



# Newsletter

Tuesday 23 February 2021

## Coming Up

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| 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   |
| Fri 5 Mar  | 9.00        | School assembly - hosted by Year 3s (country of focus - Fiji) |
| 17–19 Mar  |             | Year 5 Camp   |
| 7–9 Apr    |             | Year 6 Camp   |

## Quick look:

- Meet the Teacher – lets go digital
- Parent Liaisons
- Riding bikes and scooters – what you need to know

Welcome back to Level 1. It is nice to see you back on site and touching base with teachers. I have received some really positive feedback regarding the school's response to lockdown last week, in particular around communication and the learning programme that teachers provided. We do appreciate this and thank you for taking the time to let us know. Preparedness for lockdowns has been a driver for all of us from the start of the year as we considered it to be more of a 'when' not 'if'. Whilst I did not anticipate we would be locked down quite so early in the year, it was a smooth transition from classroom to distance learning. I would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of our teachers but also you as our parent community for your work.

Our congratulations to Ruby, Kaylee, Tolson, Heidi and Madeleine for winning the Art in the Hood competition and thus having their art work displayed in the Kohia Terrace Bus stop. It looks amazing; please check it out next time you are going past.

We are very grateful to Auckland Normal Intermediate for access to their school pool this week as the university pool is out of action. The school Swimming Sports will be held at the ANI pool on Friday morning for those who want to compete.

Without a full aquatics programme in place we are reluctant to extend it to those less-able swimmers. Obviously now that we are back to Level 1, parents are welcome, however space is limited.

As I have been on the gate since the start of the year I have noticed some students, with parents, walking down the drive to the office. This is a vehicle access and to ensure students consider the safest way to enter school if coming in by themselves, we ask that all walking traffic use the pedestrian accessways.



## Meet the Teacher

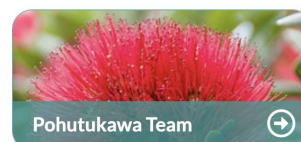
Although we could not have our on-site Meet the Teacher evening last week, we have decided to go with a technological alternative. Rather than just cancelling, we are really committed to ensuring you have good information about how the classes your children are in will operate this year and you have an opportunity to meet the teaching team.

Booklets for each year group can now be found on the school website ([kts.school.nz](https://kts.school.nz)). On the home page, please select the team your child is in, and you will find the links for the booklets next to the contact details for each teacher.

We are also going to be sending you a link to a video that we ask you to watch in your own time. They will be a quick 5- to 8-minute overview of the year. We are then going to be hosting a Zoom meeting for each year group to allow for general questions and answers and for that critical parent/teacher relationship to start developing. For those parents in Year 5–8 classes, we will also be covering off information about the upcoming camps.

The schedule for these zoom meetings are as follows:

| Wednesday 24th Feb                        | Thursday 25th Feb         |
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| 6.00 - Pohutukawa (plus camp information) | 6.00 - Year 6 (plus camp) |
| 6.30 - Rooms 1 and 2                      | 6.30 - Year 5 (plus camp) |
|   | 7.00 - Year 4             |
|   | 7.15 - Year 3             |
|   | 7.30 - Rooms 4 and 5      |



## Parent Liaisons – we would love you to get involved

Our parent liaisons for each class or year group are a vital tool in ensuring that sense of school community that we pride ourselves on grows. It is a great way to get to know other parents, have a deeper understanding of school behind the scenes, and for some there is that sense of service. We do ask that you attend the 'once a term only' PTA meetings and to coordinate the parents in your class to help with the various school events.

Wendy McRae and Tina Jerabek are co-chairing the PTA this year – thank you so much ladies. They have some great ideas for 2021. Please contact your classroom teacher if you would like to volunteer as the parent liaison for your class, or get together with a friend and the two of you liaise for the year group.

## Riding bikes and scooters

We are loving seeing the number of students riding bikes or scooters to school each day. It saves so much traffic congestion around the school and is such a great way to start and finish a day. According to the Code for Cycling with NZTA you must wear a helmet when riding a bike. This is in line with the school's [Road Safety Procedure](#) – the relevant sections are copied below.

