



Newsletter

Tuesday 1 September 2020

Coming Up

31 Aug – 2 Sept
Thursday 17 Sept
Saturday 19 Sept
Thursday 24 Sept
Friday 25 Sept

Year 6 Camp
Cross country for years 3-8
PTA Trivia Night (19 September if we can)
School disco
End of Term 3

Term 4 Key Dates

Monday 12 Oct		Term 4 starts
Wednesday 14 Oct		Last day for out-of-zone ballot applications
Wednesday 21 Oct		Out-of-zone Ballot
Friday 23 Oct		Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 3rd-5th Nov		Year 5 camp
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

Welcome back to school everyone and to the first day of spring. Also, a warm KTS welcome to Anna, who started today in Room 11.

It has been so good to have classrooms full of smiling, eager faces and to hear the buzz as students and teachers reconnect with each other. We are currently at 87% attendance; the expectation from the Ministry of Education is that all students should attend unless there is a medical reason. Our teachers are planning for a classroom programme and will not be providing distance learning for those who choose to remain at home. Also please be aware, that unless there is a medical reason, students are coded with an unjustified absence.



Thank you to everyone who is being cautious and are keeping your children home if they are unwell. A reminder that anyone with cold- or flu-like symptoms, including staff, should remain at home until they are well. Please communicate with the school by email or phone by 9:00 am to let us know.

The Year 6 cohort came back to school and then left again – to go to camp at Long Bay. They have had an amazing couple of days so far. We are very appreciative of MERC Long Bay for accommodating us and making sure everything was in place for us to go safely. Here are some photos of the highlights from Day 1:



Please note that our proposed new date for the PTA Trivia Night is Saturday 19th September. This will be confirmed next Monday, when more information is to hand. Don't forget to email Becca to book a table: becca@kts.school.nz

Community Survey PLEASE click on the [link](#)

To date we have had 67 responses compared to 156 two years ago. PLEASE, if you have not done so already, click on the link. It will only take 10 – 15 minutes to respond. The closing date for the survey is Friday 4 September.

Level 2 at School

Health and safety protocols are being followed in classrooms including regular hand sanitisation, wiping down of devices and named pencils and pens in the junior school.

Drop offs are working well, thank you for supporting this additional opportunity for your children to be independent as you avoid coming onto the school grounds. Please remember the junior gate is open for drop off until 8.50am.

Pick up: please arrange a meeting point with your child (Years 2–8) so that they know which gate to meet you at. Junior students (Years 0–1) will be brought to the junior gate for pick up. Year 2–8 students are released at 3.00pm to meet parents at their agreed spot.

If parents do have to come on site, please scan the COVID-19 QR code and collect a red dot or sign in the office and pick up a lanyard. We also encourage adults to wear a mask, just as we are doing with staff who are on entry point duty.



Parking Reminders

A few reminders as we head into spring weather. The parking area next to the junior area of the school is not for our use – it is for University of Auckland staff and the pre-school community.

Also, the drop-off zone at the main entrance to the school is working really efficiently. If you are dropping your children off, please use it. I saw one Year 2 student get out of his car on the other side of the road and walk himself over this morning. Thank you for respecting our neighbours by avoiding their driveways and the yellow lines.

Library and device returns

All books and devices that have been at home during lockdown are now due for return. Please remind your child to bring them back.

Enjoy returning to some kind of normal this week – *Catherine*

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORT

Basketball, Flippaball and Netball

Please keep checking your emails regularly regarding practices and start dates again for this term. Practices at school are still going ahead under Level 2. We are waiting for further announcements from

the government in relation to when these weekly sports will start up again. Any further questions please don't hesitate to contact Katie at katie@kts.school.nz

Cross Country

We are all set to go for cross country in two weeks – **Thursday 17th September.**

Please see below for distances and map. As cross country is optional this year for Years 3 to 8, those runners have been notified with more information. Any questions please contact Katie at 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



Kohia Terrace School

Ballot for Out-of-Zone Enrolments for 2021

Kohia Terrace School will be holding a Ballot on Wednesday 21st October 2020 for out-of-zone enrolments.

The Board has determined that places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students in the following year levels:

Priority 2-6

Year 0 (children who will turn 5 on or after 1 June 2021)

Year 1

Year 2

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

The closing date for out-of-zone applications will be Wednesday 14th October 2020.

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also enrol by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

Please refer to our school website for further information. <https://www.kts.school.nz>

Application forms are available from the school office, 3 Kohia Terrace, Epsom, Tel: 630-4525