

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 The Kelburn Normal School Newsletter

Friday 19 May

Week 3, Term 2 2017

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

We extend a warm welcome to Fiona L in room 1.

As mentioned last week - next week is both Science Week and Manaakitanga Week. For science week teachers will have their own set of activities that create the environment of wonder that science can bring to the classroom. A good chance for us to create some 'Wow' moments during the day so that the children's curiosity is engaged.

At Kelburn, manaakitanga means working together to give each other strength and to create a sense of community and culture. This is our way of recognising NZ Bullying Free Week. We won't be doing any special things (other than Pink Day) as we constantly discuss with the children about being supportive of others, good role modelling, and doing the right thing. We continue to work on the role of the bystander so when a power imbalance occurs, children who see things need to act and stand up for others. Research says this is the most powerful way of eliminating bullying because the victim knows that they have support from others. Also it isolates the bully. This is what we talk about at Kelburn in our classrooms and we feel we are making positive gains. Next week we are encouraging our children to spend some time getting to know children that they may not know so well, as a positive action for Manaakitanga Week. Next Friday is Pink Day, so remember to wear pink! This is a global day started in Canada in 2007 with the aim to create places where people feel supported, cared for, and valued.

Next week is also the final week for our teacher trainees who have been at KNS for the last 6 weeks. We have thoroughly enjoyed having Danielle, David, Anna, Sarah, Nick, and Zeenat in our classrooms. I know they have enjoyed being part of our children's learning environment with the chance to expand on their teaching skills and we would like to thank them for their contribution.

A couple of reminders - School Cross Country on the morning of Monday 29 May (pp Wednesday 31 May) at Ian Galloway Park and a reminder about Queen's Birthday - Monday 5 June - school is closed on that day.

Home learning (homework) can be a contentious topic in schools and without courting controversy I just wanted to say that we recognise the busy lives of families, in particular our children, who we know do many after school activities. We understand this and if children are busy with things after school then teachers welcome that little communication note to say that 'life is busy'. While it is not compulsory - we see it as useful to enable our children to become successful and lifelong learners.

There is conflicting evidence on home learning. While some research says home learning makes no difference to outcomes, other research says that the involvement of parent/whanau in a child's learning is very effective in improving student achievement. An advantage is that 1-1 attention can make a difference

to a child's learning. And both research and common sense tell us that practice does cause improvement. With the Google platform now at secondary school where our children graduate to, we know older children work on their assignments and assessments continuously, across the whole day.

You will find our home learning gradually increases as the kids get older. We acknowledge that our children are young and have plenty of time for being a grown up; but for our year 8 students they are preparing for the next year at high school where they will have to do school work at home!

Generally our home learning will include some reading, writing, spelling, basic facts, or a question around topic study; this gives the children the chance to work independently and parents an opportunity to sit alongside their children as their most important role model. I have always thought that 15- 30 minutes reading should just be a daily habit, rather than be part of home learning. The key point though is please stay in touch with your child's class teacher around home learning. We are here to help and don't want children switching off school because they are anxious about their workloads and activities.

As winter months are settling in we notice that the children are arriving at school earlier - some before 8am. Our first bell goes at 8.30am, and that is just for before school activities (choir, kapa haka, drama). We strongly advise children arrive between 8.25 and 8.50 when the bell goes to go to class. A couple of key reasons is that teachers are preparing for the day and are not supervising children until after 8.30ish. If children are arriving early they are unsupervised and more crucially have had their breakfast early which means they will be starving by morning tea at 10.30am.

Today is Gareth Rouch's last day at Kelburn. Gareth has been at KNS since 2014. He has a strong reputation in our community as a teacher that can ignite learning for children with his passion for literacy and reading. He has shared this with his children, connecting many children to the classics and quality literature and promoting lifelong learning. His ability to promote enthusiasm for learning will be remembered by many children. We thank Gareth for his teaching skills and his dedication to his class and we wish him all the best.

Next week we welcome Tom Simmons to R7 and to the KNS team. He will be with R7 until early term 3 - a fun fact about Tom is that in his past he represented Great Britain in canoeing at the U23 and senior world championship! Tom is an experienced teacher from the UK and has already fitted superbly into the KNS team in the short time that he has been working with us.

