-normal-school-wellington#.Vmnh6xr45cU.mailto>

## A BIG THANK YOU

On behalf of the entire KNS School community, I personally say thank you to our dedicated staff for all their hard work this year. To our students, a well done and enjoy your break so that you can get ready for your new learning in 2016. To our PTA, thank you for everything that you have done in fundraising and supporting education at KNS. To our BOT, a big thank you for supporting education of your children. We know that everyone has earned a break and I hope that you will take the time to enjoy your families and the festive season.

Regards Andrew McFarlane  
Principal

## EOTC DAY @ EASTBOURNE

A huge thank you for yesterday at Eastbourne. Our children were wonderful and the day was a great success. Some pics of our day are below. The wind was interesting at times but what a great day.



## ASSEMBLY FRIDAY

Some new staff that are joining the KNS team for 2016 are Miss Eleanor Middleton to Room 12, Mr Jamie Quayle to Room 8 and we will announce our new appointment to Room 10 by the end of the school term.

Today's assembly we farewell Ms Leanne Stubbing, Mrs Debs Burson, Miss Loren Kennedy and as per her note below Mrs Kirsten Lang.

## EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Please note your diary

Monday - Year 8 Leavers' Dinner

Tuesday - Year 8 Farewell & Prizegiving

Wednesday - Water Fight

Thursday - School finishes at 12pm

## UPDATES FOR 2016 - EOTC EXPERIENCES IN 2016

If your child is the Upper Middle or Senior Syndicates next year, we wanted to give you a heads up about some EOTC experiences that are taking place during term one.

The Upper Middles will be heading to the Mawley Camping Ground near Masterton from Monday 21 March to Wednesday 23 March for a camping experience and to begin the year as a team on a science based learning camp. The cost estimate for this camp is \$100-150. We are trying to give you advanced warning of upcoming costs.

The Senior Syndicate are heading to Riversdale near the coast of Masterton from the 22nd to the 25th February for a four day camping experience. This will be a science based camp where the syndicate will be focussing on coming together as a group, leadership and curriculum learning that will form the backbone of classroom programmes for the rest of that term. As estimated cost thus far is around the \$220 mark. We will come back to you with an exact cost, programme details and permission forms early next year.

These camping experiences are set for the start of the year to enable the year groups in those classes to come together as a team and begin working in a collaborative manner from the start of the year.

Both syndicates will be requesting parent assistance. A notice for the UM camp has been emailed and a senior one will follow soon. If you have any questions regarding these camps, please email the syndicate leader in charge of organisation, that being [robk@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:robk@kelburnnormal.school.nz) for UM and [alistairb@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:alistairb@kelburnnormal.school.nz) for the senior syndicate.

## PROPOSED WORK - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Just a reminder that the Gully will be open by the 3rd of February next year. New retaining walls, paths and vegetation will form part of the remediation. Just a reminder that the eastern side of the gully will be closed until that time and there may be periods over the school holidays where the playground side of the Gully is also out of action. But the exciting thing is we have our Gully back and it will be open for business day one 2016.

## ATHLETICS UPDATE

Congratulations to the following students who represented the Western Zone at Interzones last Tuesday: Eilis D, Luca E Hannah E, William C, Srian S, Bebe N, Eugene F, Alana T, Francesca R, Baker C and George O. This is a great achievement to have made it this far.

Well done to Eugene (long jump) and Hannah and Luca E (1000m) who represented Wellington at regionals this past Tuesday.

## MESSAGE FROM KIRSTEN LANG

Hi to all KNS families, past and present,

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the families that have passed through KNS in my time here (since 2003). The support that you have consistently shown towards me, other staff and events we have had at school has been tremendous. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know so many of you and seeing your children grow up into fine individuals, go on to college and continue to thrive.

Many of you will have heard that I am leaving KNS with the promotion of "full time Mum and wife" for a while after what has been a very stressful year on a personal level. As you are all parents as well, you will definitely understand the constant juggle. I know that while it has been a hard decision to make, it is one I am sure will be very rewarding and I won't regret.

I have loved my time at Kelburn and will leave with many fond memories. The main one of course being the lovely kids I have had the pleasure to teach and come into contact with. Thank you for doing such a good job of raising them to be the caring and self determined learners we all have the good fortune of interacting with and getting to know every day.

