

Newsletter

Tuesday 9 June 2020

Coming Up

8 – 12 June Thursday 11 June Friday 12 June **Book Week** Author/ Illustrator visits Snuggle Up With a Book Day

(Warm Fuzzy Day) – bring a can Friday 12 June Year 0 ballot applications close

Friday 12 June Snell Wheels Day

Tuesday 16 June Photolife - class and individual photos

Thursday 18 June Year 7/8 Immunisations

Intermediate Open Evening 6:30–7:30pm School assembly hosted by Room 1 (9.00am)

Fri 19 June School assembly hoster 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 Final day of Term 2

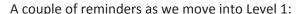


Quick look:

- It's Book Week!
- Level 1 at KTS
- Introducing our new After School Manager
- 3WLC bookings open
- Keeping It Kiwi Fact-a-thon

It was great to gather the knowledge of our Tongan students and celebrate Tongan culture together at Room 8's "Zoom" assembly on Friday. Some of us are still singing the lovely song you taught us!

Congratulations Snell for winning the house points competition this week – you have won a Wheels Day at lunchtime on Friday, so please bring your bikes and scooters to enjoy after eating lunch.



- we have returned to normal finishing times for all students
- please respect parking rules by avoiding driveways and yellow lines on Kohia Terrace and Gillies Avenue.



We are super excited to be welcoming two authors into the school on Thursday; Heather Haylock and graphic artist Toby Morris. Heather Haylock tends to write picture books, with The Champion Knitter very much enjoyed by Room 2 when I read it to them on Friday.



Toby Morris is a New Zealand cartoonist, comics artist, illustrator and writer, best known for non-fiction online comics that highlight social issues. He has also written and illustrated two picture books — 'Capsicum, Capsi Go' and 'The Day the Costumes Stuck'.



Both these authors write books well loved by our students so we are looking forward to hearing what inspires them and for them to answer our questions.

Friday is our 'snuggle up with a book' day. Students can opt to come dressed as a book character or in warm snuggly clothes such as a onesie. As is traditional with our Warm Fuzzy Day, we are asking for a donation of canned goods for City Mission.

Three Way Learning Conferences (3WLC)

Bookings are now open for our Three Way Learning Conferences on Thurs 25th June, Tues 30 June or Thurs 3 July. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, MAKE A BOOKING and then use the event code **h5kyp.**

Please remember that the conferences are 20 mins to allow for some rich sharing of information as a result of distance learning. You will have access to your child's learning progress and achievement information through HERO from this time.

We look forward to seeing you in school for these important meetings.

Continuing independence under Level 1

We have loved seeing SO many of our students being dropped off at the gate each morning and see them walk, run or even skip into school. They have taken responsibility for getting themselves sorted for the start of the day, connected with friends or chatted to their teachers before the learning day begins. We would love, as we enter Level 1, for this to continue.

We do acknowledge though that parents enjoy touching base with each other or asking that quick question of the classroom teacher. We are suggesting maintaining that independence Monday to Thursday and on Friday we are looking into having a coffee van in school from 8.30am and making this more of a social time. School assembly is every second Friday morning at 9.00am, so you could even stay with coffee in hand for that.

Level 1 at KTS involves no major changes to what we are doing to ensure it is safe for everyone to attend. We have a good cleaning routine in place, people who are sick need to stay at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices. This includes wiping tables down once a day and keeping hand sanitiser in place for students and staff to use

Whilst we are not at the gate to ensure we are contact tracing, we are supporting tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances or on our website if you are coming into school – so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app, the Ministry of Health's <u>NZ-COVID Tracer app page</u> has information to help you do that.

Keeping it Kiwi - our 2020 fact-a-thon



At the PTA meeting last week we decided to get underway with our fundraising initiatives again. Our theme for this year reflects our unity as a nation and the success we have had in eliminating COVID-19, so it is a **KEEPING IT KIWI Fact-a-thon.** This is a chance for our students to learn new facts and figures about our own national bubble, and to get some sponsorship from friends and families for doing so.

