



Newsletter

Tuesday 12 May 2020

Key Dates

Monday 18 May	School open to all students
Monday 1 June	Queen's Birthday - school closed
Monday 8 - 12 June	Book Week
Tuesday 16 June	Photolife in - class and individual photos
Friday 3 July	End of Term 2

Yeah - Level 2 and we are really excited about seeing everyone back at school next week. We are all set up to welcome everyone back and have established some new ways of working to ensure we maintain a safe and healthy school environment.

We do recognise that we have got quite used to our level 3 or 4 bubbles and to make that transition back to school might be causing you some anxiety - the first morning will be the hardest and then we carry on. If you are confident and positive, then your children are more likely to be confident and positive about returning to school. Be assured that we are working vigilantly to uphold the health and safety practices outlined below.

I have detailed below how we as a school and Board will operate to ensure KTS is a safe and healthy school under Level 2. Please read the following information carefully; by following these rules it will greatly help us.

Firstly - Monday is Mufti Day

After 8 weeks away from school we know it is going to take a day or two to get back into a new routine. Think about this as the start of the school year. To help with the transition back into school we have decided Monday is going to be a mufti day - so no school uniform for Monday.

Level 2 at KTS

In the first instance please be assured that, as per the MOE communications, **“Schools and early learning services are safe environments for children, young people and staff. Additional public health control measures are in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing.”**

Our key mantra going forward is that **if you can smell the person's breath or feel that you are in that “moist breath” zone, we need to move a little further away.**

Hand sanitiser will be at the door of each classroom for students to use upon entry. We will also be hand washing / sanitising before eating, and again after break times outside.

Students will be mixing in their own year groups in the classrooms. When at break, the Year 1 - 3 students will be required to stay in the junior area and the Years 4 - 8 in the senior area.

Each student will have a named pencil or pen to use. Devices will be wiped down at the end of each day. Tables will be cleaned twice a day, as will the toilets.

We will be **cleansing, cleansing, cleansing!**

Drink fountains will remain closed off so a named drink bottle for each child is required. Students will be able to refill these. Lunch boxes and drink bottles should be washed each night.

Students entering and leaving school

Parents are asked to drop their children at the school gate and to wait in cars, or at an agreed place for collection at the end of the day, rather than be on the school grounds. If you do need to enter, please drop off/ pick up and leave. Your physical distancing is very important at this time also - so please avoid grouping in the grounds or at the gate.

There will be only two entry points to the school - the main front gate and the entrance on the bottom field. All other entrances will be locked.

We ask that junior students be collected by older siblings at the end of the day. The Year 1 and 2 students who do not have an older sibling can be collected from the classroom at 2.45pm so we can try to avoid too many parents at the school gate at any one time. For the end of the day, we will unlock the junior gate for entry to the school. This gate will be locked again at 3.05pm.

Parent/Caregiver Access

Any parent who must come on site will be required to register. Catherine and I will be at each of the two entrances (front of the school and the field gate) from **8.30 to 8.50am** and **2.40 to 3.00pm** to carry out this registration. **Outside of these times, parents must report to the office.** This is for contact tracing purposes.

Only three caregivers/visitors can be in the office at any one time, they will need to wear a lanyard whilst in school.

Parents will not be able to enter classrooms. If you have questions or queries for the teacher, please email them.

Distance Learning

Only those students who have a medical reason not to attend school will be supported in their distance learning going forward. If you have not done so already, please email Erynn Riesterer if your child is not going to attend erynn@kts.school.nz.

If you are choosing to keep your children home, we will provide a weekly overview for you to follow but teachers will be focused on supporting the learning in their classrooms. It may be, depending on numbers of students who are at school, that we combine classes, especially if we have teachers off sick as relievers can not be shared between schools.

It would help us in our planning to let us know if you are going to be sending your children back to school. Can you please take 30 seconds to complete this survey. [Survey Link](#)

Devices to be returned

All devices that have been loaned out need to be returned on Monday please. Can your child please bring the device and the charger in a bag with their name on it so we can accurately account for all returns. The devices need to be taken to the classroom and we will collect them from there for checking off and cleaning.

We are so looking forward to seeing you all on Monday. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me alison@kts.school.nz. You have done such an amazing job supporting your children's learning over the last few weeks - we thank you for all that you have done and acknowledge how difficult it has been. Enjoy the next few days as we reconnect, face to face, with friends and extended family.

- Alison

Community Notices

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-museum-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/>