



Newsletter

Tuesday 1 December 2020

Coming Up

Wednesday 2 Dec	12.00pm	House relays
Fri 4 Dec		School assembly
Tuesday 8 Dec	2.00pm	Year 6 Moving on Up
Wednesday 9 Dec		Year 8 Graduation
Friday 11 Dec		Prizegiving assemblies/ reports go live on HERO
Tuesday 15 Dec	12.30pm	Final assembly. School closes 1.30pm.

Quick look:

- International Night thanks
- Prizegiving criteria and process
- Before School Care – do you need it?
- Sports uniforms – where are they?
- Sports Parent Coordinator – 6 hours/week in 2021

What a week. International night was such a wonderful opportunity for the school to gather as a community. It was great to see so many of you there enjoying the fantastic performances by our students. There have been so few chances for them to present to an audience this year, they saved it all up for Thursday night. We were so proud of them. Huge thanks to Micaela for her music tuition and to Anna Hartley for organising the evening.



The PTA are really delighted to announce that they have reached their fundraising goal for the year. This was in part due to the great support on Thursday night with the various silent auction items and the vast array of books for sale. Thank you to all those who donated and who purchased. I would also like to thank Iris Yang (mother of Maxine in Room 4) for sponsoring the sausages and ice creams we sold. So generous and so appreciated.



We are also very grateful to all the businesses and organisations who donated items or services to be auctioned.

Thank you so much to all those families who have supported Teacher for a Day. All these budding teachers will be co-teaching with their class teacher this Thursday (3rd Dec). It should be a fun day!



Our Kapa Haka, Chinese and Indian dance groups also took part in the Eden Albert Cultural festival on Saturday. It was so good to see them all perform in such a public forum.

The sun came out for the Harakeke beach clean up and picnic at Mission Bay on Friday. A great time was had by all and both beach and students were refreshed by the experience.

Yesterday Koru students enjoyed their annual sports rotation led capably by our sports leaders.

We appreciate the support of the families and whanau who have supported all these great events.



Sports Uniforms

We seem to be missing a huge number of sports uniforms. Can you please check to see if they are around home and return them to school as soon as possible.

Sports parent helper role

Rachel Ogilvy will be taking on the sports leader role in 2021; it is a huge job so an assistant would make life easier for her. As such, we are seeking someone to work 6 hours a week in 2021 from 11.30am to 2.30pm two days a week. Days are negotiable. The job description is attached [HERE](#). Please contact Alison if you are interested, or email (alison@kts.school.nz) outlining your suitability.

Prizegiving 2020

We are holding our prizegiving assemblies for the recipients of sports awards, cornerstone badges and major awards on **Friday 11th December**.

9.00 – 9.45 am	Junior Prizegiving (Year 1 – 3 students)
10.00 – 11.15 am	Senior Prizegiving (Year 4 – 8 students)

Due to space restrictions, attendance is by invitation only. Caregivers of recipients will receive this in an email by the end of the week.

We realise that every student, and indeed every parent, would like these awards. Our cornerstone badges acknowledge four students in each class (Years 1 – 7) for one of the following:

- Reaching for the Sky
- Excelling through Effort
- Nurturing our Human Spirit
- Leading the Way

These cornerstones are the basis of our values and are not about the most improved or the top academic student in each class. As a school we acknowledge students who have demonstrated excellence around one of our four cornerstones. What informs those decisions is linked on the website [Cornerstone Award Criteria](#). Teachers can usually identify a number of students within their class who demonstrate the key elements of each cornerstone. We do take into account recent previous recipients as we balance equity with excellence. However, there are some children in the school who may receive three or even four badges over their eight years at KTS, and some who will not receive any.

There are also a number of major school awards (cups) awarded each year for students in Year 3, Year 6 and Year 8. Information on these are also on the school website [Special Awards Criteria](#).

Before School Care?

We are considering offering a before-school care option as part of our Kohia Kids Zone programme. We do need to hear from you to ensure it will be well supported. If you could please complete the form linked [HERE](#) to indicate your preference either way.

We are looking forward to our final school assembly on Friday. We will be giving out the junior athletics ribbons at this time due to our supplier sending the wrong ribbons yesterday. Only two weeks to go until the end of the 2020 school year!

