

KTS Newsletter

Term 1, Week 7, Tuesday 14th March 2023



Coming Up

Wed 15 Mar	Three-Way Learning Conferences 3:15–7:30 pm
Thurs 16 March	Strike Action - school closed
Fri 17 Mar	Assembly @9am
Tue 21 Mar	Board of Trustees meeting @6:30pm
Fri 31 Mar	Year 7/8 Tree Adventures trip
3–5 April	Year 6 Camp
Thu 6 April	Term 1 ends
Mon 24 April	Teacher Only Day - school closed
Tues 25 April	ANZAC Day - school closed
Wed 26 April	Term 2 begins

Welcome to the following new students who started this week: Aseman (Rm 1), Elenor and Jess (Rm 2), and Yenuli (Rm 8). We look forward to getting to know you.

What an amazing evening it was on Friday. Thank you so so much to all who contributed to ensure the Colour Run was such a success; from the parents who volunteered, to those who donated the delicious curries, to the teachers who stayed to help, the previous students who were happy to help and of course to all those who came along to support the night. A very special thank you to Chris Kelly, ably helped by Tim Sharp, for their leadership of the event. Also to Becca and Laura who tended to the school side of things. Such great teamwork.

Holi Festival, or the Festival of Colour is a focus on light, colour - all that is good. There was certainly a lot to smile about on Friday. We are delighted to let you know we made approximately \$3000 – what a great start to the year.





Thank you also for booking in for your 3WLCs. We are very appreciative of those who could pick up their children earlier on Monday. For those who did stay at school, they enjoyed sports on the field led by our intermediate students who were here. Those intermediates should be very proud of how well they led the various activities, it was such a great example of the tuakana-teina (the older leading/supporting the younger)-type relationships we love to foster.

We hope that you have all taken the time to read your child's learning post published last Friday. If you can, please make a comment. Another learning post will come out at the end of term.

Strike Action Thursday 16th March

The teachers union, as you will be aware, has confirmed strike action for this Thursday, 16th March. As almost all KTS teaching staff are members of the union, this means we do NOT have adequate supervision for students, and thus the Board have made the decision to close. You will need to make alternative arrangements for your child/ren.

Sarah will be running Kohia Kid Zone on Thursday. Numbers will be limited due to staff availability. Please go to <https://kts.enrolmy.com/> or click on EnrolMy located in the HERO app. Bookings are now open.

Why have Union members voted to strike?

Aotearoa needs to attract and retain high quality educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession. Principals and teachers in primary schools (along with secondary colleagues) have considered at length the offers from the government to settle the respective collective agreements. It is also important to note negotiations have been going on for over a year.

Union members believe that the offers presented did not meet the expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes needed for our children to succeed. Key claims include funds for additional staffing to a level that's comparable to secondary schools, more provision for learning support, and an increase in pay to acknowledge the impact of inflation. Beginning teachers earn very little more per week than someone on the living wage.

The vote to take industrial action has not been made lightly. Together with your support, teachers are building a case for better investment in our children's education as a priority.

Staffing update

Katie Gilbert (Room 1) is leaving us in the middle of Term 2 for maternity leave. We are delighted to let you know that Charli Bradley has been appointed to this role. She knows the students in Room 1 well so this will be an easy transition for the students.

We are very sad to let you know that our Inclusive Practice Leader, Erynn Riesterer, is leaving us at the end of this term as she repurposes her career. We will still see Erynn around the school as she moves into part-time SPELD tutoring.

Our new Inclusive Practice Leader is Kerry Hales, currently our Koru team leader. Kerry has a passion for supporting learning, and is very excited about her new role. We are in the process of recruiting a new Koru team leader.

Sports Update

This week we would like to introduce you to our flippaball teams. Along with the following teams, we also have another Year 5/6 team called the KTS Kahawai (photo to come next week).



Year 3/4 KTS Otters



Year 3/4 KTS Dolphins



*Year 3/4
KTS Seals*



*Year 5/6
KTS Kingfish*



Community Notices

Help Council make the difficult budget decisions

Auckland Council is facing a budget shortfall of \$295 million for the 2023/2024 financial year and may need to reduce or stop some projects, facilities and services that you use or funding you receive. It is important that you tell Council if you agree with the proposed changes.

More information and feedback forms are available at the website [akhaveyoursay](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay), at your local library or at the Have Your Say drop-in session.

- Have Your Say drop-in, **Wednesday 22 March 5pm – 7:30pm at the Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road.**
- Have a quick chat, get help to complete a feedback form, provide feedback at a glance, translations will be available.
- All are welcome

Auckland United Free Girls Fun Day!

There are two sessions:

5 – 8 year-old girls 9.30am

9 – 13 year-old girls 10.30am

Excited about the FIFA Women's Football World Cup coming to NZ? Come along for some football fun, non-club members welcome! There will be AUFC Premier players and Football Ferns to meet, fun football games, and giveaways. We are excited to have Dr Michele Cox visit with the girls at the end of their outdoor session. Former Football Fern and Eden-Roskill-Three Kings player, Dr Cox, will share her football journey as a young player, and her story books will be available for sale as a club fundraiser for our young players.

Please [register your interest here](#), so that we can keep track of player numbers and for any emergency communications.



Fresh Choice Talent Quest

Fresh Choice Epsom has an upcoming Community Talent Quest running between the 18th of March and the end of May. They will give away up to \$10,000 worth of prizes to encourage and support community talent. The Grand Prize for the winner is \$5,000.

This Talent Quest is open only to amateur performers as we want to bring out the unseen local talent and provide an opportunity for students to practise their talents on stage. All you need to do is put on a performance for a minimum of 5 minutes – this includes solo acts, group acts, musical acts, group skits, dances, comedy routines and more. 🦄 🧙 🦊 🦉

To enter pick up an entry form in-store or fill in our form through the link on our Facebook page: <https://contest.app.do/fresh-choice-epsom-s-talent-quest>

The Play Festival - IMAGE

Calling whānau and friends from all cultures to join our first Play Festival in Tāmaki Makaurau!

Come to the beautiful Tuna Mau / Western Park (Ponsonby) to play and explore traditional games, music and food from the many different cultures present in our community! All ages welcome.

The Play Festival celebrates cultural identity, facilitates intercultural connections and creates a safe and inclusive environment for people to play, interact and simply have fun.

It includes:

- traditional games for any age, delivered by play providers from diverse culture groups
- nature play and loose parts play
- arts and crafts activities
- traditional group performances
- music and dance
- ethnic street food



Megaland this Easter

Attention all students and parents! We are excited to announce that the MegaLand inflatable obstacle course will be at Mt Smart Stadium this Easter holidays 7th-13th

This giant 345-m, colourful and challenging inflatable obstacle course will provide hours of fun and excitement for all ages.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to enjoy MegaLand inflatable obstacle course with your friends and family this Easter, We can't wait to see you there!