



Newsletter

Tuesday 30 June 2020

Coming Up

Tuesday 30 June	3WLC (1.30 – 4.30pm)
Thursday 2 July	3WLC (3.00 – 7.20pm)
Friday 3 July	9.00am – school assembly hosted by our intermediate students celebrating China.
Friday 3 July	Final day of Term 2

Coming up - put these dates in your diary

Friday 24 August	Keeping It Kiwi Quiz Day
Monday 17 August	Teacher only day
Saturday 29 August	PTA trivia night

Quick look:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic behaviour – thank you• Board Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Missing library books |
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I know many of you are looking forward to the upcoming holidays. Our staff certainly are. Thank you for all your support over the last term. I know it hasn't been easy for many as you have had to contend with your own work commitments while supporting your children in their learning. If you are taking some time to enjoy aspects of our wonderful country, travel safe.

Over the break we are having some minor works done around the school. The drainage issue between Room 9 and 14 is being sorted and all the guttering is being cleared.

Our intermediate students are hosting the school assembly on Friday with a focus on China. Everyone is most welcome, in particular our Chinese families, as we learn a little more about the home country of many of our students. At this assembly we will also be saying thank you to Michelle Nathan who has run the After School Care programme ever since I have been at the school (so over 13 years). On behalf of the school and the Board we would like to acknowledge her support of the school and for providing such a needed resource to our community. We take over the running of KTS OSCAR from Monday.

Keep an eye on the website for updates. I have added in the key dates for the major events of Term 4 on the website for your reference.

Traffic on Kohia Terrace – thank you

After my email requesting that parents respect the road rules we have seen a significant improvement at the start and end of the school day. We really appreciate, as our neighbours do, your manaakitanga (respect). We do urge students to continue to walk home if they can, or for parents to park away from the school to avoid that congestion around the school gate.

We have asked our road patrollers to wait until there is a group of students to cross to limit the frequency of signs being put out as a way of trying to maintain traffic flow. Catherine and I are meeting with the police and Auckland Transport on Thursday to talk through other options. Catherine and I will continue to oversee the school gate, hoping where we can.

Board of Trustees Update

Finally we approach the end of a long and unusual Term 2. We have all learnt so much, though perhaps not what we expected.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the Kohia Terrace School Staff for your commitment to the school, during what has been a challenging time.

Thank you to our teachers, who rapidly adapted and upskilled to manage the distance learning programme, adjusting to the needs of different families. Thank you to our teacher aides and specialist teachers, who have supported students and teachers in various ways. Thank you to our office staff; grounds staff; cleaning staff and all other staff who have adapted to changing hours and responsibilities over this time. That your work was done while also managing commitments within your own household “bubbles” is a credit to you all.

Thank you to Alison and the Senior Leadership Team for responding to frequent updates from the Ministries of Education and Health with your usual calm and coordinated approach. Communication with parents has been clear throughout the different Lockdown Levels. We know that the wellbeing of our children has been your priority during your tireless work.

Thank you to those parents who offered feedback during Lockdown Levels 3 and 4. We have since had student focus groups to gain their perspective on the distance learning programme, and staff feedback has also been sought so that, moving forward, we can continue to use the most successful digital technologies and teaching strategies. Our extended 3-way learning conferences this term will continue these conversations.

In Term 3 we will undertake our biennial staff and parent surveys. Parents will be asked for opinions on a range of key topics. Your input is very important to us, as a guide to our decision-making. While your answers remain anonymous, a summary of the results will be shared in the school newsletter.

One of our COVID-related challenges this year is a reduction in income, both from a reduced number of international students, and a reduction in parent donations compared with that expected for the year to date. This does have an effect on the staff, facilities, and programmes we can offer in the school.

You may have noticed new School Signage on the field. We are now able to advertise school events, but there is also room for you to book advertising space. This is available at a reasonable rate – please enquire via the Office – so that KTS families and those caught in Gillies Ave traffic can see your advertisement.

We are excited to introduce Sarah Heares, manager of our new After School and Holiday programme. This is now run by and for Kohia Terrace School, with any profit returning to our school.

Happy holidays to you all.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Kathleen Mistry on behalf of the Kohia Terrace School Board of Trustees

Missing library books

Here are just some of the books that have gone missing from the library over the last few months. If you find these at home please return them to Jane in the library as soon as possible.

Please note that these are a book series.



We look forward to seeing you in and around school for 3WLCs this week or on your return to school Monday 20th July. Have a wonderful holiday – *Alison*

Belonging to KTS

July School Holiday Programme

KTS is excited to be running the [July School Holiday Programme](#). We have two weeks of weird, wacky, and wonderful activities planned to keep our Kohia kids busy over the break.

Week one is **Super Heroes Week!** The Kohia heroes will assemble to create their secret hero identities, get their super fuel from delicious baking classes, and get active practising their villain-stopping skills! Then later in the week they can relax with an action-packed movie and snacks.

Week two is **Animals Week!** The Kohia critters will learn some fun & bizarre animal facts, work out like wild animals, play all sorts of games, and take a trip to Auckland Zoo. Then we'll celebrate a week of going bananas with chunky monkey milkshakes and a movie.

To book your child(ren) into the holiday programme simply follow this link: <http://kts.aimyplus.com>. From there you need to register your parent/caregiver profile and enrol your child(ren) and book them into any or all of the scheduled holiday programme activities. OR complete the [paper enrolment form](#) and send it through to Sarah or drop it off at the office.

