



# Newsletter

Thursday 18 February 2021

## Coming Up

Thur 18 Feb		<del>Meet the teacher</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>
Fri 19 Feb	10.00am	School Assembly held outside - no parents please
Wed 24 Feb	6.30–8.30pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri 26 Feb	9.00–12.30	Year 5– 8 Swimming Sports
1–12 Mar		Year 7 & 8 Urban Camp
17–19 Mar		Year 5 Camp
7–9 Apr		Year 6 Camp

### Quick look:

- Meet the teacher
- Assembly
- Swimming
- School access

Welcome back to school. It is great to have students back learning on-site. Thank you for your support of the distance learning programmes and for juggling your own workload with student activities. We appreciate the positive feedback that has come through regarding communication and programmes.

Almost everyone in the school has been remembering their hat - amazing. Keep up the great work.

We have a few updates on events going forward.

- 1. Meet the Teacher** - **tonight's event is cancelled** as we are unable to have gatherings on site. Next week teachers will send out their class booklets and will record a short video to accompany these. They will host year group zoom meetings on Wednesday and Thursday evenings (times will be confirmed next week); camp information for senior classes will be discussed at this time.
- 2. School assembly** - we will gather outside, in a socially distanced way, as a school tomorrow morning for our first assembly. It is important to establish some school community spirit at this stage of the year. Students will be receiving certificates based on our new Kohia Learner Competencies, which you will hear more about as the term progresses.
- 3. Access to school** - as requested by the Ministry of Education, parents are asked to remain off-site as much as possible. Access to school is at the main entrance and bottom gate. The junior gate will be locked.  
If you do have to enter the school to drop or collect your child (year 1s only), please scan the QR code. Parents are not permitted to enter classrooms  
If you have to come in during the day, please sign in at the office.  
As children enter the school, please remind them to walk on the pedestrian access ways, not on the driveway.
- 4. Swimming** will go ahead next week for years 5–8, with swimming sports (optional for students) on Friday at the Auckland Normal Intermediate pool. Please see note under sports at KTS.

5. **Camps** this term are running as planned, as long as we continue at Level 2 or above.
6. **Road patrol supervisors** - your support is so appreciated! We would still love to recruit a few more to do afternoon duties in particular. Please consider sparing 20 minutes a week to help us out and email [catherine@kts.school.nz](mailto:catherine@kts.school.nz) if you can.
7. **Kohia Kid Zone** (our after school care programme) is also back in operation as of today.

Here's hoping for a calmer end to the week and for smooth sailing going forward.

– *Catherine*

## **BELONGING TO KTS**

### **Second-hand uniform sale**

The PTA hopes to hold a second-hand uniform sale in the next week or two, so if you have any unwanted or outgrown uniform items you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office – all donations greatly appreciated, and all proceeds will go towards the PTA fundraising goal.

### **CHESS Club**

Chess Power runs a chess class every Wednesday from 12:40 to 1:30 pm in Room 4. The fee is \$120 for the term per student (this is a 10-week programme). If your child is interested in learning to play chess, or improving their game, visit the website: [www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration)

It is easy to register. Just choose your school/group and fill out the online form. A payment link will be available to you on the form. Payment can be made online by bank transfer or credit card via PayPal.

## **SPORTS AT KTS**

### **Basketball**

Basketball teams have been decided and parents and students notified.

Full practices start next week.

Wed 7:45 - 8:45am training for Year 5/6 team and Year 7/8 mixed team.

Thursday 7:45 - 8:45am training for Year 7/8 boys team.

Games were scheduled to start next week, but are delayed until we are in Level 1 as we cannot mix school bubbles in Level 2.

### **Flippaball**

Games started last week, but will be delayed until we are in Level 1 as we cannot mix school bubbles in Level 2.

### **Swimming**

School swimming sports will go ahead as scheduled for 26 February at A.N.I. However, there will only be students and parent helpers allowed onsite, no spectators in Level 2. If we move to Level 1 we will invite parents to watch.