Wishing you all a very safe Christmas and hot summery holidays  
Best wishes

## SCHOOL ORGANISATION FOR 2016

PRINCIPAL	Mr Andrew McFarlane
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	Ms Danielle Sanders
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL	TBC

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

Syndicate Leader	Miss Susie Brown	Room 1	Y0-1
Teacher	Miss Adele Murray	Room 2	Y1
Teacher	Miss Sally Coddington	Room 3	Y2
Teacher	Mrs Amelia Mazur	Room 4	Y2
Reading Recovery Teacher	Ms Ali Laing		

### LOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Teacher	TBC	Room 10	Y3/4
Teacher	Ms Hilary Hadfield	Room 11	Y3/4
Teacher	Miss Eleanor Middleton	Room 12	Y3/4

### UPPER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Syndicate Leader	Mr Rob Kerr	Room 5	Y5/6
Teacher	Miss Annabel Ross	Room 6	Y5/6
Teacher	Mr Gareth Rouch	Room 7	Y5/6

### SENIOR SCHOOL

Teacher	Mr Jamie Quayle	Room 8	Y7/8
Teacher	Mrs Libya Munn	Room 9	Y7/8
Syndicate Leader	Mr Alistair Button	Room 13	Y7/8

CURRICULUM ADVISOR	Mr Charles Bisley	Room 14
DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS	Mr Charles Bisley	
ESOL / INTERNATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR	Mrs Joelle Clark	
RELEASE TEACHER/DANCE	Ms Jenny Cossey	

SCHOOL MANAGER	Mrs Loraine Best
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/RECEPTIONIST	Ms Tina Gates
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/RECEPTIONIST	Mrs Kim Mudgway
TEACHER AIDES	Mrs Emma Bickers/Mrs Katharina Vautier
CARETAKER	Mr Ian McLean

## END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

It's the beginning of a very busy last 3 weeks at KNS. We have many events that need to be noted in your calendar.

**Year 8 Leavers' Dinner Monday 14 December** - 6pm onwards at the Copthorne Hotel, Oriental Bay. Please register your attendance with the office team for this special event that celebrates your child's time at KNS. It's always a great night to cap off 8 years of education! Dinner is \$50 per person. This may be paid at the office or online.

**Year 8 Leavers Assembly** - Tuesday 15 December - 1:30pm onwards. Please join us to celebrate our Year 8 students achievements at this special assembly. **Please note this is a day earlier than was advertised previously.**



### **INVOICES & ACCOUNTS - ALL OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS NEED TO BE PAID ASAP**

We would appreciate payment of all outstanding student accounts asap. Any additional costs this year associated with coming events and outings cannot be charged to your account, and separate payment instructions will be sent home.

## BOOKS

As we approach the end of the year we would like to request that you and your child check at home for any set novels that might have been assigned this year. These novels aren't as obviously school property as library books, most have been dura sealed and have identifying marks on the covers but not the spine, others only have school stamps on the inside cover. We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Have a great holiday break and enjoy the time with your families.

Andrew, Kirsten, Danielle & Charles

## Schoolwide - Additional News

### Looking Ahead to Dates in Term 4

Below is a list of dates to be aware of for Term 4. Please be aware that some dates may change due to involvement from other schools, because of bad weather, or changed availability of performers. For updated information please refer to the community calendar on the Kelburn School App.

#### Week 9

Friday 11 December                      End of Year Assembly

#### Week 10

Monday 14 December                    Y8 Leavers' Dinner

Tuesday 15 December                  Leavers' Assembly @ 1pm

Wednesday 16 December                School Water fight @ 1.30 pm

Thursday 17 December                  Fun Assembly 9 am - 10 am \*\*\*\***School Closes at Midday**

## 2016 TERM DATES

**Term 1: Wednesday 3 February – Friday 15 April**

**Term 2: Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July**

**Term 3: Monday 25 July – 23 September**

**Term 4: Monday 10 October – Friday 16 December**

## PERMISSION FOR USE OF CHILD'S PHOTO

Please advise the Office in writing if you do not wish for your child's image to be used in newsletters, on the website, or in promotional material. This information will be kept for the time your child is at Kelburn Normal School.

**REVIVE** - A big thank you to Revive for supporting KNS by supplying coffee for our staff and supporting the KNS Centenary Celebrations. It is greatly appreciated.

## PIANO & THEORY TUITION - TERM 1 2016 MARTIN RYMAN

*M. Mus (Distinction) B. Mus (Executant) A.R.C.O. Dip Tchg.*

Martin has a few vacancies for Piano and Theory lessons at Kelburn Normal School starting in Term 1 for 2016.

Martin is an experienced musician and registered teacher.

For more information please see: [KelburnMusicStudio.co.nz](http://KelburnMusicStudio.co.nz)

Martin can be contacted at:

Email: [martin@kelburnmusicstudio.co.nz](mailto:martin@kelburnmusicstudio.co.nz)

Tel: 04 971 8872 or 027 304 8250

**LOST LUNCHBOX** Fabric type - multi coloured, velcro fastener, with a orange coloured plastic tag in the shape of a french bulldog. Ph Cheryl 022 353 1078

**This DECEMBER make Christmas shopping a breeze with BIGAIRS DROP & SHOP!**

DROP your kids off to Bigair on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec

and be free to go and SHOP! PLUS Bigairs popular JANUARY Holiday Programme is open for bookings.

