



# Newsletter

**Tuesday 5 May 2020**

## Key Dates

Monday 1 June                      Queen's Birthday Monday - school closed  
Friday 3 July                        End of Term 2

I would like to welcome Isaac, our very newest student to the school. Isaac, joined his brother Julian in our Room 15 bubble yesterday. Welcome to KTS Isaac.



## 11 - 15 May - supervision at school

Whilst we are still in Level 3, we know some people may have to go into work next week and therefore need supervision (full time or part time) for their children at school. I am expecting guidelines from the Ministry of Education at some stage this week about what Level 2 looks like for schools, which I will share with you once received (my understanding is that school is open for all students unless they have health factors that would require them to remain at home). The following information is required for those days we are still in Level 3 - at this stage you can presume it is Level 3 for the whole week.

Please find below the link to the survey, which needs to be completed by the end of Wednesday so I can confirm on-site staffing for the week. **I need this information from our current on-site students AND any potential new on-site students.** If you do not require learning supervision at school, there is no need to complete the survey.

Please remember supervision at school is for those parents going to work, not working from home. In addition to this, only those who have registered will be able to attend school. [Survey Link HERE](#)

## Distance Learning

The teachers have really appreciated your supportive comments over the last few weeks. It has been a challenging time for everyone as we have adapted our normal way of working so your encouragement has been valued. Thank you for your patience as we have worked through meeting everyone's expectations and needs.

Your comments have also provided feedback which has been listened to. Tweaks have been made to the way in which we are providing the learning for your children. You will hopefully have clarity about the 'need to do' and the 'could do' tasks being sent out. As I have said before, you can only do what you can manage and different students are managing this in different ways. Let's hope that we are nearly through this and we can get back to some degree of normality sooner rather than later.

Fancy a family competition or quiz that you can do together? The weekly quiz questions and answers can be found on the front page of the [school website](#).

## Board Meeting Update

We held our April Board meeting last Wednesday via Zoom. At this meeting we confirmed that the Teacher Only Day that was scheduled for May 8th is postponed until Term 3. A date will be confirmed at a later date.

We also reviewed some of the personnel policies and procedures. One of our new procedures is a [Community Code of Conduct](#) that sits alongside the staff Code of Conduct. If you have any comment on this, please email me [alison@kts.school.nz](mailto:alison@kts.school.nz) or the Board [ktsboard@kts.school.nz](mailto:ktsboard@kts.school.nz).

The Board have spent some time reviewing the affirmation of desired behaviour and the process for complaints, for staff and community, to ensure there is clarity for all on the process that will be undertaken and what recourse there is. All our policies and procedures can be found on the school website in the Board section - <https://kts.school.nz/board-of-trustees/board-policies-and-procedures/>

### Library News

Here is another Book Talk from Jane for older Harakeke/Pohutukawa students:

<https://youtu.be/vuTpWQSIhBI>

She has also created a quiz for Koru students to test their knowledge of fairy tales and nursery rhymes:

<https://youtu.be/XYT0i0SbE6o> Questions

<https://youtu.be/CYxHGVmFyDs> Answers

Have you ever done an escape room? Here's a digital version of a fairy-tale escape room that another librarian called Becky Howie made. She has given us permission to share it with you. Be careful, the spelling has to be exact!

<https://forms.gle/STzEoKpiQMkVFoVg9>

And finally... take this [Roald Dahl literacy quiz](#).

Did anyone see the beautiful teddy bear fence near Marivare Reserve on Manukau Rd, near the corner of Ranfurly Rd? Here is a picture of one of the panels.



As mentioned earlier, I will be back in contact once I have clear information from the Ministry of Education about next week. In the meantime, take care and keep warm! - Alison

### Call out for Covid-19 objects

History is created every day. One of our jobs at Auckland Museum is to look at what is happening around us and to collect and preserve objects, photographs and documents that will help us tell the story of "now" in the future.

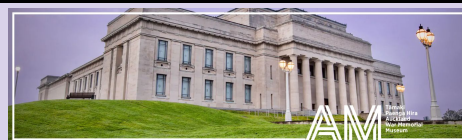
The Covid-19 pandemic, which has changed all of our lives, will be a defining moment of our time, so we are collecting material to document it. Our focus is to collect stories of this pandemic from Auckland and the surrounding regions, including photographs, objects, arts and crafts, and material like posters and signs.

We need your help! We are seeking donations from you, the public, of items that reflect the various ways this pandemic has impacted and changed the lives of Aucklanders. It might be the teddy bear you've kept in the window, a positive sign for passers-by, a home-made face mask or even that precious bottle of hand sanitiser.

For more details and to offer an item visit:

[www.aucklandmuseum.com/your-mus.../at-home/collecting-covid-19](http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/your-mus.../at-home/collecting-covid-19)

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### **Bricks 4 Kidz**

Bricks 4 Kidz have developed exciting new online classes during Level 3 and 4 lockdown. It has been a great way to get kids to socialize, connect with their teachers as well as as develop new skills, using their imagination, and having fun presenting their very own creations with LEGO.

Click on the link below to find out more about the latest class - Architecture Around the World

<https://www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/auckland/architecture-around-the-world/>