



# Newsletter

Tuesday 3 November 2020

## Coming Up

3rd – 5th Nov		Year 5 camp
Saturday 7 Nov		<b>PTA Trivia Night</b>
Monday 9 Nov		Kids for Kids Choir performance
Tuesday 10 Nov	2:30-3:15pm	Second-hand uniform sale
Thursday 12 Nov		School Athletics at Mt Smart (Yr 4–8)
18 – 20 Nov		Year 7/8 camp
Monday 23 Nov	7.00pm	Online Safety Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 24 Nov		Eden Albert Athletics Zones (Yr 4, 5 and 6)
Thursday 26 Nov		International night
Saturday 28 Nov		Eden Albert cultural festival
Tuesday 8 Dec	2.00pm	Year 6 Moving on Up
Wednesday 9 Dec		Year 8 Graduation
Friday 11 Dec		Prizegiving assemblies
Tuesday 15 Dec		Last day of the school year

## Quick look:

Talent Quest Final Information

Board of Trustees Update

- Community Survey Summary
- Policy / Procedure review

We move into a busy week, which sets the scene for the ones to come. Please check the calendar above and make sure your diaries are up to date.

Koru team has been at the zoo today, so be prepared for much sharing of new learning as your children come home tired but hopefully inspired.

We wish year 5 students a wonderful camp at Houghton's Bush near Muriwai. This is another school experience that has been shifted from earlier in the year. I would like to acknowledge the additional work done by teachers to prepare for this during a busy term and the parents who have made time to help.

Students have been auditioning for the Kohia Talent Quest, which is also a highlight of the year. Finals take place at lunchtimes next week.

Year 1 & 2 – Monday	Year 3 & 4 – Tuesday	Year 5 & 6 – Wed	Year 7 & 8 – Friday
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We end the week with the PTA trivia night on Saturday, please book a table if you haven't already – we have 9 tables all ready to have a fun night while supporting the school in this PTA fundraiser. Please remember the funds raised will go towards the employment of our music specialist and the development of the school garden area behind the hall. Xanthe White has kindly offered to help us in the planning of these garden spaces, which is so appreciated.

We look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday. – *Alison and Catherine*

## **Board of Trustees Update**

The Board held their October meeting last week. Please remember that the minutes of all our meetings can be found on the school website.

## **Community Survey Results**

The Board have spent some time analysing the results of their recent community survey. The full summary is available on request but for those more interested in an overview, here are the key points:

### General

- Overall response rates are in line with previous years
- It was encouraging to see that responses reflected all year groups
- We are conscious that the planned consultation evening with the Chinese community, where we would have gone through the survey in person, did not proceed due to COVID restrictions
- The overwhelming message from the parents is extremely positive. It is clear that Kohia Terrace School remains a school of choice, and that parents are proud to be part of our community

### Values

- There were a number of suggestions, including reference to our current school values, which the Board and school will consider as we review our curriculum

### Specialist teaching

- The community clearly value the additional funding spent on specialist teaching over and above what the Ministry of Education provides
- All of the suggestions for specialist teaching received support from the community, but feedback suggests that maths, science and languages are a higher priority for many people compared with music, sport, local history and dance/drama

### Communications

- There is value in continuing to use the newsletter, website and fortnightly email communications
- Many parents see the advantages of HERO
- There are issues regarding log in and navigation within HERO (which the school is endeavouring to address)

### Strengths

- The community clearly value the quality of our teachers
- The diversity of the community is valued
- There is a strong sense of community, which is appreciated by all
- The size of the school and its warm and friendly culture is also appreciated

### Challenges for the school

- The Board shares the community's concerns about
  - retaining and recruiting quality teachers
  - the implications of another COVID lockdown
  - future funding shortfalls
  - potential growth of the school roll

### What is already being done?

- [SchoolApps](#) is being introduced to ensure ease of access to the newsletter as the key method of communication to families
- The Board is working with the Ministry of Education around potential roll growth due to housing development in the school zone
- Of the five outdoor toilets, two have now been allocated to girls, two to boys and one remains gender neutral
- The school is fully staffed for 2021 with some impressive applicants for roles
- The school has reviewed the impact of the COVID lockdowns with staff and students and continues to focus on student wellbeing (a full update on our wellbeing work will follow)

### What next?

- The Board and Senior Leadership Team are reviewing the feedback around the school values and will prepare a document for community consultation
- Funding for specialist teachers and teacher aide classroom support will continue to be reviewed subject to funding availability from donations, government and fundraisers
- The Board will more regularly consult with the community around key policy and procedure changes

The full summary is available on request. Please email Alison ([alison@kts.school.nz](mailto:alison@kts.school.nz))