Book now for Dec and Jan as places are limited!

Bigair Gym offers classes in Trampoline, Toddler Gym, Preschool and School Aged Gymnastics, Free Running, Cheer and Tumbling classes and

Open Gym Teen/Adults Sessions. Bookings are open for Term 1 NOW! Classes fill up fast so call Bigair today! Call 232 3508 or email [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz).

## KARORI ATHLETICS - 2015/16 REGISTER NOW

Winter sports are over for another year, and a new Karori Athletics season is just getting underway. What better way to keep the kids active, honing their sporting skills and having fun over summer than a season of athletics? Maybe we'll uncover the next Olympic Gold medalist.

The Karori Athletics Club provides a fun environment for children from 5-15 years old. The Club meets weekly at Ben Burn Park in Karori on Wednesday nights (6.00pm-7.30pm) over the summer from October to March.

Come along and have fun keeping active.

For more information including details on online registration, visit the website:

[www.karoriathletics.org.nz](http://www.karoriathletics.org.nz).

## PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES

If you have any concerns about your child's development such as fine motor and gross motor coordination, handwriting, sensory integration, emotional regulation or attention skills, please visit [www.kidsconnect.co.nz](http://www.kidsconnect.co.nz) or contact [kim@kidsconnect.co.nz](mailto:kim@kidsconnect.co.nz)

## KIDS THEATRE HOLIDAY CAMP TUESDAY 26/11 - FRIDAY 29/11/2016

Samuel Marsden School Karori

If your children like adventure then why not come along to the world of quirky pirates, strange treasure, sea monsters and mermaids, come and enjoy this rollicking pirate song and dance adventure with other children from all different schools great acting rolls for both girls and boys.

The children will have lots of fun and laughter while at the same time learning acting skills & stagecraft they become a more confident performer! Extend your dramatic & creative potential! Develop self-expression and communication skills! Every child will have a starring role including dialogue and a fabulous costume.

Program operates 9:00am - 3:00pm (open 8:30am - 4:00pm) Open to students aged 7-13 years from all schools

Audition, rehearse & perform a fully costumed play in 4 days!

**REGISTER:** Contact Deborah or Paul Percy: Online at <http://ctcnz.actingantics.com> FEES: \$266.00 (Sibling discounts - Includes scripts, rights, costumes, make-up & Performance Certificate) **PAYMENT:** Online banking (EFT) or credit card **ENQUIRIES:** [admin@actingantics.com](mailto:admin@actingantics.com) - 04 8890 416 .

## SICK OF BEING IN PAIN? TIRED OF BEING TIRED? STRESSED?

NEW TO KELBURN: 'ThinkQi' Alternative Health Clinic.

Acupuncture . Qigong Classes & Workshops . Healing

Are you or your child struggling with a chronic health condition?

contact Rachel [www.thinkqi.co.nz](http://www.thinkqi.co.nz) to see how she can help you.

Rachel has over 30 years experience in the health profession.

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[www.thinkqi.co.nz](http://www.thinkqi.co.nz) 02102450157 Upland Road, Wellington.

## DO YOU NEED A HOUSE/PETSITTER BETWEEN 18TH AND 25TH JANUARY? A

Christchurch mother and her 17 yr old daughter sailing in a Wellington regatta between those dates would happily feed you pet, clear you mailbox and look after your home while you're away. If the dates suit and you're interested please contact Brenda Nightingale 027 333 2406.

**BABY-SITTING** - I'm 15, live in Kelburn, have finished school exams for the year and am keen to work.

Baby-sitting, holiday child-care, window-cleaning, gardening and/or help with odd jobs - I'd love to help.

Please ph or txt if I can help you.

Ariella De Mayo 021 2060629

**KELBURN BROWNIES** have places available in 2016 for girls aged 7 to 9 ½ years to join us for fun, excitement and adventure! We meet Tuesday 4.30pm - 6pm

in Kelburn. Please contact Katrina & Sarah at [kelburnbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:kelburnbrownies@gmail.com) for more information.

Thanks, Katrina

**NANNY/ BABYSITTER** Available – 15 Years' Experience

Available Weekdays, Weekends, some Nights & Over Xmas & New Year, Short or Long Term.

Trustworthy & reliable lady who loves children & has a lot of experience from babies to teenagers.

Contact: Maureen      Tel: 4754054 or 0220334434