



# Newsletter

**Tuesday 21 July 2020**

## This Week

Friday 24 July

9.00am

Keeping It Kiwi Quiz Day

Mihi Whakataua to welcome new students

**Snell Mufti Day**

## Coming Up

Monday 27 July 7.30pm

PTA meeting (in the school staffroom)

Mon 27 – Fri 31 July

Life Education Caravan in school (Year 1–4 classes)

Wed 29 July

6.30pm

Board of Trustees meeting (in the school staffroom)

Tuesday 4 August

Final date for return of sponsorship forms and money

Friday 7 August

Keeping it Kiwi Prizegiving Assembly

Thursday 13 August

Cross country Years 3–8

Monday 17 August

**Teacher only day – school closed for instruction**

Saturday 29 August

PTA trivia night

Thursday 24 Sept

School disco

## Quick look:

- Welcome back
- School payments

- Keeping It Kiwi



Welcome back to school for Term 3, and an especially warm welcome to 11 new students who started yesterday: Soraya, Nelson, Pippa, Filza, Theo, Hudson and Florence in Room 3 (pictured left); Harvey in Room 5; Lucas in Room 6; Harper in Room 10; and Eliza in Room 13. We also welcome back from maternity leave Amy Turner and Jo Bateman who are taking over a shared teaching role in Room 3.

We hope that you had some enjoyable family time over the school break and that many of you got a chance to explore some special corners of our wonderful country.

Staff have spent time exploring NZ far and wide – from Queenstown to the Hawkes Bay, Raglan to Blenheim.

We have a normal ten-week term coming up, packed with engaging learning opportunities for your children. Winter weather continues to encourage coughs and colds, which we are keen to keep at bay within the school as much as possible. Classes are well supplied with hand sanitiser and students continue to be encouraged to follow the post-Covid hygiene guidelines. Please support us by keeping sick students at home until they are better.

Thank you to the intermediate students who celebrated China in a very informative and entertaining assembly on the last day of Term 2. Congratulations to **Snell** who were the winning house; they will have a mufti day on Friday 24 July.



## Keeping It Kiwi



On Friday 24 July we have our **Keeping it Kiwi Quiz**. Students will use their learning about New Zealand over recent weeks to answer the questions for their year level. After this they will be ready to collect their sponsorship money. Thank you to everyone for your support of this initiative. A reminder that each child goes into the draw for a \$20 Westfield gift card for every \$20 they return in sponsorship money, i.e. \$20 = 1 chance \$40 = 2 chances

The sponsorship form contains our school bank account details if friends and family would like to donate via direct credit. Please reference your **child's name, room number** and keyword '**sponsor**'. Sponsorship forms and money should be returned by **Tuesday 4th August 2020**.

**The PTA target for this event is \$15 000 (\$40 per student), with the money raised going towards funding our music specialist teacher, robotics equipment and the development of a garden area behind the hall.**

We are very appreciative of the following companies who have sponsored our prizes for this event:

**iPad by Entity Hub Ltd (Entity support the ICT infrastructure in the school)**  
**A waterproof floating speaker by 100% Lim Electronics (Genesta and Gregor's family business)**  
**\$500 cash to purchase Westfield vouchers from The School Uniform Shop**

The prizes are as follows:

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| • Year 0 – 8 minimum \$40 sponsorship  | Draw for iPad mini                       |
| • Year 0 – 8 with 100% correct   | Draw for waterproof speaker              |
| • Year 0 – 4 most money collected  | \$50 Westfield Gift Card                 |
| • Year 5 – 8 most money collected  | \$50 Westfield Gift Card                 |
| • Year 0 – 4 minimum \$20 sponsorship  | 10 prize draws \$20 Westfield Gift Cards |
| • Year 5 – 8 minimum \$20 sponsorship  | 10 prize draws \$20 Westfield Gift Cards |
| • Pizza lunch for class with highest average fundraised per student          |  |
| • 5000 house points for student in each class with largest amount fundraised |  |
| • Excellence certificates for each student with 100% correct                 |  |

## Activity costs and school donations

As you are aware, the school relies on locally raised funds for staff over and above the Ministry of Education funding. We have a number of teacher aides who support students in the classroom as well as additional teachers who provide extra expertise in various ways across the school. The [‘school payments information’](#) section of the school website has more detail. As per our guidelines on this page, Florin will be sending out financial statements this week for your reference.

## Final words

Over the break the council have redone the footpath – it is so much better. We have also had some drainage issues around the intermediate area fixed which is great. This was funded out of the Ministry of Education school maintenance funding.

Thank you so much for the courtesy you are all displaying to our school neighbours. It is so much safer out there for all our students.

