



Newsletter

Tuesday 13 October 2020

Coming Up

Wednesday 14 Oct	Last day for out-of-zone ballot applications
Friday 16 October	Snell – dress up as a character day
	Kids Lit Quiz
Wednesday 21 Oct	Out-of-zone Ballot
Friday 23 Oct	Teacher Only Day
3rd – 5th Nov	Year 5 camp
Saturday 7 Nov	PTA Trivia Night NEW DATE
Mon 9th Nov	Kids for Kids Choir performance
Thursday 12th Nov	School Athletics
18th – 20th Nov	Year 7/8 camp
Thursday 26 Nov	International night
Tuesday 8 Dec	2.00pm Year 6 Moving on Up
Wednesday 9 Dec	Year 8 Graduation dinner and ceremony
Friday 11 Dec	Prizegiving assemblies
Tuesday 15 Dec	Last day of the school year

Quick look:

- Welcome back
- IMPORTANT new School App
- Building work about to start
- Young Leaders Award
- Thinking About Thinking

Welcome to Term 4 at KTS and to a return to school life under Level 1 restrictions. While parents are now welcome on site, the Ministry is requesting that people sign in using the Covid app even if just picking up or dropping off students. QR codes are visible on various doors and windows around the school to enable this. We have a busy term ahead with assessments, events and camps so please keep up to date by reading the newsletter and connecting through the new school app (see below).

A warm welcome also to our six new students: Myraah, Veronica and Sofia in Rm 3, Oscar in Rm 7, Elliana in Rm 12 and Selina in Rm 15.



Thank you to the Year 5 classes for teaching us about both Indonesia and Mexico at our final assembly of the term. These new flags have been added to the back wall of the hall as our celebration of our various school cultures continues.

Every fortnight, winning houses spin a virtual wheel to decide their treat for the following Friday; a few new options have recently appeared on the wheel. This coming Friday, students in Snell may dress up as any character they like (book, movie, game). I wonder who we will see walking around!

KTS School App

It was evident in the recent community survey that many of you have been experiencing issues with HERO, and as a school it is important that you connect with our communication systems. We have been in contact with HERO and there was a remedy to the app over the break; we would appreciate knowing of any further issues.

HERO is so good for the sharing of learning and reporting achievements, so we will keep on using it for this purpose, but we also know that the newsletter and updates from teachers are vital to ensure you know what is going on and that you are connected to the school.

Therefore, after some consideration and a trial with members of the Board and selected PTA families, we have decided to commit to a new school app to ensure you can effectively and easily connect with the school. School Apps is used by many of our local schools and comes highly recommended.

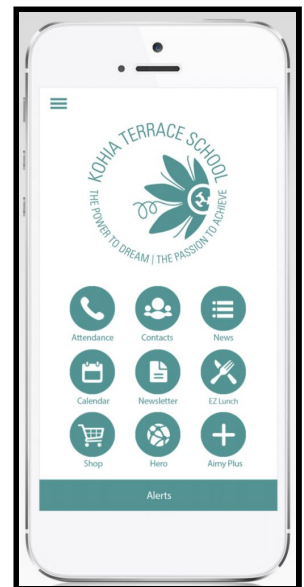
The benefits for you are as follows:

- easy access to the school newsletter
- options to communicate your child's absence with links to email, text message or phone call.
- one-stop shop for other school-related apps: Hero, Kindo, Ez Lunch, AimyPlus (after-school care bookings)
- quick access to the school calendar
- quick access to the school website
- school contact directory

In the side menus there are also

- term dates
- the ability to set your language (English, Mandarin or Korean)
- alert subscriptions

To get the app click on this link <https://kohiaterace.apps.school.nz/install/>
(please note that the app is currently being updated to include AimyPlus)



Young Leader Award



Every year one of our intermediate students receives the Blake Young Leader Award; congratulations to Caspar, the winner for 2020. He was nominated by his peers for showing a quiet leadership style and working effectively with everyone. A clear communicator, he relates well to both students and teachers. Caspar is unafraid of a challenge; he just gets 'stuck in'. He shows that he is thoughtful and considerate of others by taking on extra duties; he always has a great attitude. Most of all he knows how to have fun!

Scooter skills for the Year 3 and 4 classes were led by John McGough of Travelwise in the last week of Term 3. Students learned about stopping, sneaky driveways and how to cross a pedestrian crossing safely. We look forward to more children using scooters to get to school when the weather warms up!



Building work over Term 4

We are just about to start some upgrading of various classrooms and facilities with Ministry of Education maintenance funding. Rooms 6 and 7 will be first off the block, along with the intermediate toilet block. Over the holidays the junior block will be re-roofed, along with changes to the staff toilet area upstairs.

