



Newsletter

Tuesday 6 July 2021

Coming Up

7 July		Sheppard wear house colours (optional)
8 July		Kapa Haka perform at Epsom Library
8 July	1.30pm	Blessing of the māra kai
9 July		An Oldie but a Goodie Day (Age Concern awareness)
	9.00am	Assembly celebrating Scotland led by Room 8
	3.00pm	End of Term Ice cream sale
26 July		Term 3 begins
2–6 August		Maths Week
3 August		Three-Way Learning Conferences
5 August		Three-Way Learning Conferences

Quick look:

- Oldie but a goodie
- Art Club mural completed
- Mid-year reporting

A warm welcome to Carter, who started in Room 5 last week.

Students enjoyed House Week, with many taking advantage of dress-up opportunities, creative activities and riding their wheels. Week 10 brings a few end-of-term celebrations including a local kapa haka performance, an appreciation of older people and of course the ice cream sale on Friday. We will be blessing the māra kai behind the hall before we begin building gardens over the holidays; the intermediates have been researching and planning for this initiative as part of their technology rotation.



Oldie but a Goodie

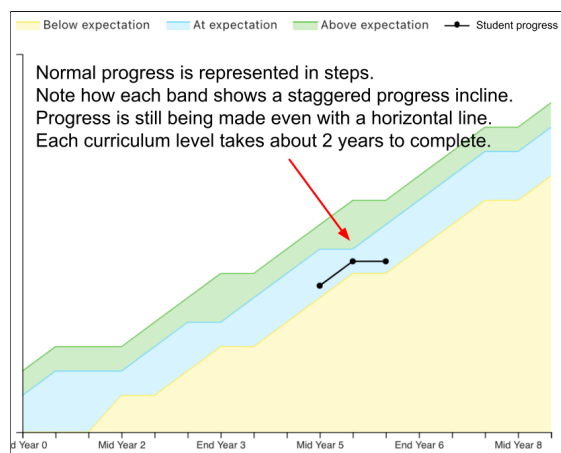
As a school we have been invited to participate in this week's Age Concern campaign. The idea is to explore the concept that age is to be valued and that the elderly people in our community need support. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite old clothes and donate a gold coin.

Mid-year reporting

Every few weeks students have shared some of their learning successes on Hero. The core curriculum posts show evidence towards achievement of the learning goals that have been set by either students or teachers. The steadily changing dials reflect the signing off of goals over the term. Please bear in mind that some goals have more content than others and will therefore take longer to complete. As many students have finished goals at the end of this term, there may be no new ones listed. They will be added early next term.

This week we are adding the graphs that also show progress (see the annotated example). Teachers use a variety of data sources to make their mid-year achievement assessments.

Over the course of one year, the software shows progress in a step-like format as indicated by the



coloured bands representing the expectations. Class teachers will be able to talk to these graphs fully at three-way learning conferences in Week 2 next term.

The Art Club's mural showcasing our new values is finished. Stop by the hall and take a look. We will be entering it into the Resene mural competition, so keep your fingers crossed! Thank you to Claire Smith, one of our university teaching students, for leading this project.



A reminder that school closes at 3:00pm on Friday this week and re-opens at 8:50 on Monday 26 July. Enjoy the break.

– Catherine and Alison

Message from the KTS Board:

It's hard to believe that we are already at the half-way point in our school year. Our students and staff have made the most of the stability in COVID levels this term. It is good to see students benefiting from the refreshed learning spaces as the construction team completes their work.

At our June meeting we were impressed by the Travelwise student leaders Poppy, Ruthie and Rosanna. They are passionate about promoting environmentally and safety-conscious access to and from KTS. Catherine Palmer continues to lead work in this area, with ongoing input from Auckland Transport. As always we are grateful for our Road Patrol Volunteers.

The KTS Leadership team and Board have begun to prepare for our upcoming ERO review. There is quite a new process for ERO reviews with one person being assigned to work with the school on a long-term basis. They will work with the school in an area of our choice more in the role of a critical friend rather than a reviewer. We will be interested to see how this progresses over time. Please keep a look-out in Term 3 for the Parent Questionnaire on the Delivery of the Health Curriculum at KTS. Your response will help inform our practice.



The Board has spent the last term transferring our school policies to SchoolDocs - an online service which maintains, updates, and reviews our policies. SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://kts.schooldocs.co.nz> . Our username is "kts" and password "passion". The school website has also been updated with the link and information on how to access our school policies.

2022 is a School Board Election Year. We welcome those who are interested in seeking a role on the Board to attend our meetings as this gives you a real idea of what the Board does, or to discuss your interest with Alison or a member of the Board.

Unwell staff and students continue to be expected to stay home and seek medical advice, to help keep us all well. Unfortunately there are very few relief teachers available in Auckland at this time. The School Board would like to thank the staff, and senior leadership team in particular, for the extra work required to cover absent colleagues.

We have been impressed by KTS staff's enthusiastic uptake of Professional Development opportunities this year. Congratulations to Alison, who continues to be recognised for her work in Coaching in Education. The Growth Coaching model is well established now in KTS, with clear benefits for the wellbeing of our students. Alison is increasingly called on to share her Coaching expertise with schools in our region, and internationally.

BELONGING TO KTS

Kohia Kids July School Holiday Schedule

Children will be provided with structured group activities as well as free time for self-directed play.

Week One - Winter Warmers

MONDAY: We have a day of fun activities with this week's theme, Winter Warmers. Learning to stitch followed by making wheat bags. 3D winter paintings. Then a movie with a hot milo.

