



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 9 June - Week 6, Term 2 2017

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

Another busy week at Kelburn. There really is no shortage of action here and I can validate that the children are experiencing a very lively learning programme. I really appreciate the work the staff are doing to enable the children to strive for excellence and realise their potential, and also praise the children for really getting stuck into the learning environment

Book Week has been a huge success. Even though we are already prolific readers at Kelburn, there has been a lot of extra reading this week. Teachers have been in different rooms sharing a favourite story with a different class and I have enjoyed visiting classrooms to share my story - *The Happy Prince* by Oscar Wilde. Yesterday the senior syndicate enthusiastically took part in a KNS Kids Lit Quiz, a team event. The Book Parade took place today; the children (and the staff) had clearly spent a lot of time getting into the spirit of the event. It is always lovely to see our older children not succumbing to self-conscious and getting out and being cool by taking part - our younger children always enjoy seeing the older children being 'big kids'. A big thank you to Joelle Clark our teacher librarian for planning this event.



In week 8 (Wednesday 21 / Thursday 22 June) we have 3 Way Learning Conversations with the teacher/ parents/ children. The timetable is open for your bookings, see below. The purpose of these conversations is to work together to revise and refine goals and how we can work together to support students to reach them. We will provide you with information beforehand and in the meetings; this will show how your children are progressing to meet their learning goals. We find it is helpful if parents can have a preliminary discussion with their children about their learning, the progress updates are part of the information we provide. These progress updates, which you will receive on Monday 19 June, give children grades against indicators from the NZ curriculum. These grades show where they are now (mid-year) as they head towards where they need to be at the end of the year. Teachers can explain the correlation between these grades, curriculum levels, and National Standards.

To book an interview please go to the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code - **p5fxc**. Please note that Mr Simmons will not be available for conversations in week eight, so parents of children in room 7 will need to arrange interviews with him in subsequent weeks.

A development at Kelburn this year is that we are not continuing on with the current model of Learning Anthologies. Our view is that the learning anthologies are focussed more on presentation and don't necessarily provide evidence of progress. They are also very time-consuming for staff to put together. While teachers are putting together anthologies, there is just too much 'dead' or 'busy' time in class. The reality is that as the children experience learning at school, it is a bit messy - most work is in draft or note form - and this gets better and more sophisticated over time. We want to show the children truly displaying improvement through the process of learning ; final products are part of this.

Our children are actively involved in learning every day, and a key part of this is sharing their work with their teachers and each other. We build learning profiles out of this ongoing learning, profiles we can share with parents too. There are times when there are ebbs and flows / ups and downs, but we are asking our children every time they do a piece of work to be producing something that they can be satisfied with and that shows they are succeeding. The children's workbooks provides this evidence every day and shows the progress they are making over time. We believe that the children need to be neat and tidy in their books and the teachers are working with them to improve this. Taking time with the children to look at their books and talking to them about their work is powerful, rather than just looking at only their best samples.

Our learning anthologies will become the place where children can place their published and 'best' work samples. From now onwards the children will build this over time. Another reason for this change is the growing importance of the digital environment; this environment enables children to collect, share, and reflect on their learning more effectively. With our new, ongoing anthologies, parents and families will be able to respond more to children's work and strengthen those effective learning partnerships.

Next week is Support Staff Day nationwide (Wednesday) and we will be showering our support staff team with extra love on that day. We value because they both enable us to get on with the job of teaching children and make their own contributions too. So thank you Loraine, Kim, Tina, Emma, Ian, and Katharina for all you do to make our place run so smoothly. If you or your child would like to write a card or a message of appreciation, please feel free to drop it off at the office.

