



# Newsletter

Tuesday 23 March 2021

## Coming Up

Wed 24 Mar		Auckland Transport Walk to School day
	6.00pm	School Board of Trustees meeting – all welcome
Fri 26 Mar		Te Kanawa dress up as a character day
Mon 29 Mar	7.00pm	Maori hui to update our Maori action plan) - all welcome
1 Apr		Assembly led by Room 11 (Note: this is a Thursday)
2–6 April		Easter break (Note: the Tuesday is also a school holiday)
7–9 Apr		Year 6 Camp
13th / 15th April		3-Way Learning Conferences
6 May		School Discos
4 June		Teacher Only Day

### Quick look:

- Walk to School day
- Walk wheels at school
- Evacuation update (fire and lockdown)

It was such a treat to have our first proper assembly for the year on Friday. The Year 3 classes did an amazing job sharing their learning of Fiji facts, figures and traditional story. Thank you to all those parents who came along; it was great to see so many of you. Te Kanawa won the house point competition and can come to school dressed as a character on Friday. Happy planning!

There was a group of very happy campers returning to school on Friday afternoon. The Year 5s had a fabulous three days at Muriwai led expertly by Jo Bateman and Anusha Chebbi. Thank you sincerely to both these teachers for their efforts to ensure the camp went so smoothly. We also had an awesome group of parents attend to support the students. A very special thank you to these people also. We couldn't have done it without you. The intermediates have also been at Muriwai today on a rescheduled event from their Urban Camp. What a lovely day to be at the beach!



## World Happiness Day

What a day the students had on Friday – so many happy-looking people as we recognised World Happiness Day. Apart from wearing mufti, students enjoyed a fun-filled lunch time with face painting, dancing and crafts. Thank you so much to our multicultural team and Mrs Hartley for such a wonderful day.



## Walk to School Day – March 24

It's Walk to School Day tomorrow - would you like to be a Melville Marcher, walk with the Ranfurly Express, catch the Bowling Bus or Go with Gillies? Four walking school buses will meet at four different locations at 8:15, departing at 8:20. A map of routes is on the [website](#).

Bus	Meeting point	Route
The Melville Marchers	Melville Park playground	Along St Andrews Road, through university to school.
The Bowling Bus	In front of Mt Eden Bowling Club on Epsom Ave	Walking down Epsom Ave to turn right on Gillies Ave.
The Ranfurly Express	Marivare Reserve, Ranfurly Road	Down Ranfurly, turn left on Gillies, cross over at crossing
Go with Gillies	Bottom entrance to Melville Park, Gillies Ave	Along Gillies Ave, cross over Kohia Crossing

Locals can walk to the 'station' or if you live further away you can drive and meet us there (parking should be available near each stop). If you live along the route, look out for us and join on the back! The buses will be led by members of the school council, plus a parent or KTS staff member; parents are encouraged to walk with their children.

## Evacuations

### Fire

Yesterday morning we had an unplanned fire evacuation. Our students responded really well, quickly making their way down to the bottom court as they know they are required to do. We were concerned, however, to see parents ignoring the alarm and trying to get to classrooms, assuming that it was a fire drill. At that point the cause of the activation was unclear. A request please, that if we are required to evacuate buildings, that you also follow our processes and join us on the bottom court. It sets the right example for all.

### Lockdown

I do want to reiterate how impressed we were with our students' approach to our trial lockdown last Thursday. They were quiet and followed the expectations beautifully. If you did not get a text message it means that we do not have your correct cell phone number or you have indicated that you do not want to receive these notifications (if you are the second contact for your child). In our review, we decided that a message will also go out via WeChat to ensure successful communication with our Chinese families.

## Payments/tax claim

As we approach the end of the tax year, we would like to remind you that all donations to the school are tax deductible. We are very appreciative of all those parents who have paid the activity costs for the year and also the suggested school donation. It really does help the school to support learning by funding our large number of teacher aides and those extras such as our maths extension programme. Please check the financial section in your HERO to see what has been paid.

### Before-School Care

Thank you to those who responded to our survey about before school care requirements. It is clear that we need to open this up for the start of Term 2. We will get back to you about enrolment options and costs after our Board meeting on Wednesday.

### School Procedure Reminders

At assembly on Friday I reminded students about the requirement to walk wheels whilst in the school grounds. This relates to bikes and scooters. There are many children and adults around the school at the end of each day, so for the safety of all we ask that all wheels are walked until out of the school grounds.

We also ask that all dogs in the school grounds are under the control of an adult.

Finally, thank you to Waitakere Tree Services for the donation of mulch for our junior playground. So appreciated. We hope you have a good week everyone. Please remember you are most welcome at our monthly Board meetings. We have one on Wednesday evening – *Alison and Catherine*

## Kohia Kids Zone

### TERM 1 WEEK 8

Movement Monday:	Cosmic Kids Yoga
Tasty Tuesday:	Jello Creations
Weird Science Wednesday:	DIY Lava-Lamps
Arts & Crafts Thursday:	Tissue Paper Dye
Friday Flix:	Kids Choice Movie