The money raised by the PTA this year is funding our wonderful music teacher Micaela, the robotics resources for use across the school, and the development of garden areas behind the hall. I have asked Xanthe White (Jacob and Sophie's mum)

for her guidance with this and she is underway. Louise Coulter is working with a group of our talented Year 7 mathematicians who are mapping this area for Xanthe to use.

This year we are keen for this event to be developed by our community for our community. We are asking for students to suggest questions for any one of our five categories and want to give you the opportunity also. Students will need to answer 20, 30, 40 or 50 questions (depending on year group) around the following themes: NZ History, Geography, Science/Environment, Notable New Zealanders and Being Kiwi.

	NZ History	NZ Geography	NZ Science/ Enviro	Notable NZers	Being Kiwi	Total # Questions
Year 1 / 2	4	4	4	4	4	20
Year 3 / 4	6	6	6	6	6	30
Year 5/6	8	8	8	8	8	40
Year 7/ 8	10	10	10	10	10	50

The knowledge gained by learning these facts will be important for all New Zealanders and will go beyond 'kiwiana' and stereotypes: the goal is to build broad understanding in a bicultural and multicultural sense. If you have questions you would like to suggest, please click on this <u>LINK</u> to complete the form.

We will share more information next week, but in the meantime have you got questions that you think our students need to know? If so, click on the link to the form and make your suggestions.

Introducing Sarah Heares – our new After School Care Manager

Hi, my name's Sarah and I'm the new After School Care and Holiday Programme Manager here. I have a background in Fine Arts, especially painting. I love cats, the colour pink, and going for walks with my friends. I look forward to getting creative and having lots of fun over the School Holidays and throughout the term. We have a lot of exciting ideas that we've been working on that we can't wait to share with you. Keep an eye out for next week's newsletter for more information about what we will be getting up to over the school break!



Enjoy your week as we enter an even higher degree of normality, everyone.

Alison

Belonging to KTS

Certificates presented at assembly last week:

Rm 1	Alistair, William	Rm 2	Maryam, Jonathan		
Rm 4	Phoebe, Jithumi	Rm 5	Eddie, Xinyue	Intermediate	
Rm 6	Vincent, Yi Fei	Rm 7	Avery, Adam	Ruby, Gavin, Poppy, Jun, Noah, Jessi, Dillon	
Rm 8	Kyra, Byron, Lucy	Rm 9	Nethuli, Chloe, Momina	Jessi, Dili	IOII
Rm 10	Frank, Lucy	Rm 11	Keerthi, Anna, Roman	Excellence certificates Annamie and Helena Cultural Ambassadors Scarlett and Tali	
Rm 12	Scarlett, Dhyreille, Nisi	Rm 13	Audrey, Matthew, Avineil		

Literacy awards

Congratulations to the following students:

Bronze – Alisha Rm 11
Cobalt – Tommy Rm 10, Mayoori Rm 10
Silver – Eloise & Laura Rm 12

PhotoLife

PhotoLife will be at school next Tuesday 16 June for individual and class photos. If you would like a sibling photo, please collect a form from the office. These will need to be returned by Monday 15th.

Yummy Stickers

Thank you to every class who are completing their yummy sticker charts. These are a great way for us to earn free sports equipment for the school. If you want to download your own yummy sticker chart - go the parents page of the website https://kts.school.nz/parents/

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Wednesday, 24th June at 2:30 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 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.

Entertainment Membership

If you bought an Entertainment Book last year it will be expiring now. Get your new Entertainment Membership today to support Kohia Terrace School.

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

Year 0 Ballot for Out-of-Zone Enrolments for 2020

Kohia Terrace School will be holding a Ballot on Friday 19th June 2020 for out-of-zone enrolments for 2020 Year 0 entrants. Applications must be submitted before 12pm Wednesday 17th June 2020. You must complete this <u>online application form</u>.

If you have any questions please contact Florin (florin@kts.school.nz) or Ph 630 4525