Rooms 4 and 5 will be renovated over Term 1 next year. The classrooms will be renovated to a similar model as Rooms 1 and 2, with two separate classrooms being connected with a big glass sliding door allowing for greater flexibility of the two spaces. This means Room 6 and 7 will be relocating to the hall for the remainder of the term and the intermediate students will need to use the hall toilets or the outdoor toilets. There will also be a change to access to the office for the Year 0 – 2 classes as there will be restricted access to Rooms 6 and 7.

Whilst not a building change, we have decided to allocate two of the outdoor toilets to girls only, two to boys only and one toilet will be gender neutral. Despite the toilets being cleaned twice a day, there are often toilets being left in a state that means they are not able to be used until they are cleaned again.

Finally, it is great to see so many of you back in the playground at the end of the day. Don't forget the Trivia Night is coming up soon – it will be great to see lots of full tables there as we come together as a community to support the school. – *Catherine and Alison*

BELONGING TO KTS

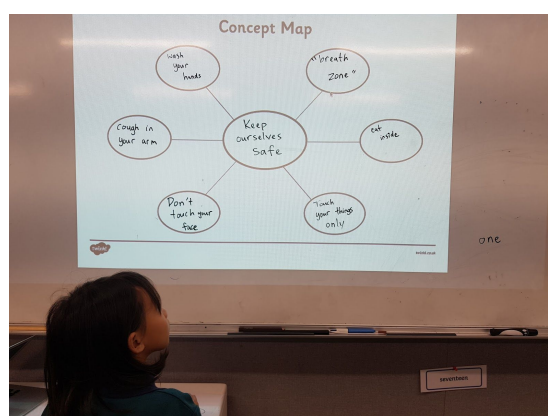
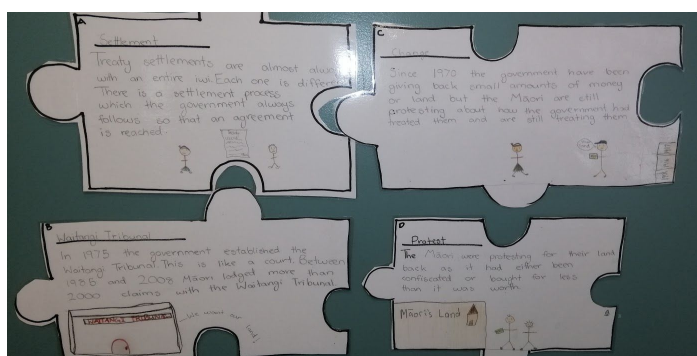
Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at assembly:

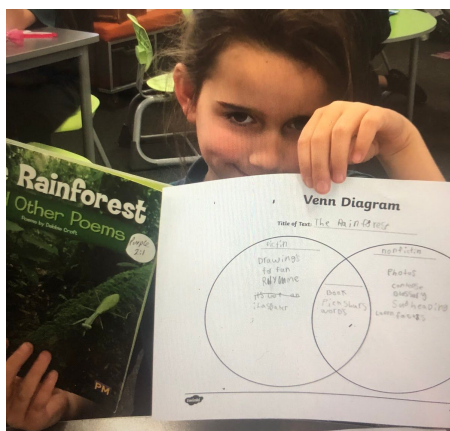
Rm 1	Grayson, Saja	Rm 2	Erin, Logan	Rm 3	Soraya, Filza
Rm 4	Manudi, Kyna	Rm 5	Thanmai, Isabel, JiShou,	Intermediate	
Rm 6	Tristan, Alexis, Isaac	Rm 7	Emma, Robbie	Sarah, Frank, Boidehi Madeline, Dylan, Wonjun Ben S, Meika,	
Rm 8	Allin, Jhanvi, William	Rm 9	Cherry, Anderson		
Rm 10	Philomena, Jack	Rm 11	Archie, Max		
Rm 12	Mayoori, Drina, Gautam	Rm 13	Ryan, Jemima, Wallace		

Thinking about thinking

Over the year, our teachers and students have been looking into tools and strategies to encourage more flexible ways to think. We know this is important because our students will probably encounter challenges in their lives and future careers that we have never seen before – their world will look quite different and we want to equip them with strategies they can use to make sense of it.