– *Alison and Catherine*

BELONGING TO KTS

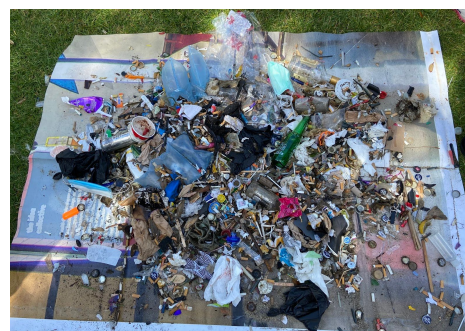
Give with our Reverse Advent Calendar

From the 2nd of December to the 14th we will be collecting cans for those in need in a sort of reverse advent calendar. On a given day students in specific year groups will be invited to bring in cans and we will then donate the cans to the City Mission on the last day of term. When the class donates the cans, they get to open the door on a special advent calendar. So please donate cans to make someone's day. Cans should be delivered to your child's classroom. *From the Head Students*

Wed Dec 2	Thurs Dec 3	Fri Dec 4	Mon Dec 7	Tues Dec 8	Wed Dec 9	Thurs Dec 10	Fri Dec 11	Mon Dec 14
Staff	Yr 7 & 8	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Year 0

Harakeke Beach Clean Up

Last Friday, the Harakeke team went to Mission Bay for a beach clean up. Year 4 and 5 cleaned up the park and Year 6s cleaned up the beach. After making sure there was no more rubbish left, we sorted out the rubbish and we found out that different colors of glass go into different rubbish bins. We then had some time to enjoy playing on the clean beach! Overall, we had a really fun day and the whole Harakeke team would like to thank the awesome parent helpers and the teachers! *By Nicole and Chloe*



Library stocktake

Please return all library books to school now, as Jane is conducting the annual stocktake.

Cornerstone Plaques

As we come to the end of another school year, some families are preparing to leave the school for the last time. You may want to consider purchasing a cornerstone plaque, which will be placed on the pillars outside the intermediate classrooms. In years to come, they are a great record of your involvement with the school. The order forms can be found on the front page of the website.

<http://www.kts.school.nz/>



Drink Bottles and Glasses

For those of you with children leaving at the end of the year, you may also like to buy a KTS metal drink bottle as a memento of their time at the school. These are for sale in a range of colours (see picture below) for \$20, along with double-walled glasses – perfect for hot or cold drinks. The glasses are \$20 for a set of two, with or without the KTS logo. Bottles and glasses are for sale through Kindo or at the office.

Back to school stationery – order now!

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make getting school ready faster! Your child's class list is available now on the OfficeMax MySchool website – myschool.co.nz.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go for the start of Term 1. Don't wait until mid-January when the 'team of 5 million' get home from holiday – order now and avoid the back to school rush.

This year OfficeMax have introduced Laybuy*, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free instalments - and still get your order right away. Or you can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card.

When you shop on myschool.co.nz you'll receive free delivery on orders over \$46*. You will also help our school earn school rewards* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Mini ball and water polo

Is your child keen to play mini ball (Year 5–6) or water polo (intermediates) in Term 1 of 2021? This is the next step up from Flippaball, but new players are very welcome.

The children need to be able to swim and won't be able to touch the bottom of the pool. They will be taught the eggbeater kick to tread water, so water polo skills are also good for developing water safety. Training and games will likely be on Sundays.

If your child would like to play, or you just want to find out more information, contact Alex Corbett (alexfc30@live.com) or Rachel Ogilvy (rachel@kts.school.nz).

COMMUNITY NOTICES

[School holiday tennis at Parnell Tennis Club](#)

[Christmas Special - Artz on Show Performing Arts Workshop](#)

[Annie - Artz on Show Performing Arts Workshop](#)

[Orewa Summer Holiday Surf Programme](#)

[St Andrews Epsom Early Childhood Centre](#)

[Kids up Front Performing Arts Holiday Workshops](#)

[Tennis Monsters - Eden Epsom Tennis Club](#)

[Mt Eden Tennis Club holiday programme](#)

[Holiday Swim Programme at Diocesan Swim School](#)



Kohia Kids Zone
SCHOOLS OUT!

Tuesday 15th December
School will finish at 1.30pm

1.30 – 3.00pm: \$12.50
(Casual Rate \$15)

1.30 – 6.00pm: \$25
(Casual Rate \$27.50)

BOOK NOW
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