Andrew
Tumuaki / Principal

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

DATE	EVENT
Friday 16 June	Boostrix Y7 Female and Male, School Assembly LMs hosting
Monday 19 June - Week 8	Progress Updates Homes; BOT mtg 6.30p
Tuesday 20 June	PSW Interzone X Country McAllister Park (PP 22 June)
Wednesday 21 June	3 Way Conferences 3.15 - 8pm
Thursday 22 June	3 Way conferences 3.15 - 6pm
Wednesday 28 June	WZ Hockey tournament; Lower Middles at Pataka Museum
Thursday 29 June	Wgtn Orchestra Festival St Oran's College
Friday 30 June	Assembly hosted by Snrs
Monday 3 July - Week 10	Love your Coast Talk
Tuesday 4 July	Jnr Class Drama Sharing, Regional X Country Wairarapa (PP 6 July)
Wednesday 5 July	Jnr Class Drama Sharing

Thursday 6 July	Music Assembly, Jnr Class Drama Sharing
Friday 7 July	END OF TERM

School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drama - Charles 8.30 - 9.30 Yr 7 Hall Xylofun - Katharina 8.30 - 9.30 Rm 14 Y4/Y5/Y6s Science - Sally 12.40 - 1.20 pm back of hall Code Club - Marcus Frean and Sue. 4.45 - 6pm Library all welcome	Orchestra - Charles 8.30 - 9.30 Rm14 Kapa Haka - Ameila 1.30 - 2pm Hall Y1-Y4	Piccolo - Charles 8.30am - 9.30am Rm14 Y4/Y5/Y6s Tui Choir - Ali laing 9am - Back of Hall Y2/Y3 Code Club - Jaime/Sally 12.40 - 1.20 - Library	Lyrica - Nicola 8.30 - auditioned choir Rm 14 Chess Club - Jaimie 12.40 - 1.20 Rm 13 Environment Club - Greta 12.40-1.20 Turf Orchestra - Charles. 12.40 on Rm 14	Kapa Haka 8.30 - 9.30 Hall Y5-Y8

Student Writing/Journalism

Doing our bit for the world (written by room 6)

Who needs plastic bags when you can use a reusable t shirt bag instead? On Tuesday the Upper Middles had a great session with Ali and Sarah from Boomerang bags. We learnt how to make old t shirts into reusable bags. This was especially timely as it ties in nicely with the syndicates plastic enquiry. The Upper Middles have been exploring ways to cut down the use of plastic in their environment and this is just one small step forward in saving the world from 'death by plastic' Imagine what we could do next...



Found Poetry Competition

Here is the poem that won first prize in the Senior Syndicate's found poem competition. It was written by Yolanda Frea. The brief the children worked from was to make a poem from two articles in a newspaper, magazine, or other publication. The children weren't allowed to change any words. This was a great chance to show some flair and originality; it was also a challenging experience. Teachers and classes selected poems for a syndicate-wide competition; the sharing and final judging was enjoyed by all.

The long years

A fogbound coast sprinkled with more than a hundred million
crates of diamonds
Where the sea curls a crooked finger
The warm water spread farther
Went deeper
A reminder that for all the excitement of the find
This is still a diamond mine

So much is unknown
Always more
Under constant surveillance
It's been like this nonstop
But she was dead too
That's the point
When all's said and done
This is still a diamond mine

Two long hot years
And then what?
No one knows for sure
79 turned up dead there
When skies were clear enough for sightings
But whatever their final fate
This is still a diamond mine

School News

Big Sing at the Michael Fowler Centre

Lyricea enjoyed the Big Sing at the Michael Fowler Centre on Thursday. Thank you to those parents who paid the \$5 to cover the cost of this trip. If you have not paid your \$5 to the office we would appreciate prompt payment.

Please volunteer in 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

Road Patrol Supervisors - Do you have a spare 30 mins ...?

Thanks to Ann Hargreaves for offering to do Wednesday morning in Week 10 in addition to the Thursday afternoons that you already do.

There is one date left for which our Kowhai Rd Road Patrollers need an adult to watch over them. If by chance you can do this would love to hear from you.

