



Newsletter

Tuesday 26 May 2020

Coming Up

Wednesday 27 June	Board of Trustees Meeting (6.30 pm via Zoom)
Monday 1 June	Queen's Birthday – school closed
Tuesday 2 June	Bricks 4 Kidz for Term 2 starts
	PTA Meeting (7:30pm in the staffroom)
8 – 12 June	Book Week
Thursday 11 June	Author/ Illustrator visits
Friday 12 June	Warm Fuzzy Day
Tuesday 16 June	Photolife - 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:

- Distance Learning reflections
- Board of Trustees Meeting

Talofa Lava

It is great to see our attendance at school back to normal. With over a week at school we are well into our new way of operating under Level 2. Thank you again for your cooperation with getting your children in and out of school. My update yesterday outlined some tweaks to ensure children are safe as they come into school. The pedestrian pathway should be used at all times, and please ensure if you do have to come into the school grounds that you have registered either at the gate or through the office if there is no one at the gate to record your entry.

Samoan Language Week

This week we celebrate Samoan language and culture. The theme for Samoan Language week is 'Tapena sou ōso mo lau malaga', which in English means 'Prepare yourself a gift for your travels'. This year's theme urges us to prepare for the journey ahead. It highlights the need to honour, respect and share the gifts of our life's journey – it can certainly be said we have been on an interesting journey of late so this theme is a reminder for us to treasure the good things we have learnt or experienced over the last 2–3 months. What is your gift to take forward in your journey over the next few months?

House Points

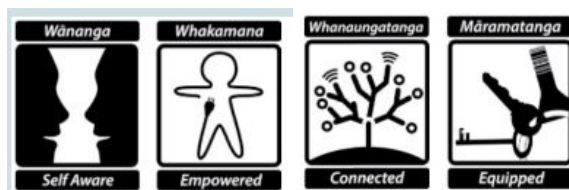
We have totalled up the house points allocated to each student who was acknowledged in our 'Celebrating Our Learning' newsletters over lockdown. Congratulations to **Hillary House!!**



Distance Learning Reflections

As a staff, we have spent some time reflecting on how distance learning has benefited our students. What is really clear is the increased level of independence, which has also been evident in our students making their own way to school (or to the classroom for our younger students) and back again at the end of day.

The KTS Learner Attributes, which are the key competencies within the New Zealand Curriculum, have clearly developed.



- Many of our students excelled in their achievements, which we believe was greatly supported by the time spent on Mathletics and Reading Eggs – this is reflected in the equipped attribute.
- Self awareness has also improved as students made choices about their learning activities and how to approach them from areas of strength.
- As evidenced in our Friday ‘celebrating our learning’ newsletters, students were very much empowered to achieve, whether that be from programmes that teachers suggested or those challenges students overcome within their family bubbles.
- Connected was a bit of a split. We all now know ZOOM, and students became more skilled in using Google Classroom. What was really evident was that our students missed those face-to-face social connections with each other.

We are looking at what we continue to offer students who really responded to the learning contract approach to their learning and how we can continue to grow the really important Learner Attributes outlined above. It is these that will ensure their ongoing success as independent, life-long learners.

As mentioned in previous communications, we really acknowledge the work that you did as parents to support that learning whilst managing your own work commitments. We know it wasn't always easy but hopefully you have a great insight to your child's learning dispositions as a result. It will make for interesting discussions at the 3-Way Learning Conferences at the end of the term. We will open up the bookings for these next week. As mentioned last week, we will not be writing end-of-term general comments in reports but will be opening up the goals and achievements levels in HERO, which we will take you through in the conferences. These will be 20 minutes, rather than the usual 15 min. Dates and times are detailed below:

Thursday 25 June	3WLC	3.00 - 7.20pm
Tuesday 30 June	3WLC	1.30 - 4.40pm
Thursday 2 July	3WLC	3.00 - 7.20pm

Board of Trustees Meeting – 6.30pm Wednesday 27 May

We are holding our May Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday. The Board will be meeting on site, but as we can only have 10 people we will have the meeting available via ZOOM as well. If you would like to join this meeting, please email me (alison@kts.school.nz) so I can send you the meeting invite.

On the agenda this month is

- Update on the three strategic goals for the year
- Consultation with the Board on the revised local curriculum (parents will be involved in consultation meetings next term)
- Update on progress for the school taking over the After-School Programme
- Update on the property planning due to start in Term 4

I know many of you, like me, are making plans for the long weekend. Please travel safe and if you are heading out early, please let the classroom teacher know so we can have children ready for early collection. You will need to come into the school office and register before heading to the classroom. Doug and I are looking forward to supporting the local tourism industry in Rotorua over the weekend – zip lining here we come!! Take care everyone – *Alison*



The advertisement features a background of various LEGO builds, including a large green and black motorized structure on the left and a blue and white tower on the right. A central white box contains promotional text and a photo of a smiling boy. Below this, a green gear graphic frames the 'bricks 4 kidz' logo and the tagline 'We Learn. We Build. We Play.' To the right of the gear, the school name and class details are listed. At the bottom, a blue banner provides enrollment information, and a green footer states the school's adherence to health and safety guidelines.

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