



Newsletter

Tuesday 11 February 2020

Coming up

Thurs 20th Feb	5.30 - 7.30pm	Meet the Teacher – see details below
Fri 21st Feb	9.30am - 12.30pm	Year 5 – 8 School Swimming Sports
	2:30am - 3:10pm	Second-hand uniform sale
Mon 24th Feb	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Tuesday 25th Feb		Eden Albert Swimming Zones (Years 5 and 6)
Wed 26th Feb	6.30 - 8.30pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri 28th Feb		Teacher Only Day – school closed for instruction
Fri 6th March	5.30 - 7.30pm	KTS Colour Run
Tues 17th March	3.00 - 7.00pm	Three-Way Learning Conferences
Thur 19th March	3.00 - 7.00pm	Three-Way Learning Conferences

Quick look:

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- Colour run
- Uniform sale

Last week was just great, students and teachers have quickly settled back into school life and we are well and truly underway for 2020. New members of our community were formally welcomed at our powhiri yesterday. Many thanks to those who joined us and to Jamie, Andy and Renee for their valued contribution.

For the next two weeks, students from Years 5–8 will be swimming at the university pool; we are lucky to have this facility so close and appreciate its availability. The support of parent helpers is much valued; it makes life easier for teachers to have extra hands, especially when those people are happy to get wet!

Hero app

Thanks to people who have let us know about a problem opening our newsletter (or other pdfs) through the phone app. We are working this through with Linc-Ed; as a first step they suggest ensuring that all updates have been uploaded. We are trying to ascertain if it is a problem just with our school or more widespread which will help focus the fix required. In the meantime, please access HERO via your computer.

Financial Statements

Now we have HERO well underway at school, a request for payment will come out today to your email address. Information about school payments, and the breakdown of the activity costs, can be found on the [school website](#). Following Ministry of Education guidelines, we are no longer offering a first-term reduction in our desired parent donation, so the \$480 per student is reflected in the statement being sent. If you have three children at the school, the amount for the third child is halved, and for those with four children, there is no cost for the fourth. These guidelines can also be found on the webpage linked above. We are just in the process of confirming the Year 5 and Year 6 camp costs.

Some of you may have seen in the media the payments from the Ministry of Education of \$150 per student, to replace all requests to parents for donations. This was offered to decile 1 – 7 schools only, we are decile 9.

We thank you in advance for your support of the school and very much appreciate those who pay the donation.

Meet the Teacher

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday 20 Feb. The programme will be as follows:

5:30 – 6:00pm Koru team class meetings

6:00 – 6:30pm All parents in the hall. Alison will cover our targets for the year, go through some HERO need-to-know information and introduce the staff for 2020.

6:30 – 7:00pm Harakeke and Pohutukawa (Pohutukawa in the hall)

7.00 – 7.30pm Camp meetings Years 5 & 6

Parent Liaison Role

To facilitate communication between the school and families, we invite a parent from each class to become a parent liaison. The role is vital in strengthening our sense of community – read the [Parent Liaison Role Description](#) to find out more. Please talk to your class teacher if you are interested in taking on this role, or generally being more involved. We would really value your time and it is a great way to connect with parents across the school.

Road patrol

Our road patrollers are receiving training today and are excited to be giving service to the school. Thank you to those parents who have offered to supervise, your support is much appreciated. There are still a couple of morning slots to be filled. If you are able to give up 20 minutes a week for us, please message Catherine (catherine@kts.school.nz).

Colour Run

Please diary this date (Friday 6 March) for our annual school celebration of Holi. This is always a lovely community event and a good chance to meet up with other families.

Have a lovely week. *Catherine*



Belonging to KTS

Second-hand uniform sale

The PTA will be holding our Term 1 uniform sale on Friday, 21 February. The sale will be held next to the office area and will run from 2:30 to 3:10pm. A limit of 6 items per family will apply until 3pm. There is still time to donate any clean items for the sale and the PTA would warmly welcome them (they can be dropped off at the office).



Chess Club

Chess Power is once again providing a chess coaching programme at our school this year. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 12:40 to 1:30pm in Room 4, starting Friday 7 February 2020. The last session will be held on 8 April 2020. The fee is \$120 for the term. Visit www.chesspower.co.nz/register to register or click [HERE](#) for more information.

Swimming Sports

On Friday 21st of February we will be holding our annual KTS Swimming Sports. It is a fun day in the sun with lots of swimming to be done. Children will be asked in class what races they would like to enter and all children are encouraged to enter at least one race. Everyone is more than welcome to come along to support swimmers from 9am to 12pm at the University Pool.



Spotlight on Sport

FlippaBall for Years 3 – 6

Is your child interested in playing in the KTS Year 3/4 or Year 5/6 FlippaBall team? KTS had two strong FlippaBall teams last year and it would be great to see this sport grow!

