



Kelburn Normal School

Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence preparing for lifelong learning

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The Bird's Eye View

KNS Newsletter - Friday 3rd March

Week 4 Term 1 - 2017

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

Welcome to Autumn

It has been a bit quieter at school this week without our senior students. As much as we love having them around they do have 'big' levels of energy and enthusiasm about them. It has been nice to see our upper middles take on the role of school leaders this week.

Thank you to the PTA and their support crew for such a successful family picnic at Magpie Lawn on Friday evening. The sun shone brightly on the event and everyone was in good form, which reflected the good week we had at KNS with the positive ERO review and the meet the teacher evening. The teaching staff went home on Friday very, very tired but in good spirits.

Senior camp - Our year 7-8 team have had a fantastic week team building the National Park area. With a Geography, Science and History element to the camp they have tramped, walked, biked and swam their way around the National park while staying at Erua Lodge.



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In week 7 this term our Y5-6 team head to Waikanae to Camp El Rancho. The teaching team have put together a challenging and fun camp programme and we wish the upper middles well as they further develop their syndicate spirit and teamwork.

Ten of our year 3-4 children went to Zealandia on Monday and had an awesome experience with Emma M, parents and the Zealandia team with BioBlitz - It's like Pokemon Go except instead of catching digital creatures, the children were out looking for real living organisms - plants, animals, microbes, lichens, mosses, fungi, or anything else that they and their cameras stumble across. A great scientific experience for the children.



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Learning conversations - next Wednesday and Thursday we have our learning conversations and these are an opportunity for each parent and teacher to get together and identify learning goals for the children going forward. To book an interview please go the website at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code - AAFQH

Our English as Second Language tutor Joelle is hosting an ESOL parent meeting - next Wednesday 8 March at 2.30pm in Joelle's room next to the school office.

The school donation letter went out this week. There is always that uneasy tension of a free education and the requesting of a school donation. The school donation however is crucial to retaining the current conditions of learning for the children and we are immensely grateful for your continued support. A reminder that this donation is 33% tax deductible so please make sure you keep your receipts. Talk to Tina in the office if you need support with planning your contribution.

It was so good to see our youngest children enjoying Bike day. As a part of Bb week the children brought their favourite wheels and rode and scootered around the top court and in Ngaio. Constable Brown was on hand to regularly issue speeding tickets ...



Some housekeeping

Sweets before school - a small number of children are heading to the shops on their way to school and purchasing sweets and eating them/sharing with others before school. Some children just bring sweets to school from home.

While I don't want to affect someone's business, this action impacts on children's capacity to learn and/or impacts on their ability to display good learning behaviour with others.

Cell phones - a reminder that our policy for cellphones is for children to hand them into the office or the class teacher on arrival to school each day.

Pokemon cards - the trading and/or swapping of Pokemon (or cards in general) consistently causes huge problems between children. Teachers have requested that these DO NOT come to school. Any Pokemon cards at school will come to me and then can be collected by the child at the end of the day.

Absenteeism - children need to be at school. We have a 92% attendance per annum rate at Kelburn across the year, which while appears very good, equates to an average of about 24 children per day away (2 children per room). Please be consistent with your children about attending school and absenteeism should only be really for illness or an appointment. Teachers plan a sequential programme and so when children miss school the learning sequence is broken. Frequent absences or being away from school through choice can often lead to problems later on.

Performing Arts - It's great to see so many children coming along to these activities and participating so enthusiastically. Please also consider the benefits of your child learning a musical instrument, including drumming with Tom Scrase. At KNS your child can learn these instruments; clarinet, flute, recorder, piano, guitar, banjo, ukelele, violin, cello, singing, chamber music and drums/percussion. Details from the school office.

We have record numbers in all our groups; the children get so much learning from being in these group.

These groups include:

- Tui Choir - - Ali Laing - Wednesday in Hall @ 9.00 am for Y2/Y3s.
- Piccolo - - Charles Bisley - Wednesday in Room 14 @ 8.30 am - 9.30 am for Y4/Y5/Y6s.
- Lyrica - - Nicola Holt & Charles Bisley - Thursday in Room 14 @ 8.30 am - auditioned Choir only.

- Orchestra - Charles Bisley & Katharina Vautier - Tuesday in Room 14 @ 8.30 am - 9.30 am
 Kapa Haka - Y1-4 - Amelia Mazur & Jeremy - Tuesday in Hall from 1.30 - 2pm Y1-Y4.
 - Performance kapa haka - Amelia Mazur & Henare- Friday in Hall from 8.30 am - 9.30 am for
 Xylofun -Katharina Vautier - Monday in Room 14 @ 8.30 am - 9.30 am for Y4/Y5/Y6s.
 Drama Club -Charles Bisley- Monday in Hall from 8.30 to 9.30am. Year 8s term one.

We have other clubs and groups that have started up apart from the social benefits of belonging to them the activities really augment the children's curriculum activities.

- Code Club - Sally Coddington & Jamie Quayle - Wednesday lunchtimes in the Library from 12.40 - 1.20 pm.
 After School Code Club is on Mondays in the Library from 5 pm - 6 pm run by Marcus Frean and Sue. Children from other schools are welcome.
 Chess Club - Jamie Quayle - Thursdays in Rm 13 from 12.40 pm - 1.20 pm.
 Environment Club - Greta de Vries - Thursdays from 12.40 pm to 1.20 pm.
 Science Club -Sally Coddington & Gareth Rouch - Monday back of the hall at lunchtime 12.40 pm to 1.20 pm.