The model we are using focuses on five types of thinking: **Finding Information, Knowledge Comprehension, Analysis, Evaluation and Synthesis**. We have been exploring many tools to help us think in these ways. Here are some examples of the tools:





I am thinking about...Why dodgeball is a great fitness activity
Think about Hauora

Characteristics - What do we do?	Physical - What does that look/ sound/feel like?	Behavioural - Why is this important to our lives? Impact on health?	Environmental - what conditions do we need?
Throw the ball	Aiming Using the right amount of strength Waiting for the right time	Playing other sports Riding a bike Crossing the road	We need a clear space to throw
Sportsmanship	Congratulating people that got a hit Saying good game/Cheering Motivating teammates	Helps you make friends Helps with team work in other areas	Teacher to put you in a team Teacher to decide who is out/referee Clear rules and instructions
Teamwork Topic sentence: <i>I believe we should play dodgeball for fitness because it can bring us together as a team.</i>	Different people working together Using skills of individual people - some throwing, some collecting, some catching. Explanation / elaboration: <i>Dodgeball brings together teams of people who would not have usually been seen together. Within the team, each person can use their own skills to add to the performance of the team. Some children will be throwing the ball, some will be collecting the balls for others to throw and some will be catching the balls to get those who are out back into the game.</i>	Improves social health Helps teamwork in families. Helps when you get a job and work with others. Example: <i>Learning to work as a team is so important to our lives because it develops our social health, one of the key elements of Hauora. It will mean stronger relationships in our families, workplaces and communities in the future.</i>	Different teams Everyone working in a role that suits their strengths Time to discuss what went well/not well. <i>In order to develop great teamwork in dodgeball, we should work with different people each time, discuss different roles and reflect together.</i>

Improvements we have noticed are:

- Students find it easier to organise their ideas
- Ideas that students come up with are more focussed on why and how, rather than observations
- When we use these as a planning tool, there is more detail that students can draw on in their writing

Trophies

We are starting to prepare for our end-of-year events, including prizegiving. Can those who received a trophy in 2019 please return it to school over the next two weeks.



Congratulations

Several of our talented students have achieved highly in recent competitions. A huge congratulations to . . .

Boidehi, who played two Tennis NZ Tier-2 tournaments and, along with her partner, won the 12-and-Under Girls Doubles category at the Waikato Tennis Trust Tournament in Hamilton and the 12-and-Under Girls Doubles category at the Albany Toyota Northern Spring Championships in Albany!

Oscar, who earned the under-11 boys singles gold medal, the under-11 boys doubles gold medal, and the under-13 boys team silver medal in table tennis

Jessie, who earned the under-13 girls doubles gold medal and the under-13 girls team gold medal in table tennis.

Matthias competed at the U12 Jelly Belly Waterpolo tournament over the weekend for Atlantis Water Polo and Aquatics Club team CYAN and they received bronze medals.

Madeleine and Jemima competed in a performing arts competition for speech and drama. They achieved great results in many performance categories and were the overall winners for their age groups.

Out-of-zone ballot

The closing date for out-of-zone applications will be Wednesday 14th October 2020. If you are out of zone with children currently at the school, you still need to apply for the out-of-zone ballot for any siblings who will be starting school next year.

Places are available for Years 0, 1, and 2 (Priority 2–6) and Years 3 and 5 (Priority 2 only).

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

We are back underway with lots of our team sports starting up again for Term 4. Let's hope we can see out the term with all sports!

Flippa Ball

Flippa Ball is a fun and team-based game played in a swimming pool. For the Year 5 and 6 grade, children do need to be confident in the water without goggles. Games are played on Sunday afternoons in local pools. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and is interested in playing Flippa Ball, or you want to find out more, please contact Katie Williams at katie@kts.school.nz



PTA UPDATE

Calendar Art

This is the last week to order your child's artwork on a calendar, diary, mouse pad, cards or sketch pad. These make great gifts, especially for sending overseas. Order from

www.kidsartworks.com and use the

entrance code from your order form. Contact Becca (becca@kts.school.nz) if you have lost your code.

KTS Kiwiana Trivia Night

This much anticipated event is back on! The Covid lockdown in August forced its postponement - but the new date of Saturday 7th November has been set.

This promises to be a great night out - and in fact, it will be the only social event that we have been able to host at KTS this year! So please get your table together, brainstorm costume ideas and come and celebrate the joys of all things 'Kiwi'!

Please email becca@kts.school.nz to book your ticket and register your table. If you do not yet have a table, contact your classroom parent liaison

and they will be able to add you to one. Payments can be made on Kindo, at the office or by direct credit (12-3048-0433992-00).



After School Football Coaching Kohia Terrace School Term 4

Details:

- Day: Wednesday after school from 3:15 – 4:15pm
- Starting date: 14th Oct – 9th Dec
- Location: KTS school field
- Age group: Years 1 - 3

Cost: \$115

Please email Joshua (joshua@wynrs.co.nz) for registrations/questions

Kohia Koha

Don't forget about our Kohia Koha site. This is our very own sell or purchase site, with proceeds going to KTS. There are some fabulous items for sale – bikes, books, clothing, art and furniture. This is also a great chance to get rid of items that you no longer need, and help out the school at the same time.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CLAY WORKS POTTERS' MARKET, FRI 30 & SAT 31 OCTOBER, 10am - 4pm

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