Each year group will have one session at the A.N.I pool to practise for the competition.

## After-School-Care Position

### After-School-Care / Holiday Programme Assistant

Permanent part-time position commencing 1 March 2021

Looking for a part-time job?

Do you love working with children?

Is your idea of a dream job being part of a flexible, energetic, and positive team?

We are looking for an enthusiastic worker to help run our After-School / Holiday programme.

Our ideal candidate needs to enjoy working with young people, be a team player, and always show up with a smile. This job requires flexibility and teamwork to make sure we can provide the best care possible.

Please refer to the [attached job description](#) for details on the role.

#### Job requirements

You need to be over the age of 16 years and be a New Zealand citizen or have the right to live and work in New Zealand.

#### Hours of Work

- TERM TIME (40 weeks): During the term, the hours are 3.00 - 4.45 Monday and Tuesday, and 3.00 - 6.00 Fridays. This totals 6.5 hours per week.
- SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (4 x 2 weeks): During the school holiday programme and "teacher-only" days, the programme hours are 8.30am to 4pm. 35 hours per week.
- *We are also looking at starting a before-school programme in Term 2 - so availability from 7.30- 8.30am, 5 days a week, should also be considered when applying.*

Please supply your CV, a letter of application outlining your suitability for the position and the completed application form to Sarah Heares, After-School-Care Manager, Kohia Terrace School, Epsom [afterschoolcare@kts.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@kts.school.nz)

**Applications close Monday 22nd February**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Table Tennis

The Auckland Table Tennis Association is offering two separate free 4-week after school *table tennis coaching* programs to Year 5 & 6 Primary students and

Year 7 & 8 Intermediate students from Central Auckland Schools. No previous experience in table tennis is required. Year 7 and 8 students have the option to sign up for sessions run on Tuesdays starting the 23.02-16.03 or Thursdays 25.02-18.03. The program for the year 5 & 6 students will start on Tuesday 23.03-13.04 or Thursday 25.03-15.04. The coaching will be held from 3.45-5.00 pm at the Auckland table tennis stadium, 99A Gillies Avenue, Epsom. *Registration will be based on a "first come first served" basis.* For more information or to register please contact Ebi Kleiser (ATTA Development Coach) ph.: 021 083 09994 or email: [tabletennisnr@gmail.com](mailto:tabletennisnr@gmail.com)

## Join Karate!

Kia Ora! We are SSKANZ Karate and we have been teaching karate for over 20 years. We are excited to start a new dojo at Kohia Terrace School.

We bring you highly qualified Senseis including World Karate referees and National coaches. We have produced many National Champions, Oceania Champions and an Olympic hopeful.

Check us out for more information [HERE](#)

Classes start from mid February 2021 every Tues and Thurs between 6:30-7:30 pm.

Address: 3 Kohia Terrace, Epsom.

Fitness - Discipline - Self Defense

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MANDARIN CHINESE?

Pistachio Mandarin Language Centre is offering Chinese lessons on Saturdays for ages 5+. Classes are 1 hour long and we cater for total beginners, higher beginners & adults, focusing on speaking and listening. Classes include fun activities and conversations to engage students and to immerse them in a Mandarin speaking environment. Come for the first free trial lesson.

Start: Term 1 Saturday 13 February 2021

Venue: Kohia Terrace School, Epsom

Please Email: [pistachiomandarin@gmail.com](mailto:pistachiomandarin@gmail.com) Website: [www.learnmandarin.co.nz](http://www.learnmandarin.co.nz);

Facebook: Pistachio Mandarin Language Centre Wechat, WhatsApp or text on 021 1846993

## Auckland Boys' Choir

Are you a Year 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 student who loves to sing? Join the Auckland Boys' Choir! Click [HERE](#) to find out more.



### Head Held High - Speech and Drama Lessons

These after-school lessons are held nearby at Epsom Community Centre. Find out more [HERE](#).

To enrol your child for music lessons at school,

complete an online enrolment form at [bitly.com/LEMS2021](http://bitly.com/LEMS2021)

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