Code club is up and running on Monday nights (5-6p) and Wednesday lunch times! It was so great to see the children from last year coming back again, and to see some new members too! On a Monday night session the children explored with Makey Makey equipment. They connected their computers up to play games and make music with pieces of fruit - how about that!?

It has been just wonderful to see the relationship building between the children as they teach and learn from one another, and problem solve together. What great role models the more experienced code clubbers have been for the new members. Thank you Marcus and Sue for you support.



School News

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 a small but brilliant team of parents helping us already, but it would be great to have some more help. We have kits ready to go out to parents/caregivers to **duraseal new books** at home in your own time. There are approximately 10 - 20 books in each 'home kit'. For home kits we prefer that parents have some experience with dura sealing. 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.

We are also looking for some help with **repairing books**. We would love it if some parents/caregivers could take on this task for us. No prior experience is required as we have links to training videos available. We will provide all the materials needed. You could come into school to do this or take the books home. Perhaps a group of friends might like to take this on and enjoy it together as a new hobby whilst having a yarn.

Please email library@kelburnnormal.school.nz if and when you could help. Thank you from your KNS library team, Joelle Clark and Katharina Vautier.

Diary Dates

March

- Wednesday 8 March - 3way Learning conversations and ESOL mtg with Joelle 2.30
 Thursday 9 March - 3 way learning conversations
 Friday 10 March - Whole school assembly (11am)
 Monday 13 March - Junior School at Capital E festival
 Tuesday 14 March - Year 3 sports festival @ Marsden
 Wednesday 15 March - Lower Middles at Capital E festival
 Monday 20 - Friday 24 March - Y5-6 Camp at El Rancho

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, cursive font. Below this is 'Sushi Friday' in a large, bold, orange 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. Below the main text, there are two columns of smaller text: '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.'

Winter Netball Registrations are now open for the 2017 season.

You are invited to register with Kelburn Normal School Netball Club for the upcoming season. You can do this now - please [click here](#) to register with Kelburn Normal School Netball Club.

The Kelburn Netball Club is affiliated to the Wellington West Netball competition. Games are held on Saturday mornings at either Marsden school or at the Victoria University Campus courts in Karori for all of term 2 and the first 5-6 weeks of term 3 for teams from years 5 to 8. There is an additional Future Ferns tournament for players in years 1 to 4.

The club is currently run by a group of 7-8 parents and the teams are coached and managed by parents and friends of the club. We are always looking for people to help out with small jobs, fundraising or even providing sponsorship for new equipment.

For those in years 5 to 8:

Registrations close Monday 27th Feb. Subs will remain at \$80 this season.

This year we are running trials for years 7 and 8 only. Those in years 5 and 6 will not be required to trial but will be placed in year group teams of equal ability.

Year 7 and 8:

Trials dates and times for years 7 and 8 are: Sunday 5th March from 12-2pm and Sunday 12 March 12-2pm at the Karori Rec Centre. Children will be required to come to both sessions.

As part of your registration, if in year 7 or 8, your child will need to state whether they would prefer to be in a competitive or social team and choose 3 positions they would like to play. These positions will be used to put together teams for the trials so the selector can see the children playing in different combinations. They will also give coaches an idea of your child's preference. Remember that a team needs all 7 positions and the team make up will be decided by the coaches in consultation with their players.

For those in years 1 to 4:

Information on FutureFERNs will be sent out later in the term.

Many thanks and looking forward to another great season!

Kelburn Chorale

The Kelburn Chorale is a relaxed adult choir led by Nicola Holt that meets on Tuesday evenings in Room 14 from 8-9.30pm. It's open to all enthusiastic singers and reading music is not necessary.

Feel free to come along and give it a try. This year we've started with music along the lines of

All you need is love - Beatles

And so it goes - Billy Joel

Brown eyed girl - Van Morrison

Dream a little dream of me

Imagine - John Lennon
I've got you under my skin
Seasons of love - Rent
Shed a little light - James Taylor
For more information please email Nicolaholt12@gmail.com

Cubs 2017

Kelburn Cubs is a fun activity for boys and girls aged 8-10. They do fun stuff and learn to do dangerous things safely. Children learn new skills and can earn badges. 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 Scouts age 11-14 Mondays

Looking for a babysitter

Amy Williamson is a second year Victoria student located in Kelburn looking for babysitting work.

Amy has had lots of previous babysitting experience and experience caring for and tutoring children.

Contact Amy for any enquiries on 027 899 5865"

Community Notices

Get out in Otari-Wilton's Bush and have fun with your family!!! Saturday 11 March 2017.

Everyone Out in Otari is an adventure treasure hunt where you will need to work together to complete activities and navigate to secret points hidden throughout Otari-Wilton's Bush. You'll probably get wet, will definitely get dirty, are likely to learn something new and you'll absolutely have fun.

So what are you waiting for! Enter your family team now! Book your place at Eventfinda.

<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/everyone-out-in-otari/wellington>

Check us out on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/everyoneout/>

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