In the lead:  
Bampuffarins

BOOK NOW

HTTPS://KTS.AIMYPLUS.COM

### BELONGING TO KTS

**Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at assembly last week:**

<b>Rm 1</b>	Max, Jonah	<b>Rm 2</b>	Myraah, Lucas, Claire	<b>Intermediate</b> Belle, Abigail, Archie, Owen, Cherry, Tangoi, Matt, Cindy, Isla
<b>Rm 4</b>	Ava, Arianna	<b>Rm 5</b>	Abby, Heiaan	
<b>Rm 6</b>	Andrew, Eddie	<b>Rm 7</b>	Hayley, Zac	
<b>Rm 8</b>	Floyd, Bader, Avineil	<b>Rm 9</b>	Ryansun, Lachlan, Sophie	
<b>Rm 10</b>	Ray, Alexandra, Julian	<b>Rm 11</b>	Leo, Hashir	<b>Excellence</b> Yash, Arthur Abi (Teacher Aide)
<b>Year 5s at camp</b>				

### SPORTS @ KTS

#### Central Zone Swimming Sports

On Thursday 18th March, we participated in the Central Zone School Swimming Sports. The competition was very tough, against all of the other fastest swimmers from schools in central Auckland. Well done to Linda who came 2nd in her 50m breaststroke heat and qualified for the final, in which she placed 5th. Well done to our other competitors who swam their hearts out and showed perseverance and integrity – you represented our school so beautifully!



## KTS Netball 2021

Netball season 2021 is approaching at Windmill Reserve. For more information please click [here](#).

The season will start on 10 May and the cost will be approximately \$115 for the season.

All players, coaches, managers and umpires – please follow this [link](#) to complete your registration before Monday 29 Mar (individual registrations required for each role).

Note: dates, teams and trials are all subject to Covid-19 alert levels.

**For any questions, please email Phoebe on [sports@kts.school.nz](mailto:sports@kts.school.nz)**

## KTS PTA 2021 Update

Hello parents and families! Welcome to Term 1, 2021.

After a bit of a shaky start, we finally had our first PTA meeting on 15th March. A busy year stretches ahead of us and we just want to let you know more about the two main projects we have planned, and a couple of upcoming events.

The PTA has been given a fundraising target of \$30,000 again this year. The funds are going towards the redevelopment of the under-utilised area behind the hall. This **HALL GARDEN** has been designed by Xanthe White and will be developed by Erynn and the Intermediate students. All classes will, however, be able to learn from this garden once it is established.

The area will reflect the way the land was used in the past. Our vision is that this space will allow children to learn a wide range of skills from gardening and growing food, to sustainability and recycling. Students will also have the opportunity to learn about marketing and selling of compost or produce they have grown, with any profits being returned to the project. We are excited to have been given the opportunity to support this very tangible venture.

One of our main fundraising projects this year is the publication of a **COOKBOOK**. This will be titled KOHIA KAI – a celebration of our community. And we are hoping that it will be exactly that – a book that brings together our multicultural community through recipes that we treasure. We are hoping to have the book ready for release at the school's 25th anniversary celebration in Term 4.

We need your help, however, to make this project a success. In particular, we are looking for:

- Help with food styling and photography
- A photographer who is also happy to help with photos of our school and the children
- Additional help with editing and marketing/distribution
- Your favourite recipes! Anything from meat to mocktails, cakes to curries. Please download the [recipe template](#), fill it in, and email it to us. We are keen to have all the recipes in by the end of May.

Other events to mark on your calendars include:

The end-of-term **ICE CREAM SALE**. After school on Friday 16th April.

The annual **SCHOOL DISCO**. Cancelled last year due to CoVID – this glow-in-the-dark Disco promises to be a highlight for the children. It is being held the first week of Term 2 – Thursday May 6th. With facepaint, a sausage sizzle and lots of drinks and chips, this is a dance not to be missed!

The **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is being held 10th–13th May (the second week of Term 2).

Books will be available to purchase on Monday to Thursday afternoons, and Tuesday morning. We need at least three volunteers to help run each session. Please add your name to [this document](#) if you can help with this.

As ever, we appreciate your support. And of course, encourage you to become involved in our school community.

Wendy McRae ([wendymcrae24@gmail.com](mailto:wendymcrae24@gmail.com))

Tina Jerabek ([tinajerabek@hotmail.com](mailto:tinajerabek@hotmail.com))

PTA co-chairs



Thanks to the very generous support of Manuka Doctor, the KTS PTA have several premium jars of Manuka Honey available to purchase, with all proceeds benefiting the school. Please contact the office or email [becca@kts.school.nz](mailto:becca@kts.school.nz) to purchase.

Manuka Doctor *Manuka Honey*  
Premium 970+ MGO Honey

Value: \$150 each  
**KTS price: NOW ONLY \$50**



Entertainment memberships – [BUY NOW](#) to support the KTS PTA

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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 from World Karate Referee and National Coach. We have produced many National Champions, Oceania Champions and an Olympic Hopeful.

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

Classes run every Tues and Thurs between 6:30-7:30 pm at Kohia Terrace School Hall

**Class starting today 16th March. Join today for some free trials!**

**Fitness - Discipline - Self Defense**



**Drama tuition at Kohia Terrace School**

– see more [HERE](#)

**ST PAUL'S COLLEGE**  
183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby  
Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13



**OPEN DAY**  
Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9 in 2022  
*Limited enrolments at other levels*

**New date: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
**9.30am or 1.45pm**  
**Assembly in the College Chapel. Then a tour of the College by senior boys**

*St Paul's is a school that is in the business of educating young men in the Catholic tradition.  
Its purpose is about the achievements in the classroom, sports arena and music hall.*

**"Building Men of Courage since 1955"**  
(Parking available on-site)