



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 16th December

Week 10 Term 4 - 2016

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

Today is the last day of 2016. A reminder that we start the 2017 school year on Tuesday 7th February. Staff are back on site for teacher-only week which starts on Tuesday 31 February but staff will be in preparing the week before. Teaching staff are looking forward to 2 days professional learning with writing guru Gail Loane on the Thursday and Friday. The office reopens on Thursday 2 February.

On Monday we had the Year 8 Leavers' Dinner, a special celebration for our year 8 students and their parents. It was a lovely occasion and the sharing of many happy memories as their Kelburn story comes to a close. The children delivered excellent speeches on behalf of the student group and I am sure there were many proud parents looking on. We wish our year 8 students every success as they go onto their respective high schools next year. Some families have their last child leaving Kelburn Normal School and we thank them for their many years association with the school.



All the students we farewell this year have contributed immensely to our culture at Kelburn. Like our community, our leavers have many diverse qualities and strengths, but above all, they should feel that they have tried to be the best that they can be. They leave with an appreciation for their peers, their teachers, their school, and themselves. We congratulate them and thank them, and their parents, for the contribution they have made to Kelburn and wish them all the best for the road ahead.

On Tuesday we held our year 8 leavers assembly. The Kelburn Cups were awarded to -

Sport - girl - Justice Firestone

Sport - boy - Baker Christie

ICT - Maya Hobman

Citizenship - Anna Blackley

Performing Arts - Joseph Tu'amoheloa

Top Chorister - Eilish Harding

Orchestra: Most Valuable Players - Michelle Gu & Sophia Fu

KNS Excellence - girl - Holly Willis

KNS Excellence - boy - Eugene Farley

This is the final newsletter for 2016 and I take this opportunity to thank the children, staff, and the Kelburn community for what has been a successful year.

Through the regular newsletters and communications, parents will have gained an impression of school-life throughout 2016. School-life is always "full on" and the website, facebook, and learning anthologies certainly capture the moments of the many activities and exciting events your children have been involved in. Parents who have been keeping track of the school's facebook life in term 4 will also have gained an understanding of the vibrancy and rich curriculum the school has promoted.

The children have been showing signs of excitement as they share their anticipation of the end of the year. The Christmas season is indeed one of excitement and joy for them as they begin to dream about everything that sparkles and of course the gifts that are shared by families and friends! Christmas means many different things to each of us and our preparations take many paths as we reflect on our own personal understanding of Christmas and anticipate visitor arrivals, plan summer breaks or simply look forward to relaxing and enjoying time with our families.

Many families are leaving the school as they move on to different schools. Thank you for your support and commitment to Kelburn and best wishes for the future.

We farewell Eleanor Middleton, Kate Ilesley, Liz Brown, and Liz Dunbier and thank them for their great work, commitment, and kindness to the children of Kelburn. Hilary Hadfield will be taking a year's leave and we will miss her. We look forward to seeing her back in 2018.

We are very lucky with the team we have to power KNS. I would like to thank the leadership team for their tireless organisation of the teaching and learning for staff and students. They run a very busy school and do it so well. Thank you to our teaching staff and specialist teachers and teacher aides, who every day, do their very best for our children with skill, organisation, and enthusiasm.

Finally a huge thank you to Loraine, Kim, and Tina in our school office who do such a great job and for accommodating, with a smile, the numerous extra requests we get from parents on a daily basis. In addition, they do so much managing of the nuts and bolts and time consuming tasks required by the Ministry and the management team, and the school operates very smoothly as a result.

Our children are very lucky to have the staff team working with them and we really appreciate the nice thoughts, comments and gestures from parents received recently, in appreciation of the contribution we make in your children's lives.

Our PTA team have not only raised a significant sum of money for the school through their fundraising efforts this year but helped enormously in expanding our school culture and spirit by including and involving families in school events like Matariki. One Wild Night was a terrific fundraiser and was well received by the parents. This is fantastic and we are so grateful for their time and effort and contribution to raising funds for our children's education. As a result of the PTA efforts we will have fantastic play spaces at the conclusion of the new build.

To the Board of Trustees - We are blessed to have such a capable, supportive, and interested team that enables so many opportunities and developments to come to fruition. Kelburn is in good heart and is governed extremely well. We look forward to next year's ERO visit in February.

All of the Kelburn team joins with me in wishing you all a very happy and safe Christmas with family and friends.

Andrew

School News

Ngaio visit to Zealandia

Our Ngaio classes enjoyed a day at the Zealandia exploring the Sanctuary as a group through the generosity of the Thomas family won a competition through the Collective Yoghurt company and donated the prize to our children in Ngaio. What a wonderful opportunity!



House Athletics Day Results

And the winning house was...

First place - Rimu with 246 points

Second place - Rata with 227 points

Third place - Kowhai with 198 points

Fourth place - Ngaio with 182 points

Mathletics

The Mathletic top point scorers in the school go to:

The Gold medal winner is Laura C with 45,554 points;

The Silver medal winner is Harvey W with 41,553 points;

The Bronze medal winner is Niko W with 36,228 points.

Mathletics will be accessible during the holidays so don't forget to log on and sharpen your basic facts.

Warehouse Stationery

HELP US GET CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL.

Just mention our school by name when you shop at Warehouse Stationery & 5%* goes back to our school.

See supportyourschool.co.nz for details.

*Exclusions & Terms & Conditions apply.



Music Lessons

Our music teachers currently offer lessons for piano, voice, violin, recorder, guitar, ukulele, flute, clarinet, and saxophone. The office have the list of contact numbers and it is also on the website. It's a good idea to contact the music teachers before the start of the year, especially as a number of them fill up quickly. We intend to hire a drum tutor if there is enough demand.