**Andrew
Tumuaki / Principal**

DIARY DATES - to check times of events below in the calendar please check the school google calendar

DATE	EVENT
Monday 22 May - Week 4	Science week and Manaakitanga week
Monday 22 May	All Bands Lunchtime Concert. 12.30 outside Room 14
Thursday 25 May	Footnote Dance Company- in school residency
Friday 26 May	Upper Middles trip to Owhiro stream; Pink Shirt day
Monday 29 May - Week 5	School Cross Country at Ian Galloway park (postponement Thurs 31 May), Drama Club, Code Club Library
Tuesday 30 May	Lower Middles visit to Pataka; Jnr Hapa Kaka
Wednesday 31 May	Cross country postponement day; Tui Choir (back of Hall), Code Club Library
Thursday 1 June	Chess club, Eco club
Friday 2 June	Kapa Haka (Hall), School assembly 11a (Juniors hosting)

Monday 5 June - Week 6	QUEENS BIRTHDAY - school closed
Tuesday 6 June	Orchestra (Rm 14), Kapa Haka (Hall)
Wednesday 7 June	Piccolo (Rm 14), Tui Choir (Back of Hall), Code Club (Library)
Thursday 8 June	Lyrca (Rm 14), Chess Club (Rm 13), Environment Club (Turf), Lyrca - Big Sing @ MFC
Friday 9 June	Kapa Haka (Hall)
Monday 12 June - Week 7	Drama, Xylofun, Science Club (back of Hall) Code Club Library
Tuesday 13 June	Orchestra (Rm 14), Kapa Haka (Hall), WZ X Country Karori Park (PP 15 June)
Wednesday 14 June	Piccolo (Rm 14), Tui Choir (Back of Hall), Code Club (Library)
Thursday 15 June	Lyrca (Rm 14), Chess Club (Rm 13), Environment Club (Turf), Lyrca - Big Sing @ MFC
Friday 16 June	Kapa Haka (Hall), Boostrix Y7 Female and Male, School Assembly LMs hosting
Monday 19 June - Week 8	Drama, Xylofun, Science Club (back of Hall) Code Club Library, Progress Updates Homes
Tuesday 20 June	Orchestra (Rm 14), Kapa Haka (Hall), PSW Interzone X Country McAllister Park (PP 22 June)
Wednesday 21 June	Piccolo (Rm 14), Tui Choir (Back of Hall), Code Club (Library), 3 Way Conferences
Thursday 22 June	Lyrca (Rm 14), Chess Club (Rm 13), Environment Club (Turf),
Friday 23 June	Kapa Haka (Hall),
Monday 26 June - Week 9	Drama, Xylofun, Science Club (back of Hall) Code Club Library
Tuesday 27 June	Orchestra (Rm 14), Kapa Haka (Hall),
Wednesday 28 June	Piccolo (Rm 14), Tui Choir (Back of Hall), Code Club (Library)
Thursday 29 June	Lyrca (Rm 14), Chess Club (Rm 13), Environment Club (Turf), Wgtn Orchestra Festival St Oran's College
Friday 30 June	Kapa Haka (Hall), Assembly hosted by Snrs
Monday 3 July - Week 10	Drama, Xylofun, Science Club (back of Hall) Code Club Library, Love your Coast Talk
Tuesday 4 July	Orchestra (Rm 14), Kapa Haka (Hall), Jnr Class Drama Sharing, Regional X Country Wairarapa (PP 6 July)
Wednesday 5 July	Piccolo (Rm 14), Tui Choir (Back of Hall), Code Club (Library), Jnr Class Drama Sharing
Thursday 6 July	Lyrca (Rm 14), Chess Club (Rm 13), Environment Club (Turf), Music Assembly, Jnr Class Drama Sharing
Friday 7 July	Kapa Haka (Hall), END OF TERM

School News

KNS Book Week (6-9 June 2017)

KNS Book Week is coming up in week 6. On the Friday (9 June) we will be having a school-wide costume parade. The theme: dress as a character from one of your favourite books! More details about the parade and other fun activities that will be happening throughout the week will come out shortly. In the meantime, start thinking about those costumes!

Please volunteer to help our library!

We regularly buy new books for our library. Help from parents/caregivers significantly speeds up the process of getting books ready for our children to read. We have kits ready to go out for parents/caregivers to duraseal new books at home in your own time. There are approximately 10 - 20 books in each 'home kit'. If you'd like to come into school and/or get some guidance first, Wednesdays from 1.30 to 3pm is reserved for library management and are we always happy to receive help during that time.

Please email: library@kelburnnormal.school.nz

Lunchtime rugby for year 5-8 children is on Tuesday 9 May at the Glen. Mouth guards are essential. This is a great way to try out rugby as full contact will be phased in after a few week of playing ``held."''

Road Patrol Supervisor (Adult Volunteer) - Can you help?

Several parent volunteers are needed to share the supervision of the Kowhai Road crossing on Wednesday mornings from 8.30am until 8.55am. If you could help out a few times this term we could have cover for the term. Road patrol runs five minutes after the start of class and so this duty time is not really suitable for teachers establishing a calm start to the day. If you can help please email robk@kelburnnormal.school.nz

Eco Club

Hey guys, so we recently started Nude Food Thursday at our school. It was a huge hit, but we had a lot of students asking what to use instead of plastic muesli bars wrappers, cupcake wrappers and other sorts of plastic covers. So we thought we'd share some of our favorite tips and tricks to making our lunch boxes a bit more Eco-friendly. And we have a muesli bar for today- A cheerio (cereal) bar. This delicious snack is fun to make with kids.