TUESDAY: TRIP DAY! We're off to Kelly Tarltons. Dress warm! Kids should pack a lunch but we will escort them to the cafeteria to buy lunch if required. Arrive at school by 9.45am. We return 2.30pm.

WEDNESDAY: What's the best way to cook a S'more? Solar powered oven of course! Let's learn how to stay warm with the bare minimum using science. Then we'll make some sock bunnies.

THURSDAY: TRIP DAY! We're going to Inflatable World. NO SOCKS, NO PLAY. Arrive at school by 9.30am. We return 2.00pm

FRIDAY: Let's get moving with a game of ice hockey where the puck is made of ice. Who can score before it melts! If that isn't your speed kids can have fun with ice chalk. Then we'll have a fun painting activity.

Week Two - Cartoon Heroes

MONDAY: We have a day of fun activities with this week's theme; Cartoon Heroes. We'll learn about stop motion and have a go at making our own movies.

TUESDAY: TRIP DAY - Event Cinema Newmarket for *Space Jam* (PG). Arrive at school by 9.45 at latest for our walk to Westfield. Returning at 2.00pm

WEDNESDAY: Get creative with some drawing technique lessons before we design ourselves as cartoons. After lunch we'll make some slime!

THURSDAY: TRIP DAY - We're off to Woah Studio! We'll watch a stage performance of *The Cheshire Cat's Smile* before play time on their amazing playground!

FRIDAY: Learn how to draw your favourite cartoons. Kids can bring their own references from home if they like! Then get funky with tie dye! We'll supply a plain tee or bring your own item!



Huskies Report

On Wednesday the 30 June, the Intermediates were visited by a national basketball team called the Sky Tower Huskies who came to our school to teach us all about basketball.

The Intermediate students were first given lessons about the basics of basketball, starting from dribbling, shooting lay-ups and after we practiced all those skills, we were able to test them in a scrimmage. Even the Huskies' mascot had a go!

The Huskies then invited us to an overall health talk which we learnt contained 5 pillars of life, they were: health, life skills, self, purpose and tribe. Each of these pillars represents something, for example self represents positive mindsets, emotions and self awareness which is in fact one of our school's values; 'Whanaungatanga'. We learnt about a healthy lifestyle and we had a test to see whether we were healthy or not. Finally, the Huskies were running out of time and they had to leave, but before leaving, we received a diary to keep track of our health. Hopefully we can be lucky enough to get this amazing opportunity again. *By Sanjit, R16*

Barfoot & Thompson Young Authors Challenge 2021

Calling all creative young writers! The Young Authors Challenge is a short story competition and we want to hear from you. Put words to paper and tell us all about someone special who you look up to in your community and you can win some incredible prizes! **Entries close:** 26th July 2021.

Primary: up to 250 words, **Intermediate:** up to 500 words

Send submissions to youngauthorschallenge@barfoot.co.nz with your name, age, school and the title of your story.

SPORTS

Netball results

Here are the results from 30 June to 5 July.

Y5 Hummingbirds	8	vs Three Kings - Emeralds	9
Y5 Phoenix	2	vs Three Kings - Hearts	7
Y6 Flames	14	vs Balmoral - Purple	8
Y6 Ravens	7	vs Mt Albert - Keas	9
Y8 Hawkes	9	vs St Joseph's - Cats	31
Y8 Keas	15	vs St Mary's - Mystics	9

PTA NEWS

Ice Cream Sale

Come celebrate the end of a busy term with an ice cream at the PTA ice cream sale outside the hall on Friday afternoon. Ice blocks \$2, Ice creams/Trumpets \$3. Cash only. If you are able to help supervise, please add your name [here](#).



School Pickup – Check out a great shopping site www.schoolpickup.nz where KTS gets 50% of the sales.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

2021 Central Auckland Primary & Intermediate Schools Table Tennis Team Competition – Term 3

Contact: Ebi +64 21 083 09994

Entries close on Wednesday 28th July 2021.

The competition will consist of A & B Grades. All teams to consist of a minimum of 3 players and a maximum of 5 players. Teams may be a mix of genders. In any given session of the competition three players will play 2 singles matches each and any two of the registered players for a team will combine to play one doubles match. (7 matches in total per contest) Each match will be the best of 5 games to 11 points.

Venue: Auckland Table Tennis Stadium, 99a Gillies Avenue, Epsom.

Competition Dates: Wednesday Aug 4th (Grading) Wednesday Aug 11th , 18th , 25th Wednesday Sept 1st , 8th , 15th , 22nd

Session time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm Entry fee: \$120 per team

All teams must supply their own balls, however these may be purchased from the night co-ordinator for \$1.50 each. School sports uniform and non-marking sport shoes should be worn at all times.

Next Level Basketball Term 3 Training Camps – Registration for Teams, Years 5–8

Registrations are OPEN for Term 3 Training Camps. Perfect for all skill levels, all ages, boys and girls are welcome. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

United Swimming Club

Are you competitive, want to improve fitness, or simply swim for enjoyment? Come try out squad swimming with United Swimming Club. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Auckland Netball Centre July school holiday programme

Auckland Netball offers various school holiday programmes for July 2021. The programmes are offered at 2 different locations: St John's Netball Centre or Maungawhau Primary School. Please refer to the [Auckland Netball Holiday Programmes](#) for detailed information and registration.

Head Held High

Speech and drama lessons at Epsom Community Centre. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Fine Young Artists art classes

Find out more about term 3 art classes [HERE](#)

School holiday tennis at Parnell Tennis Club

Find out more [HERE](#)

Mt Eden Tennis Club holiday programme

Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