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)

School Accounts

Hi Parents, if you still have trips or activities outstanding, you can still pay us, we welcome all payments over the xmas break. Thanks, Tinag@kelburnnormal.school.nz

Kelburn After School Care

It is not too late to book for January holidays. Just email Kim at kelburnkids@gmail.com

Community News

Looking to Buy

Kelburn parent looking for a good quality, medium-sized used car to transport kids, bikes and other stuff. Call me if you're selling or know anyone who is Would be perfect if it had a tow bar!! Kate 0224306898.

Registrations are now open for the 2016/2017 Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Series!

The Wellington Tryathlon will be at Kilbirnie Park, Wellington on Sunday 19th March 2017

The school gazebo will be base camp with the KNS flag so you can find us.

When you register, please make sure you select and link to Kelburn Normal School!

Last time the school won a chest freezer - who knows what we could win next!

Click here to enter: [Wellington](#)

The Karori Recreation Centre

Want your children to improve their ball or racquet skills? The Karori Recreation Centre offers popular Basketball clinics for children aged 9-12 years, where children learn all the fundamental skills of basketball. Our Squash Skillz classes are for 6-12 year olds and help to develop basic racquet skills and hand-eye coordination. For more information or to book please check out the Karori Recreation Centre's [website](#), or contact our friendly staff on (04) 476 8090 or karori.rec@wcc.govt.nz.

CodeCamp - Summer Holiday Programmes (December 19th-22nd & January 9th - 12th)

Venue: Samuel Marsden School, Karori

CodeCamp allows boys & girls from the ages of 7-17 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed agile environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems & collaboration. Create games, apps & work with robots, mini-drones and electronic building blocks.

Discounts Available: until the 30th November

Book Now at www.codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp

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.

BIGAIR GYM! At Bigair Gym we are running our popular Pre-CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME again this year from Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd DECEMBER 2016, so you can book your kids in for some active fun and you have time to get your shopping and other Pre-Christmas tasks done.

Bigair Gyms popular JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME is running from the 9th Jan – 27th Jan 2017. Bigair Gym Holiday Programmes involve gym circuits, challenges, competitions, free play, structured games and talent quests. Children that love gym and parkour will love practicing and extending their skills during these sessions.

Bigair Gym offers classes in Trampoline, Toddler Gym, Preschool and School Aged Gymnastics, Parkour, Cheer and Tumbling classes. Bookings are open for Term 1 2017 from Monday 21st November 2017, classes fill up fast so call Bigair today!

Book into the Holiday Programme or for Term 1 2017 Classes online www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact Bigair Tawa on 2323508, email office@bigairgym.co.nz or contact Bigair Owhiro Bay on 3838779, email wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz we would love to hear from you!

Babysitter/Housesitter Available

Hi there, I'm Claudia and would love some extra work. I am 19 and have had previous experience working with children and really enjoyed it. I'm available now and over the holidays during the day or night! I live locally and if you have any questions feel free to text/call: 027 246 9667

Get into your FLOW with YOGA!

Always wanted to try yoga but don't like the idea of a big group class? Why not get together with a group of friends and have your own private session? Feeling the need to de-stress and relax? Need some relief from physical aches and pains? Looking to get fit and build strength? Flow Yoga has many options for you to choose from - individualised personal sessions, group classes, workplace offerings and more. Get into your FLOW and start feeling better today.

Contact Caroline at: flowyoganz@gmail.com or 022 3116038 for more details or visit:

flowyoga.co.nz

Online Holiday Program | Four weeks of fun!

Become your own music producer with *Activate Music Academy's* Online Holiday Program! We'll workshop your songs, make new friends in the community forum, and get creative to win awesome prizes. Complete beginner? Been making beats for a while? We're going to have a great time making music together! Register and find out more at:

<https://activatemusic.academy/online-holiday-program/>

Cubs 2017

Cubs is a fun activity for boys and girls aged 8-10. They do fun stuff and learn to do dangerous things safely. Lots of running around tiring games. Last week they were sliding/sledding down a hill on cardboard. There is generally one overnight camp a year.

It runs on Wednesdays 6pm to 7:30 at the Kelburn scout hall near the top of the cable car. There are 2-3 adult leaders.

Cost \$55 a term

If you're interested in finding out more or enrolling in cubs contact Bruce Fraser: B.Fraser@hotmail.com

Scouts in Kelburn: contact Joshua Tabor <taborj@gmail.com>

Keas- age 6-7 - Thursdays

Cubs age -8-10 Wednesdays

[KidsFit Christmas Holiday Programme](#) with the Push Play Trailer: Tuesday 20th December to Friday 23rd December. To kick start the summer break, KidsFit is offering four days of games, sports and fun exercise drills. Run at Karori Park from 9.30am to 3.30pm, \$50 which included lunch provided by the park cafe (drop off/ pick up time flexible on request). Limited spaces. Fine out more at www.KidsFit.co.nz/holiday or phone 027 347 3001.

Additional Notices

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.



FREE Dental Checks!

Kelburn Normal School students are due for their dental check-ups. The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile is unable to visit your school (we are unable to get the mobile van safely.)

You can make appointments for your children at the Newtown Dental Clinic (**Selby House, 175a Adelaide Road, Newtown**). Family appointments are available for pre-school siblings to attend also. School holiday appointments are also available.

To book, please call **806 2801** or **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)** or email: dental@huttvalleydhb.org.nz (please type *Kelburn Normal School appointment* in the subject line).

To reschedule your appointment, or update your contact details, please call **806 2801** or **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)**. Some off-street parking is available at Newtown Clinic. Alternatively, 90 minute parking is available for families on the lower ground floor of Countdown Supermarket (3 John Street, Newtown). Please advise the Countdown Service Desk if you park here for a dental appointment.



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