



# Newsletter

Tuesday 25 August 2020

## Coming Up

### Saturday 29 August

31 Aug – 2 Sept  
Thursday 24 Sept  
Friday 25 Sept

### PTA Trivia Night – postponed - new date Saturday 19th September

Year 6 Camp  
School disco  
End of Term 3

## Term 4 Key Dates

Monday 12 Oct		Term 4 starts
Friday 23 Oct		Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 8 Dec	2.00pm	Year 6 Moving on Up
Wednesday 9 Dec		Year 8 graduation dinner and ceremony
Friday 11 Dec		Prizegiving assemblies
Monday 14 Dec		2021 class visits
Tuesday 15 Dec		Last day of the school year

A warm welcome to Arielle, Naira and Mari who started in Room 3 (albeit virtually) on Monday. I have loved popping into the various ZOOM meetings that have been taking place and seeing examples of some amazing learning. As we know with our students, they have adapted and worked their way through obstacles to embrace this new way of learning. In saying that, we are very much looking forward to having everyone back on site next Monday.

Please note that we have moved the PTA Trivia Night to Saturday 19th September - so you have some extra time to learn new facts. Don't forget to email Becca to book a table: [becca@kts.school.nz](mailto:becca@kts.school.nz)



## Please ensure you read the following information carefully.

As we will be back at Level 2 on Monday, all students should return to school unless there is a medical reason why they can't. We are aware of only two students with more complex medical needs who this applies to. Erynn has been in contact with those families. If there is anyone else who can not return to school on Monday, please email Alison ([alison@kts.school.nz](mailto:alison@kts.school.nz)).

Of course, if your child is unwell with cold- or flu-like symptoms, they should remain at home until they are well. Please communicate with the school by email or phone by 9:00 am as to why your child is not coming to school on any given day.

Please be assured that we will be following all the appropriate health and safety protocols, which include

- Hand sanitisation each time students enter a classroom
- Hand washing before eating
- Wiping down of shared devices each day
- Named pencils / pens in the junior school

Face masks are not required but if you want your child to wear one, please ensure they know how to remove them safely. We do anticipate many more students will be wearing them on their return to school.



#### To remove a mask

Remove it from behind (do not touch the front of the mask) and discard immediately into a bin or place in a bag for washing.  
Wash hands carefully with soap or sanitise.

**In the interests of public health, social distancing, and for the increased independence for your children, we are requesting that parents avoid coming into school unless absolutely necessary.**

#### Drop Off

Therefore, we request that all students are dropped off at one of the gates each morning, with the exception of students in Room 3 who, we recognise, are new to school.

There will be three access points to the school:

- main school gate
- gate on the bottom field
- junior gate (to enable closer drop off for Year 1 - 3 students)

Yes the red dot is back: parents who MUST come on site need to scan our school COVID 19 QR code and then will be given a red dot to wear so we all know you have checked in.



#### Pick Up

We ask that all parents arrange a place off-site to meet their child/ren at the end of the school day. We are keen to avoid additional traffic congestion in Kohia Terrace, so think about parking in Woodhall Road, Ranfurly Road or Gillies Ave and walk to the bottom gate. The Year 0 students who do not have siblings at the school can be collected from 2.45pm.

All Year 1 and remaining Year 0 students will be taken to the junior gate for collection at 3.00pm.

The Year 2 - 8 students will also be released from their classroom at 3.00pm. Please note that we are expecting our Year 2 and 3 students to be collected at the gate or your agreed meeting place.

All adults, at all times, should observe the 2m physical distancing protocol when waiting for students.

#### Community Survey - PLEASE click on this [link](#) or scan the QR code



Thank you to the 45 families who have completed the survey to date. This may well have come off your radar with us going into lockdown the evening we put this in the newsletter. However the Board would really appreciate your input on various topics being surveyed as it is a vital perspective to inform decision-making in the school.

The survey will now close **Friday 4th September.**

The survey will take **10–15 minutes** to complete. We suggest that parents spend some time together discussing the questions and responding.

We will be back in contact about the planned Chinese community meeting; in the meantime, please complete the survey if you possibly can.

**Lockdown Reading – a message from Jane Russell**

I hope everyone has their library books at home and that you are enjoying this opportunity to catch up with some reading. As well as enjoyment, remember reading is like playing soccer, learning an instrument or any skill. You will get better with practice, the more you read the better your reading will be. It has been great to hear some of you are working on your Literacy awards from home.

I am looking forward to seeing you back at school. Please remember to bring your library books to school when you come back. After the last lockdown it took weeks and even months for everyone to find them.

I am at school sorting through the library and I am still noticing many gaps where books are unaccounted for [they are missing and not issued to anyone]. Please use the time you have at home to sort through your rooms and find any of our books that have come home by mistake and return them to the library box when you come back to school.

I am waiting to get confirmation from the Ministry of Education regarding a Teacher Only Day this Friday (28th August) as we had to defer the scheduled Teacher Only Day last Monday. My hope is that we can so it will have little impact on our working parents. I will confirm our plans as soon as I know.

I look forward to seeing you all next week – Alison