What to know:

- Children do have to be confident in water – and happy not to wear goggles – but at this early stage they do not have to be competent swimmers.
- They are touching the ground at all times, with the games being played in water depths of 100–120cm.
- The games are played locally at either the St Cuthberts or Dio school pools.
- Practices are held on a Wednesday afternoon, 3:45-4:30pm at the Auckland Grammar pool.
- Games last around 20 mins and are usually held early Sunday afternoon (the times have not yet been confirmed).

If your child would like to play or you simply want to find out more, please contact Katie Williams at katie@kts.school.nz.

Basketball for Years 3 – 8

Basketball is a great game and KTS have had amazing success with their teams, last year winning the Eden Albert Zones! Children do not have to have any experience at all with basketball, beginners are more than welcome. Basketball is a great team sport where children learn the basics that can carry across to many different sports.

What to know:

Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6	Year 7 and 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wednesday night games at St Kents Boys School- Games start 4:30pm, last game 6pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thursday night games at Dilworth- Games start 4:30pm, last game 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monday night games at Dilworth- Games start 4:30pm, last game 6:40pm

All teams are coached by a professional basketballer at school, either before or after school. Teams are managed by parents at games. If your child would like to play, or you simply want to find out more, please contact our Head of Sport – Katie Williams at katie@kts.school.nz.

Community Notices

GUITAR LESSONS 2020 with MUSIQHUB

There are a limited number of places available for group guitar lessons on Thursday after school. Lessons start Thursday 20 Feb and are half an hour, for all levels from beginners to more experienced students. If you are interested please email johnfaulding@gmail.com for details.

WANT TO LEARN CHINESE?

Pistachio Mandarin Language Centre is offering Chinese lessons on Saturdays from ages 5+. Classes are 1 hour for Term 1 2020. Focusing on speaking and listening. Fun activities to engage students and to immerse them in a Mandarin-speaking environment. Come for the first free trial lesson.

Start: Term 1 Saturday 15 February 2020 Venue: Kohia Terrace School, Epsom

Please Email: pistachiomandarin@gmail.com

Website: www.pistachiomandarin.weebly.com; Facebook: Pistachio Mandarin Language Centre

Pform Performing Arts Classes

Pform are back with their performing arts classes in the school hall at lunchtimes on Mondays and Fridays. Click [HERE](#) to find out more and about how to enrol.

Looking for accommodation in Auckland city centre or the surrounding suburbs.

Hi, my name is Fawaz, I am from Israel and am a New Zealand citizen. I am 32 years old working as a retail manager in the outdoor industry. I am relocating from Hawkes Bay to Auckland with my partner, Lily, who is moving back from working as a private yacht chef overseas. We would like to live in a place that can accommodate a veggie garden and that allows a small pet. We are both responsible, clean, tidy & well-travelled. We love to socialise over a glass of wine. Also open to short-term options. We are looking to relocate at the end of February. Please phone 022 0932526. References can be supplied.

Rudd School of Rock

Join [Rudd School of Rock](http://www.ruddschoolofrock.co.nz) for after-school music lessons in guitar, drums, piano/keyboard and singing/vocal lessons, and our rock band programme. Ph (09) 479 1081, Email: info@ruddschoolofrock.co.nz or visit www.ruddschoolofrock.co.nz

Are you going overseas next year? Know a house for rent?

A KTS junior school family (two kids, 5 and 7) are looking for a house to rent in 2020 while we do renovations to our Mt Eden home. Ideally in Mt Eden/Epsom, walking distance to school, 3–5 bedrooms. We are not smokers or pet owners and would be responsible tenants. Our contact details are with the school office if you are interested in discussing further.

Hilton Brown Swimming

Hilton Brown Swimming is a NZ owned family business who are absolutely passionate about ensuring all kiwis are competent and confident swimmers. It's not just about getting to the end of the pool, it's about having the strength and technique to get there...and then keep going. Living in a country surrounded by water it is essential that our children learn to be confident and capable in the water. We offer a FREE trial swimming lesson to all our new customers. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



NEXT LEVEL BASKETBALL
www.nextlevelbasketball.co.nz

**8 Weeks Training Camps
2020 Term 1**
Sign Up for all 3 Camps for \$500

	WEDNESDAY CAMP	SATURDAY CAMP	SUNDAY CAMP
When: 12 th February - 1 st April Cost: \$200 per term \$30 per session	Where: Dilworth Junior Campus School, 27 Omaha Rd, Remuera, Auckland 1050 * Parking on Omaha Rd	Where: Dilworth Junior Campus School, 27 Omaha Rd, Remuera, Auckland 1050	Where: Dilworth Junior Campus School, 27 Omaha Rd, Remuera, Auckland 1050
Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm All ages, girls and boys	Time: Juniors (6-12 Year Olds) 12 pm - 2 pm Seniors (13+ Year Olds) 2 pm - 4 pm	Time: Juniors (6-12 Year Olds) 10am - 12pm Seniors (13+ Year Olds) 12pm - 2pm	

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