



Newsletter

Tuesday 17 March 2020 – Happy St Patrick’s Day

Coming up

Tues 17th March	3.00 - 7.00pm	Three-Way Learning Conferences
Wed 18th March	6.30 - 7.30pm	Special Board Meeting
Thur 19th March	3.00 - 7.00pm	Three-Way Learning Conferences
Thurs 19th March		Central Zone Girls Cricket (Years 7 and 8)
Wed 25 March	6:30 - 8:30pm	Board of Trustees meeting
25–27 March		Year 5 Camp
7–9 April		Year 6 Camp
9 April		Last day of term

Quick look:

- 3WLC – have you booked?
- Lockdown drill
- Coronavirus update

It has been an interesting week or so hasn't it, with things changing on a daily basis. The Ministry of Education is doing a fantastic job in keeping schools up to date and advising our decisions.

A warm KTS welcome to Nisi (Rm 12) and Lisita (Rm 16), who started at KTS last week.

3 WLCs

We are looking forward to 3-Way Learning Conferences this week.

If by any chance you have not yet booked, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz to book for Thursday.

Booking code is **hv8hv**.

We do ask that you are on time for your meetings and that your children attend. They have lots to share with you.

All Year 2–8 students will be in the hall from 2.30 to 3.00pm. The Year 2 and 3 students will be taken back to outside their classrooms just before 3.00pm and the Year 4–8 students will be released once the bell rings. The Year 1 students will be in Room 3 with Mrs Tomich.

Coronavirus Update

It has been an interesting weekend as the country works to reduce the risk of a country-wide spike in coronavirus cases. We do have a pandemic plan in place and are working to ensure learning can be maintained if the school were to close.

The Board of Trustees is holding a special meeting on Wednesday (18th March) around the school's plans and preparations going forward.

In the meantime, what can you do to help?

1. Please do not send your children to school if they are unwell.
2. Please ensure you have the access details to Athletics and Reading Eggs or Reading Express. If we were to close, these two programmes will be essential to maintain learning along with other links, which we will send out if and when required.

Assembly and other matters

We are going to be proceeding with school assembly at this stage. Following Ministry of Education advice, we are going to be splitting the assembly with the presenting group attending both. Students will be spread out to maximise the distance between students. This coming Friday Pohutukawa are leading our assemblies with a focus on Maori culture.

We are also going to change classroom organisation to exclude mat time. Students will be asked to sit at desks or on lily pads throughout the day.

We have also asked for the younger children to no longer 'high five' good bye to their teacher.

Lockdown

You will have received a letter yesterday indicating we were having a trial lock down today. This is a necessary part of our emergency action planning each year. Last year, ironically, we practised this on the day of the mosque attacks. One of our key goals was to test out communication methods using Hero. Students responded well to the exercise which we kept short, sharp and calm. Our congratulations to them for the way in which they conducted themselves.

Burglary

Unfortunately we had all the Year 1 iPads stolen on Saturday night. The burglars broke in through the verandah doors in what we call the sunroom, between Rooms 1 and 2. Very frustrating! Insurance will obviously cover the replacement. Fortunately for us we do not have to deal with theft as much as some schools do due to our good lighting and security practices.

Autumn is certainly around the corner as we experience cooler nights. With that many students are wearing their polar fleeces to school and as the day warms these are being taken off. Where there is a name, we will return it to the students. PLEASE double check that your child's polar fleece is clearly named.

Please keep an eye out for special newsletters coming out and check the website for updated information about events. Keep well – *Alison*

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Drink Bottles and Glasses

You may have seen our display of KTS metal drink bottles in the office. 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 \$30 for a set of two, with or without the KTS logo. Bottles and glasses are for sale through Kindo or at the office. All the proceeds from each purchase go directly to the school. Thank you again to the Spurway/Allen family for generously donating these to KTS.



