



Newsletter

Thursday 4 February 2021

Coming Up

Fri 12 Feb	9.00am	Powhiri
Thurs 18 Feb	5.30–7.30pm	Meet the Teacher Evening
Fri 19 Feb	9.00am	School Assembly
Wed 24 Feb	6.00–8.00pm	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:

- School renovation update
- School App – please download
- Meet the Teacher Evening

Here we are at the start of another school year. We certainly hope you have had a wonderful summer break. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all for the 2021 school year and in particular to those students who have started at Kohia Terrace School today. It is lovely to have you join our school community. We will be formally welcoming you at our powhiri next **Friday (12th February)** at 9.00am. All parents are welcome to join us for this very special ceremony.

I really enjoyed seeing many of you at the gate this morning. It is always good to get back to a normal routine isn't it. Thank you so much to all of you who have purchased school stationery already. If you could have that for the start of next week it would be really appreciated as we will be starting to work in books. I had some queries around school donation and other school costs – you will receive an email from Hero about this tomorrow. Finally, a reminder that all students need a hat to wear at break times and for outside activities every day. From next week, any student without a hat will need to go to Room 3 during break times so that we can follow up individually if necessary.

School renovation update

Work is on track for the completion of the Room 6 and 7 renovation. The Year 3 classes are starting the year in the hall in an open learning environment. We are hopeful we can move to the flexible learning space in Rooms 6 and 7 at the beginning of Week 6 (8th March). Once the work on these classrooms is done we will start on the renovation of Rooms 4 and 5. At this time these classes will move to the hall.

We are pleased to see the reroofing of the main block completed as well as the redevelopment of the deck area by Room 5.

The learning space upstairs by the staffroom has been renovated, creating a really lovely withdrawal space for students. We have also recarpeted the staffroom which has given this space a bit of a spruce up. We are very appreciative.

Meet the Teacher Evening

We look forward to welcoming you on **Thursday 18th February** for our Meet the Teacher evening. The main focus of the meetings this year is to ensure you understand and can access Google Classroom and HERO in case of another lockdown. At the parent meeting in the hall we will be giving a quick outline of our strategic direction before conducting a community consultation around the new school values and competencies.

The format of the evening is as follows:

5.30–6.00	Koru classrooms
6.00–6.30	Parent meeting in the hall
6.30–7.00	Harakeke and Pohutukawa classrooms
7.00–7.30	Camp meetings

Road patrol supervisors

Our road patrollers are eager to get back road-side to ensure the safety of our students. We are in need of additional supervisors, particularly in the afternoons. This important service to the school takes a mere 25 minutes from 2:50 through to 3:15pm (8:25–8:50 in the mornings). Training will be provided. Please contact Catherine catherine@kts.school.nz if you can help for a morning or afternoon slot each week. Many thanks.

School App - have you downloaded this?

This app is a one stop shop with direct links to Hero, the newsletter and offers a quick way to inform us about an absence. The calendar is also readily accessed and links to the school calendar and the school website calendar. After downloading, please link to the various classes and year groups for alerts. This is an amazing communication tool which complements the Hero app and for which we have had positive feedback from all those who have already registered.

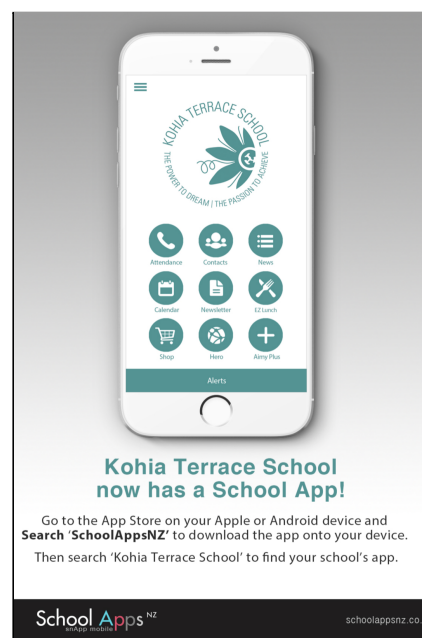
Distance Learning

Whilst we do not want to be in another lockdown, we are preparing for the possibility. The upcoming Meet the Teacher Evening will be an important meeting to learn more about Google Classroom, which will be the main vehicle for communicating learning programmes. Your children (Years 2–8) will be accessing this from the start of the year. Please be assured that we are very conscious of the need to balance screen time with book work. ICT User agreements will be coming home in the next few days.

QR Code

A reminder that you should be scanning the school QR code or registering manually when coming into the school. The code is situated in various places around the school and we will put it out on a billboard by the front entrance to the school for ease of access.

I look forward to seeing you in and around the school over the next few days, and in particular at the Meet the Teacher evening on the 18th February. — *Alison*



COMMUNITY NOTICES

LEARN MUSIC WITH US THIS YEAR!



We offer group or individual lessons on a range of instruments: **piano, keyboard, guitar, ukulele, singing, drum kit...** the hard part is choosing which instrument!

For Years 1 & 2, our instrumental prep course, MUSICAL JAM is the perfect introduction to music-making.

To enrol your child for music lessons at school, complete an online enrolment form at bitly.com/LEMS2021

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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 Website: www.learnmandarin.co.nz;

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

Fine Young Artists for Term 1 2021 at Gifford Gallery

We are looking forward to being back this year to bring you our very own arts programme that your child will love! In Term 1 Antonia will be teaching:

BEACHCOMBING (mixed media painting & drawing on 9 canvas boards)

What do you find when you beach-comb the tide line? A mixture of man-made and natural objects randomly placed by the tide. Textures borrowed from the patterns of nature underlie your artwork. Natural beach objects form the second layer and these in turn are overlaid by found man-made objects to form your third layer. This work is completed on 9 separate canvases that come together to form one masterpiece in the gridded style of John Reynolds.

Influenced by: John Reynolds & Juliet Peter (New Zealand)

8 classes will commence on Monday 15th of February and the last class will be Monday 12th of April



- Classes start at 3:15pm and finish at 5:15pm
- Tuition is \$275 (plus material costs)

To re-enrol please reply to this email or you can register at <http://fineyoungartists.co.nz/enrol-now/>