



Newsletter

Tuesday 18 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
	2:30 - 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	5.00 - 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

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As I walk around the school and visit classrooms, it is fabulous to see the high degree of focus and on-task behaviour. Everyone is very much into the learning programme for the year. It is a credit to staff and students alike.

Progress and Achievement Testing is underway this week. These important assessments are used to inform target areas for classes for the year.

We have confirmed house captain roles for 2020 today and will be selecting house reps (for years 6 & 7) and library/ sports leaders in the next day or so. Congratulations to the following students:

	Hillary	Snell	Sheppard	Te Kanawa
House Captain	Heidi	Tevita	Mia	Harrison

Kohia Korero (social / emotional learning)

Last Friday, we had our first session of *Kohia Korero* for 2020. Korero means conversation in Maori. It is an integral part of our focus on student wellbeing this year to ensure students have time to share their thoughts and feelings with older students. Each class, from Year 1 to 6, is supported with trained student coaches that have been specially assigned to them. The coaches are involved in a range of activities that focus on social and emotional learning. There are many benefits of students coaching students. They can develop a student’s strengths and talents, build skills and confidence and nurture learning. Below are a few pictures from our first Kohia Korero of the year.



Students in Year Two building social skills through sport



Students in Year One finding out what they have in common with one another



Students in Year 3 exploring knowledge of their classmates through a dice game



Learning about sportsmanship in Year 2

Meet the Teacher

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Meet-the-Teacher evening this Thursday (20th 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 being generally more involved. We would really value your time and it is a great way to connect with parents across the school.

PTA Meeting - Monday 24th February

We are looking forward to the first PTA meeting of the year on Monday at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. We will be discussing and deciding on fundraising initiatives for the year and what will be targeted for this fundraising.

These meetings are a great way to get to know other parents, and even if you are not a parent liaison, you are more than welcome to attend.

Colour Run

As highlighted last week, we are getting set up for the KTS Colour Run on Friday 6th March. **Have you booked it in your calendar yet?** The run is open to all school students (run year group by year group), pre-schoolers (with parents), parents, and even older siblings. As we have done the last two years, we would really appreciate donations of curry and rice so we can sell bowls for \$5.00. These curries have been a real treat in the past and I know I will be in line for one this year. Please fill in the form if you can make curry, or pre-cook some rice [HERE](#). We thank you in advance. If anyone has a contact to purchase the colour powder from - please email Becca (becca@kts.school.nz). We will be asking for parents to help with food sales and 'throwing colour' in next week's newsletter.



HERO Update



Hero app

Thanks to people who have let us know about a problem opening our newsletter (or other pdfs) through the phone app. The tech team has updated the app for androids and are working on the solution for iPhone users. We will let you know when they have let us know.

Payments and receipts

Thank you so much to all who have made payments for camp, activity costs or donations. Florin will send out receipts to your email address over the next few days. Apparently you can not download your own receipt as yet.

We also need to have the stripe option open for payments from Hero, but with a 5% processing fee we do not advise using this for big-priced items. You can pay directly into the school bank account (**12-3048-0433992-00**) for no cost, or through Kindo for a minor processing fee.

I am looking forward to seeing you Thursday evening – *Alison*

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. Click [HERE](#) to register or click [HERE](#) for more information.

Walking School Buses – parent volunteers wanted

Want to get more exercise? Lower your carbon emissions? Help your kids get more fresh air? If any of these things appeal to you then you might be interested in helping out with walking school buses.

'What is a Walking School Bus?' I hear you say. A Walking School Bus is similar to a normal school bus except children walk to and/or from school along a designated route, under the supervision of adult volunteers (often parents), who act as the Walking School Bus driver. Walking School Buses reduce the number of cars on the road, making our environment safer and cleaner, and they provide exercise for children in a fun and social way.

I am keen to get some KTS Walking School Buses up and running. If you are keen to join me, then please email me at aislingmweir@gmail.com

Entertainment Book

Get your new Entertainment Membership today to support Kohia Terrace School and receive these early bird bonus offers.

Up to 4 months EXTRA MEMBERSHIP + \$20 BONUS Countdown Gift Card when you purchase our NEW Multi City or Multi Plus Membership. Hurry offers end 29th February!

Entertainment Memberships can start anytime and are packed with thousands of substantial savings on dining, travel and fun family activities. The digital membership is easy to download to start using instantly. New offers are added weekly for ongoing value all year round.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/988m00>



Spotlight on Sport

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.

This year we will be holding a **teachers vs parents vs children** relay race. Contact Katie Williams (katie@kts.school.nz) if you would like to be part of this, or just bring your swimming togs and be prepared to join in!

Community Notices

Little Day Out: Saturday 07 March 2020 from 10am to 1pm

Location: Mt Eden Village Centre (449 Mt Eden Rd, church building next to Circus Circus)

This will be a fun and engaging event including free pony rides, a children's flea market, weird and wonderful animal zoo, face painting, a magic show, workshops, craft activities, live music, a children's art exhibition, stilt walker, delicious food stalls and much more...

Kids, time to get creative with our 'Trees for Climate Change' art competition!

Children are invited to create a tree for climate change out of any materials, bring it along on the day to 'Little Day Out' for display and to be in to win prizes for use of recycled materials, most colourful, creative, technical and textural. All art pieces are displayed and judged at 12.30pm with winners announced at 1pm

Epsom Community Creche

Epsom Community Creche is a not for profit early childhood centre on Gillies Ave, used by a number of school families. Spaces available now – please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Looking for Childcare?

The Faculty of Education and Social Work Early Childhood Centre (Number 28), located at the rear of KTS (across the carpark), is again accepting waitlist applications from community families *not* studying or working at the University of Auckland. There are currently a few spaces in both the under and over two age groups, or you can waitlist for later in 2020 and beyond.

For further information call Andy (the Centre Manager) on 09 623 8867.

Rhythmix Gymnastics Open Day! Come along and have a go!

Xtreme Rhythmix is offering a “Have a Go Day” for beginners in rhythmic gymnastics at Marist College (Mt Albert) on Tuesday 25th February from 5:00-6:00pm. Come along and learn fun skills with ropes, hoops, balls, clubs and ribbons. See if rhythmic gymnastics is the sport for you!

Beginner classes are available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays at Marist College plus a range of classes are available at our other facilities (Eventfinda Stadium, Albany, Glamorgan School and Glenfield College). Email erica.xtremerg@gmail.com for more information or just turn up on the 25th of February and join in the fun!

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.

Three Kings United football club

Welcome to the 2020 season of football for both girls & boys. The Girls Open Day is on the 22nd Feb from 10am to 12noon and boys will follow suit on the 4th April from 9am to 12noon. A day to come kick and share the ball with some prominent players from the All Whites and premier AUFC/TKU teams.

Registration will also be open at the club for the day, as well as food and fun. Everyone is welcome to participate and make the most of the day. Click [HERE](#) to see our flyer.