### School Policy and Procedures review

We reviewed the following procedures and have introduced a new one around school attendance. Please forward any comment to Alison ([alison@kts.school.nz](mailto:alison@kts.school.nz)) or to the Board directly ([ktsboard@kts.school.nz](mailto:ktsboard@kts.school.nz))

- [School Attendance](#) - a new procedure
- [School Enrolment](#)
- [Children With Special Needs \(CWSN\)](#)
- [English to Speakers of Other Languages \(ESOL\)](#)
- [Attendance Registers](#)

## BELONGING TO KTS

**Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at assembly in week 2:**

<b>Rm 1</b>	Ashton, Abby	<b>Rm 2</b>	Jonathan, Emily, Ahyaan	<b>Rm 3</b>	Myraah, Sofia, Vita
<b>Rm 4</b>	Mila, Tamoghna	<b>Rm 5</b>	Mishita, Sam, Vinnie	<b>Intermediate</b>	
<b>Rm 6</b>	Shanaya, Zoe	<b>Rm 7</b>	Emma, Oscar	Cindy, Spoorthy, Ben D Sarah, Christine, Leah Matthais, Anuksha, Sahana	
<b>Rm 8</b>	Kaya, Elaine, Michelle	<b>Rm 9</b>	Stella, Cody, Cherry		
<b>Rm 10</b>	Ritisha, James, Lulu	<b>Rm 11</b>	Rose, Max	<b>Principal's award</b>	
<b>Rm 12</b>	Connor, Ariya, Kaylee	<b>Rm 13</b>	Rachel, Enzo, William	Ruby, Adria, Ben D, Mrs Hartley	

### Mathex

Last Thursday evening, there was an intense race called Mathex. There were over 50 teams and a lot of them got 100 points. The competition was harder than we expected, the stadium was massive, located in the Barfoot & Thompson stadium. There were more than 100 people watching you do the competition, lots of cheering and noise surrounding you. Year 7 and Year 8 had two teams each and all four teams did very well considering this was a very large event and the questions were very difficult. Big thanks to Matua Joe and Whaea Laura who came to support us that evening. – Ben S. & Neo L.



### Security

A parent from the kindy next to the school has had their car broken into. Please be vigilant and do not leave valuables in your car when parking around the school.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS



### Tennis success

Boidehi recently competed in the Nationals Junior Tennis Teams Championship with the Auckland team in the Under 12s category. The Auckland team did exceptionally well against all five other regions, winning 37 of their 45 matches. She also competed in a tournament in the 2020 Tennis NZ Junior Masters Finals, becoming champion in the 12U Girls!

### Football

M Sports provided a football taster day on Monday and will be running their football programme every Wednesday at lunchtime starting the 11th of November. Click on the link below to sign up and find out more about the programme: <https://enrolmy.com/m-sports>



### Kohia Terrace School

- 5 weekly sessions
- Starts Wednesday 11th November
- Time: Lunchtime
- Venue: School Field
- Cost: \$59 per child,  
\$29 per sibling

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## PTA UPDATE



### Calendar Art

By popular demand, and because some of you missed out, we have opened up the orders for this again. Using the code you received last term, order online at [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com) Contact [becca@kts.school.nz](mailto:becca@kts.school.nz) if you have lost your code.

### Second-hand uniform sale

The PTA will be holding a final second-hand uniform sale on **Tuesday, 10th November** from 2:30 to 3:15 in the foyer beside the office. A limit of 6 items per family will apply until 3pm. Items can still be donated for the sale and are greatly appreciated so if you have any outgrown or surplus items that you would like re-homed, please drop these off to the office. All proceeds from the uniform sale will go towards our PTA fundraising for the year.

### KTS Kiwiana Trivia Night

It is finally happening! This much anticipated event is on this Saturday night. Get your costumes finalised and practice your general knowledge! Tickets must be booked by Thursday, and paid for by Friday. Don't miss out! To book your spot email [becca@kts.school.nz](mailto:becca@kts.school.nz)



## COMMUNITY NOTICES


[Orewa Summer Holiday Surf Programme](#)

[St Andrews Epsom Early Childhood Centre](#)

[Kids up Front Performing Arts Holiday Workshops](#)

[An evening with Nigel Latta: 10 November 7:30 – 9:30](#)

[Tennis Monsters - Eden Epsom Tennis Club](#)



**Kiwiana**

# KTS TRIVIA NIGHT!

**Saturday Nov 7th  
6:30-11pm**

**Tickets \$40 - Tables of 8-10  
Includes Platter & Pizza**

**Prizes for Best "Kiwiana Themed" Costumes  
Amazing Spot Prizes  
LOTS OF SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS  
*Book your table from the office now!***

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT?**  
QUIZ EVENTS

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