Cheerio Muesli bar-

You will need-

- 3 cups of cheerios
- 1/3 of a cup of peanut butter
- 1/2 of a cup of honey
- Any nuts, dried berries or any other items

Method-

Add honey and peanut in a bowl, stir until combined. Heat mixture in microwave for 30 seconds, stir frequently. In another bowl, mix together cheerios and any other dried berries, nuts or chocolate. Stir in Honey and Peanut butter mixture. Put Mixture into freezable container, freeze for 20 minutes, then cut into little bars. Wrap in baking paper or put into releasable containers. Eat whenever! Serves 12

Wrapping Solutions-

If looking for alternatives for wrapping, look no further! Here our some of our favorite swaps-

- Cupcake wrappers- Instead of buying paper wrappers, use reusable silicone cupcake holders.
- Glad wrap- Honey wrap is a amazing product which you can use multiple times!
- Snap lock bags- Think about reusable, snack bags.

Thanks for reading, I hope you give it a try! ENJOY

Thank you. The Eco Club

School Term Dates 2017

Term 2 Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July (10 weeks) - Queen's Birthday is Monday 5 June - school closed

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

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

Wellington College Open Mornings this year for 2018 Year 9's are:

Saturday 24 June 2017 at 10.30am in the Sports Centre

Monday 26 June 2017 at 9.30am in the Sports Centre

2018 Year 9 Induction Day -Thursday 23 November 2017.

The closing date for 2018 Year 9 out of zone is Monday 31st July 2017 we would also like all in zone applications in on this date.

For further information and enrolment forms please our website -

<http://www.wellington-college.school.nz/enrolment-information-20172018>

FREE Dental Checks!

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

You can make appointment(s) for your child/children at Selby House 175A Adelaide Road, Newtown.

Family appointments are available for pre-school siblings to attend also. Limited school holiday appointments are also available.

To book, please call 04 806 2801 or Email: dental@huttvalleydhb.org.nz (please type Kelburn Normal School appointment in the subject line).

To book or reschedule an appointment or update your contact details, please call 04 806 2801

Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt www.beehealthy.org.nz | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)

Selby House Parking 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).

Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme for all Year 7 students - Thursday 6 April

Vision - pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.

Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from the RPH service.

Non-consent - please notify your school if you do not want your child being screened.

This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.

Yours sincerely, Vision and Hearing

Community Notices



Sushi Friday

You never have to think about Friday lunches again! Ordering is easy, it's all online.

Powered by: Wrap it Up

Log onto www.wrapitup.co.nz and select from 5 delicious varieties and 3 pack sizes.

KELLY SPORTS TERM 2

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Winter Sports Warm Up (Yrs 1-2) – Wednesdays 3.05-4.05pm - Learn the fundamentals of all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more. Includes fun games & drills to build these skills.

Winter Sports Warm Up (Yrs 2-4) – Tuesdays 3.05-4.05pm - Come and try **Football, Basketball, Dodgeball and Hockey**. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

[Kelburn Chorale - Choir practice is moving to THURSDAY evenings](#)

The Kelburn Chorale is a relaxed choir for **adults** led by Nicola Holt and it's lots of fun!

It's open to all enthusiastic singers and reading music is not necessary.


Feel free to come along and give it a try.

For more information please email Nicolaholt12@gmail.com

[The Wellington Marathon is on 18 June 2017](#) and includes a Kids Magic Mile with major spot prizes from Mizuno and Thermatech, girls and boys mountain bikes, plus family travel on Bluebridge.

For those running the full/half marathon/10k/5k then join Team Heart Racer and help raise vital funds for the Heart Foundation. Every Heart Racer receives a Heart Racer dry-fit running tshirt, regular newsletter with training /nutrition /fundraising advice, an online fundraising page, plus a FitBit Surge for those who raise over \$750!

everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017



2017
Children's Multicultural Festival
Presented By
OCPAG in collaboration with **MCW**

Venue: **Te Marae Level 4, Te Papa**
| Date: **Queen's birthday (5th June) 10.30am-4pm**

Make your long weekend memorable, with special performances by children of the multicultural community. Truly entertaining!
Workshops run by local artists. Lots of fun, laughter, and activities to enlighten your day!

Organisers
Oriental Cultural And Performing Arts Group & Multicultural Council of Wellington(MCW)

Sponsor
Wellington Chinese Association

Special Thanks
Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa

The poster features a collage of diverse children's faces with various national flags overlaid on their faces. Logos for OCPAG, MCW, and OCA are also present.