Week	Wednesday 8:25am
8	21th June

robk@kelburnnormal.school.nz / emmab@kelburnnormal.school.nz

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>

Wellington Girls College Enrolments for 2018

Open day for students and parents or caregivers Friday 16 June. Presentations start at 9 am or 11 am - while WGC would prefer KNS families to attend the 11 am session you can choose the time that suits. There is no need to book. Enrolments for Y9 close at 4 pm on 31 July; and for Yrs 10-13 at 4 pm on 24 October. Any enquiries to enrolments@wgc.school.nz. Prospectus and enrolment forms are available online. www.wgc.school.nz

Queen Margaret College

Open Day for Year 8 girls attending QMC in 2018 is Monday 19 June. You can register for this by clicking Admissions section on their school website.

Kelburn After School Care A.G.M

We would like to invite all current or prospective parent users to attend our A.G.M on Wednesday 21st June at 6 pm The meeting will be held in School staffroom. There will be free childcare available, if you require it, in the usual after school care room.

A brief message from our current Chair

The Kelburn Kids after school service plays an important role in our community by supporting parents with after school care and holiday programmes. Kim and her team have had another busy and successful year and we are holding the Annual General Meeting of the Trust on June 21st. We are also on the look-out for new trustees. This is a voluntary role, with six meetings held every year, and it plays an important part in keeping the service running smoothly. If you are interested in helping out and would like to find out more, please contact the chair Richard Capie, at Richard@codicote.org.uk.

Community Notices

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).



Sushi Friday

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

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

Powered by:  Wrap it Up

[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

[The Wellington South Fencing Club starting a new beginners course.](#)

The course details are

5 weeks (Mondays 29th May, 5th June, 12th June, 19th June, 26th June, 3rd July)

From 5pm to 6pm / Location: ASB Sports Centre, Kilbirnie / Cost: \$72 per person - suits 10 years +

At Wellington South Fencing Club has a focus on developing the sport of fencing within Wellington City from the age 10 to 17 years old and see working in schools as key to this.

Fencing is a sport that can be enjoyed by any person of any age or sporting ability. Due to the "linear" nature of the sport, children who struggle with conventional school sports such as rugby and football often excel at fencing as it places different demands on the brain and body.

CodeCamp - July Holidays

When: July 10th – 13th & July 17th - 20th

Early Discounts available until the 12th June

Venues: Samuel Marsden School, Karori - Thorndon School - Scots College

Code camp allows boys & girls from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems & collaboration. Create games, apps & work with robots and electronic building blocks.

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

Hannah McQueen, founder and Director of enableMe New Zealand is hosting a nationwide seminar series called Creating Financially Fit Kids. She will be presenting a Wellington seminar on Wednesday 21st June at 7pm, which will be held at Scared Heart College in Lower Hutt.

To be financially successful our kids will have to fight harder than us for the privilege. Over the last 2 years Hannah has interviewed hundreds of kids, teenagers, and parents to understand what is disadvantaging our kids, and how to get around the obstacles that hinder financial progress. Hannah will present an insightful 75 min seminar, where she will explain why this generation is more disadvantaged than the last and how this problem is going to have an impact on a parents ability to plan for their own retirement. She will discuss her research and findings. Most importantly she will share her strategies to help create financially independent kids to increase the odds of their financial success.

Attached is a flyer detailing what will be covered at the event.

Tickets cost \$30 per person and attendees are able to nominate a school and 20% of the ticket proceeds will be donated back to the nominated school

To book for the seminar parents can either text 'SEMINAR' to 268 or go to the website: www.hannahmcqueen.com

Kids Cross Country Series starts in June

The next event in the Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is at Mt Victoria. It's a mini mountain run . Each event has 500+ kids, aged 4 to 13. There are three more events you can take part in. Sunday 25 June at Mt Victoria, Sunday 9 July in Tawa, Sunday 13 August in Petone. Come along, join the fun. Only \$8 to enter. Book at last one week prior to each event and you'll receive a printed race bib with your child's name on it. For more info or to enter go to athleticshub.co.nz or contact jo@athleticswellington.org.nz