If you have any questions email Sarah at afterschoolcare@kts.school.nz



Science



Year 6 students helping Year 3 students to weave spider webs



Intermediate students investigating angle of (fake) blood spatter as part of their forensic science unit



Year 4 students investigating the relationship between rubber band stretch and distance travelled, using fair testing

myKindo changes to POLi payments (instant bank transfers)

We have been advised that a service fee of 1% (capped at \$3) will apply for myKindo topups using POLi (instant bank transfers) from 6 July 2020. Internet banking continues to be FREE.

You will see these top-up options:

- Internet Banking (POLi) - will incur a 1% service fee (capped at \$3). Funds are instantly transferred.
- Credit/Debit Card - will incur 2.5% and 50c service fee. Funds are instantly transferred. Visa, Mastercard, American Express, China Union Pay.
- Internet Banking (at your bank) - FREE. Allow two days for processing of funds (normally next day). Orders can be automatically placed when the funds have cleared. Kindo is a Registered

Bill Payee with all major banks (search 'Kindo' to avoid entering their bank account number when using internet banking).

You can set up an Auto Payment or top up additional funds to your myKindo balance to avoid topping up each time, which will streamline your next purchase if you'd like to do so. Questions? hello@mykindo.co.nz

PTA update

Thank you to all those families who supported the Pie Day last week. We are delighted to have raised \$380, which goes towards the PTA total for the year.

A reminder also to keep collecting sponsors for our **Keeping It Kiwi Kids Quiz**, which will take place early next term.

KOHIA KOHA

We are getting some great items for sale on our Kohia Koha website – take a look! <https://sites.google.com/view/kohiakoha/home>

This is 'TradeMe', op-shopping, charity donations, car-boot sales, de-cluttering and recycling – rolled together with a feel-good factor. The Koha allows you to reduce your footprint and support our school.

You can list an item on 'Kohia Koha' in the hope that a sale will be made to benefit the school, or you can purchase an item from 'Kohia Koha', with the profit from this going directly to the school.

Items need to be clean, working and in good condition. The rest is up to your imagination. Books, toys, clothing, furniture, plants, home décor... Your 'trash' is likely to be someone else's 'treasure'!

All the details are on the website – but if you want to list an item or make a purchase, just send an email to: koha@kts.school.nz



TRIVIA NIGHT



Save the date - Saturday 29th August
Plan your table - Plan your costumes

We are keeping it KIWI this year
The theme for the night is KIWIANA



More details will follow!

Community Notices



To our Auckland whānau,

We would like to extend our gratitude for the support you showed our healthcare workers during the COVID-19 lockdown. During this period, there were national restrictions on services able to be

offered to minimise the risk of spreading COVID-19. This included restrictions on routine dental treatments and checkups. We kindly request your continued support as we commence our COVID-19 Recovery Plan. For the Children's Community Dental Service (Auckland Regional Dental Service), this means we need to firstly offer our dental appointments to children of highest clinical need before routine check-ups can be offered. We apologise in advance for the delays this will cause for children who are due a routine check-up. Please be assured that we will contact you as soon as we are able to offer your child an appointment with our service. If you would like to update your contact details and include an email address on your child's file, please email ARDS@waitematadhb.govt.nz. In the meantime, if your child is in pain or you have immediate concerns with their teeth, please phone your nearest Children's Community Dental Service clinic or 0800 TALK TEETH. Our staff will be available to discuss your concerns with you directly, and will offer your child an appointment if required. For more information as well as our top tips for keeping your child's smile bright, please visit ARDS@waitematadhb.govt.nz.

Need a Babysitter?

My name is Isabelle, I live locally, and am looking for babysitting work.

I have some babysitting experience, and coach a junior Netball team at school. I enjoy looking after and entertaining kids.

I am a former student of Kohia Terrace and Auckland Normal Intermediate and now attend Epsom Girls Grammar School.

I am happy to help out around the house, (do the dishes, fold laundry, dinner prep or tidy up, feed and look after pets etc).

I am available most evenings.

My phone number is 027 304 5858.

Girlguiding NZ

Our group meetings are back in the real world! We use fun, adventure and friendship to build girls' confidence and life skills. Join us today and bring more awesome to your daughter's world at a reduced fee. #youbetheguide.



Kiwi North

If you are looking forward to a well-earned break this school holidays, consider heading 'up North' for an inexpensive day trip for all the family. See our kiwi chicks, ride a heritage train and have some fun with us! Click [HERE](#) to see more.

Take a Kid Fishing!

We are a fishing charter business based at Z Pier, Westhaven Marina, Auckland and specialise in every type of recreational fishing on our beautiful Hauraki Gulf. We are dedicating day trips this coming July school holidays to Take A Kid Fishing, an event for kids. The main purpose is to promote fishing to budding new fishermen and women (next generation). Kids being locked up for six weeks will be eager to try outdoor activities, so we are encouraging adults (parent/guardian/older sibling/friend) to Take a Kid Fishing – for more info see <https://www.seahawk.co.nz/charters/copy-of-charters/>

[Little Scientists School Holiday Programmes](#)

[Mt Eden Tennis Club Holiday Programme](#)

[Mt Eden Tennis Club Term 3 Coaching](#)

[Parnell Tennis Club Junior Programme](#)

[Kids Up Front Performing Arts Holiday Programme](#)

[Auckland United Football Club Holiday Programme](#)

[Fine Young Artists Art Safari Holiday Programme](#)