It has been a great start to the term – the students were bright eyed and bushy tailed and the staff were as well! – *Alison and Catherine*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at assembly on the last day of term:

<b>Rm 1</b>	Arianna, Lia	<b>Rm 2</b>	Abby, Fathiya		
<b>Rm 4</b>	Maxine, Mia	<b>Rm 5</b>	Eunice, Ryder, Kaylee	<b>Intermediate</b>	
<b>Rm 6</b>	Harry, Sebastian	<b>Rm 7</b>	Jessica, Tselmeg	Carver, Fatima, Nikhita, Josiah, Adria, Sanjit, Canaan, Katie, Maggie	
<b>Rm 8</b>	William, Grace, Peter	<b>Rm 9</b>	Hazel, Jason, Scarlett		
<b>Rm 10</b>	Philomena, Frank	<b>Rm 11</b>	Mariam, Sora, Eli	<b>Excellence certificates</b> Nancy, Lucas, Keyi	
<b>Rm 12</b>	Lila, Laura, Yash	<b>Rm 13</b>	Avineil, Floyd, Angel		

## Literacy Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

**Bronze** Jordan, Rm 4

**Cobalt** Aisyah, Rm 12

**Silver** Harper, Rm 10

## Tennis Success

Some well deserved tennis success over the break! Boidehi (Year 7) played in two tournaments. Boidehi is the 12 and Under girls doubles champion in the Albany Toyota Northern Winter Competition. She is also runner up in the 12–14 y girls doubles for the Omar David Garcia Memorial Tournament 2020. Congratulations Boidehi!



## Belonging to KTS

**PTA Meeting Monday 27th July – 7.30pm in the school staffroom**

There is a lot on this term so please come along to hear all about it and find out how you might be able to help!

Trivia Night is all go – how about getting your table of 10 sorted now, and book your babysitter in for Saturday 29th August. It is always a great night so don't miss out.

## Kohia After School Care

We have just finished a wonderful 2 weeks of the school's holiday programme.

After School Care is now up and running. Please refer to the After School Care @ KTS section on the

## After School Care

Delicious afternoon tea is served at 3.15 and is different from day to day.

After yummy food there's quiet time to tackle some of those homework tasks if needed.  
Year 7's & 8's might even bring a device if it's required.

Fun group activities will regularly be provided. Children can also have self directed play time indoors or out under the supervision of our engaged, passionate staff.

book online at [kts.aimyplus.com](https://kts.aimyplus.com)

[school website](#) for details on how to register.

## KTS Sports

### Netball

We have a record number of teams playing this year; 12 teams from Years 3–8. Year 1 and 2 students will have the option of playing in Term 4. All practices are underway this week with **games starting next week**. A massive thank you to our coaches and managers who make this number of teams possible. All uniforms will be handed out this week.

### Cross country

There has been a slight change to previous information given, due to the scheduled cross country zone event for the intermediates. Therefore the KTS Cross Country event will be in **Week 4, on Thursday 13th August** for students from Years 3 to 8 (reminder, there is no cross country this year for year 1 and 2 students). All children will be training during school hours but the actual run will be optional for all students. Only those students who choose to run will go to Melville Park to compete on the day.

Please see below for distances and map. More information to come closer to the time, any questions please contact Katie at [katie@kts.school.nz](mailto:katie@kts.school.nz)



*Full lap includes running behind supporters in the trees*

*Small lap is just the lap of the field*

- Year 3 – 1 full lap
- Year 4 – 1 full lap and 1 small lap
- Year 5 and 6 – 2 full laps
- Year 7 and 8 – 2 full laps and 1 small lap

## Community Notices

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MANDARIN CHINESE?

Pistachio Mandarin Language Centre is offering Chinese lessons on Saturdays from 5+. Classes are 1 hour for total beginners, 1 hour for higher beginners & 1 hours for Adults for term 3 2020. Focusing on speaking and listening. Fun activities and conversations to engage students and to immerse them in a Mandarin speaking environment. Come for the first free trial lesson.

Start: Term 3 Saturday 25 July 2020

Venue: Kohia Terrace School, Epsom

Please Email: [pistachiomandarin@gmail.com](mailto:pistachiomandarin@gmail.com)

Website: [www.pistachiomandarin.co.nz](http://www.pistachiomandarin.co.nz); Facebook: Pistachio Mandarin Language Centre

Wechat, whats apps or text on 021 1846993

### [Fine Young Artists art classes](#)

### [Helen O'Grady Drama Academy](#) – The Difference is DRAMATIC!

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Bringing out the best in everyone! For students aged 5 to 17 years.

Dear Parents,

Playing chess in school helps students achieve many learning outcomes faster and more effectively. Put simply, chess makes kids smarter.

Chess enables **all students** to shine and develop intellectually in a way they really enjoy. Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

We are pleased to continue the Chess Coaching Programme at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children.



Chess Power has been educating Chess in many schools in Auckland and across New Zealand. Our coaches are all professionally trained and accredited and our support systems are world class.

What happens in a Chess Power Coaching Programme?

- Grow Kids Minds™ !!
- Improve concentration and focus
- Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- Tactical & Strategic thinking
- Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking
- Play Chess Online safely and for free

Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach

who provides individual feedback along the way.

Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

**Q:** Where can I learn more?

**A:** Visit our website, [www.chesspower.co.nz](http://www.chesspower.co.nz) and click **Parents Centre**

## CLASS DETAILS

Sessions will be held on **Wednesdays** from **12:40 pm to 1:30 am** in the Room 4 starting **Wednesday 22 July 2020**. The last session will be held on 23 September 2020. The fee is \$120 for the term.

## REGISTRATION

If your child would like to be part of this for **TERM 3** please visit our website:

[www.chesspower.co.nz/register](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/register)

It is easy to register. Just choose your school and fill out the online form. Payments can be made by credit card.



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