### Cyclists

- A cycle helmet **must** be worn at all times (providing it has been well maintained and meets the required standards)
- The helmet must be adjusted correctly and securely fastened
- All bicycles must be walked in/out of the school grounds and across the pedestrian crossings
- Bikes must be stored in the bike stand provided.
- Students are responsible for providing and using a lock to secure their bike
- As recommended in the Transport Agency Code for Cyclists, **children from the age of 11** can ride unsupervised.
- Biennial bike safety programmes run by the Police will be delivered

### Scooters

- Scooters will be stored in the designated areas
- Parents are encouraged to supply a lock system for security purposes
- Students are encouraged to wear a helmet
- Scooters/e-scooters will be walked in and out of the school grounds as well as across the pedestrian crossings
- No charging for e-scooters will be offered at school

Our first camp of the year gets underway next week with the Year 7 & 8 Urban. This camp sees the students experience much of what Auckland has to offer. On Monday they head to Muriwai for a life-saving programme, Wednesday to Wero and Friday to Tiritiri Matangi. It will be a busy but great week I am sure.

Have a good week everyone. There are certainly some nice evenings to enjoy – *Alison*

## BELONGING TO KTS

### Kohia Kids Zone - How to Enrol

This is a friendly reminder that to enrol your child into after school care, they need to be enrolled on AIMYplus. To do this go to <https://kts.aimyplus.com/>

You'll need to create your parents log-in and then you can add your child/ren to your profile. They can be booked in for as many or as few days as you want. For after-school care we prefer as much notice as possible. If you are making your booking within 24 hours, please email us at [afterschoolcare@kts.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@kts.school.nz)

Once you have placed your booking it will appear as pending. This is so that we can be sure to arrange the staffing and resource needs that could pop up.



**Kohia Kids Zone**  
**FUN CHANGES FOR TERM 1**

Kids Zone now has four houses  
Doggolos, Bampuffarins,  
Midnight Monkeys, and Nuttletuffs.

**THERE ARE CHANCES TO EARN STICKERS EVERY DAY.  
EACH TERM, THE HOUSE WITH THE MOST COMPLETE  
CHARTS GETS A SPECIAL PRIZE!**

**BOOK NOW**  
**[HTTPS://KTS.AIMYPLUS.COM](https://kts.aimyplus.com)**

### 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.



**\* SURPRISE! \***  
**ezlunch** TURNS  
**10!**  
**PARTY**

Let us bring the party to you!  
Order ezlunch 8 - 19 March  
and **win party bags for your  
whole class** including a  
**\$10 ezlunch voucher** per child  
...AND there's **10 cupcakes**  
for the school office!

**THANK YOU, FROM US!**

Every order goes in the draw for a chance to win. One chance per order. Winner will be drawn on Friday 19 March 2021 and will be notified by phone or email. No correspondence will be entered into.

### ezlunch is celebrating turning 10!

Every [ezlunch order](#) delivered to school between Monday 8th and Friday 19th March will go in the draw to WIN party bags for your whole class to enjoy, including a \$10 ezlunch voucher per child.

Go to [ezlunch.co.nz](https://ezlunch.co.nz) (or direct to our school shop on [mykindo.co.nz](https://mykindo.co.nz)) to log in and place your order.

## CHESSE 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.

## 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 once appointment is made**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Little Day Out**

On behalf of the Mt Eden Village Centre Trust we would like to invite your students and their families to our free family fun day "The Little Day Out" here at the Mt Eden Village Centre.

**Little Day Out: Sat 06 March 2021 from 10am to 1pm.**


Location: Mt Eden Village Centre (449 Mt Eden Rd, church building next to Circus Circus)

This will be a fun and engaging free event including: **pony rides**, a children's flea market, **weird and wonderful animal zoo**, face painting, a **magic show**, **poi dance**, craft activities, live music, **Nanogirl** science display, delicious food stalls and much more...


## Eden Rugby

Come and play at Eden Rugby! We would like to invite both new and returning players to enjoy the family friendly, all-inclusive environment that makes Eden Junior Rugby so special. It's where fun, friendships and fitness all come together. We love our game and we just want the kids of our community to enjoy it too.

Registrations begin in March, but you are more than welcome to have a chat beforehand to find out more. We have variations of the game (ie rippa and full tackle) along with weight, age and gender restrictions, to ensure the enjoyment and safety of all players. Please visit our website or contact Pete, Junior Club Captain on [juniorclubcaptain@edenrugby.co.nz](mailto:juniorclubcaptain@edenrugby.co.nz)



**REGISTRATION**  
On-line at [www.eden.rugby](http://www.eden.rugby)  
**WEIGH IN'S**  
Saturday's 13th & 20th March, 1-3pm | Thursday's 24th & 31st March 5:30 - 7pm



## 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