



Newsletter

Tuesday 19 May 2020

Coming Up

Wednesday 27 June	Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30pm in the school staffroom)
Monday 1 June	Queen's Birthday - school closed
8 – 12 June	Book Week
Tuesday 16 June	Photolife in - class and individual photos
Thursday 25 June	3WLC (3.00 - 7.20pm)
Tuesday 30 June	3WLC (1.30 - 4.40pm)
Thursday 2 July	3WLC (3.00 - 7.20pm)
Friday 3 July	End of Term 2

Quick look:

- Thank you
- Device return
- Road patrol helpers needed please
- New compost bins

A warm KTS welcome to our two newest students – Ashton in Room 1 and Maryam in Room 2, plus Isaac in Room 1, who started school in a lockdown bubble under Level 3.

How great it is to have our classrooms and playgrounds filled with the bustle of learning voices and the excitement of re-connected friendships. We are starting this week off gently, as if it was the beginning of the year, settling students back in and re-establishing routines. There will be lots of art and drama going on, and devices are being put to one side for the time being.

We appreciate the alternative arrangements that have been made for drop off and pick up of students. It is great to see more children walking or scooting to and from school independently, or meeting parents in local streets. We avoided a large crowd at the gate yesterday afternoon which was excellent.

We were delighted to hear that we were successful in receiving nearly \$10,000 of MOE funding for a composting system to be developed at the school. Here they are with ex-parent, Richard Wallis, who has developed this composting system and came along to give us a lesson.



THANK YOU

We do know that for many of you the last few weeks have been difficult as you have worked through your own work commitments and tried to keep home learning going. Your efforts to ensure students were there for ZOOM meetings, and supporting learning was very much appreciated. Hopefully you all had some valuable family time to do things together, learn new recipes, new skills ... Listening to the children today, it seems that learning has happened in varied ways.

We are looking forward to some great discussions at our Three Way Learning Conferences at the end of the term. As you all have such an informed view of your child's learning, we are going to allocate 20 mins per conference rather than the 15 mins we have previously scheduled. We will let you know when the booking system is opened for these but in the meantime, put these dates in your diaries:

Thursday 25th June - 3.00 – 7.20pm

Tuesday 30th June - 1.30 – 4.40pm

Thursday 2nd July - 3.00 – 7.20pm

Students' goals in reading, writing and maths will be accessible in HERO at this time for students and parents.

Return of school devices

Please return the devices that were loaned for the lockdown period by handing them (and their chargers) to classroom teachers by Wednesday morning.

Road patrol supervisors

Our amazing team of volunteer parents has a couple of vacancies. If you can cover a Wednesday afternoon (2:45–3:15) or Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings (8:25–8:45), please let Catherine know (catherine@kts.school.nz). We would love to have you on board and also keep teachers in classrooms at this time.

Lost a ring?

A lovely ring has been handed in to the office. If you have lost one, please come to the office and describe it for its return to you.

We hope you are enjoying your week and a return to some degree of normality. It has been lovely seeing people as they drop off or pick up children as well. Thanks also for the acknowledgement of the distance learning programme that teachers provided. Take care everyone – *Alison and Catherine*



Spotlight on Sport

Update: No interschool sport will take place until Level 1. This includes the netball, basketball and flippaball weekly competitions. Depending on when we go into Level 1, the coordinator of each sport will then decide if there is enough time for the season/term to go ahead. It is likely that basketball and flippaball

will not return until Term 3.

All Central Zone (intermediates) events have been cancelled for Term 2. Zone events for Term 3 are yet to be confirmed at this stage.

Eden/Albert Zone (Years 4, 5 and 6) events have been postponed, with the possibility of them being cancelled, until Level 1.

Jump Jam: Jump Jam has indicated that they will still have local competition this year. However, the dates are yet to be scheduled. Practices will continue next week until we know anything further.

Any questions, please email Katie at katie@kts.school.nz

Belonging to KTS

Second-hand uniform donations

The lockdown provided a perfect opportunity for some families to sort out cupboards and wardrobes. With that in mind, the PTA welcomes any donations of clean unused items for the next second-hand uniform sale (date to be advised). Due to limits on the number of people allowed in the office area, we would appreciate if donations can be dropped off by students.



Community Notices

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Bricks 4 Kidz

The Bricks 4 Kidz programme will be back this term, starting on Tuesday 2nd June. This class will be offered to all the children that attended in Term 1 so they can finish the programme they started. More information to come.