



Newsletter

Tuesday 13th February 2018

Coming up

Thurs 15th Feb	9.30am–12.30pm	Year 5–8 Swimming Sports
Thurs 22nd Feb	5.30–7.00pm	Meet the Teacher
Fri 23rd Feb	9.00am	School assembly - hosted by Room 7
Tues 27th Feb		Year 5–6 Swimming Zones
Fri 2nd Mar	5.00 - 7.00pm	Colour Run and Community Picnic
Wed 7 Mar		Central Zones Swimming
Fri 9 Mar		Central Zone Cricket (Boys)
Wed 14–16 Mar		Year 5 Camp
Tues 20 Mar		Three-Way Learning Conferences
Thurs 22 Mar		Three-Way Learning Conferences
Mon 26–Thurs 29 Mar		Year 6 Camp
Fri 30 Mar–Tues 3 Apr		Easter (school closed)
Fri 13 Apr		Last day of Term 1
Mon 30 Apr–Fri 4 May		Year 7/8 Camp

Quick Look

- Learning at the pool
- Meet the Teacher
- Welcome to our new support staff

A warm KTS welcome to Philomina who started school this week in Room 1.

Happy Valentine's Day for tomorrow! We are, of course, in love with learning this week at KTS with plenty of rich activity taking place. It's been a busy fortnight up at the University swimming pool with classes enjoying multiple sessions on improving their confidence and safety in the water. The learning has been tailored to each child's ability through small group instruction, which has been made possible by the generous parents who have volunteered their time to support the programme – a huge thank you to all parents who've taken part in one or more sessions so far.

Many teachers have also been undertaking start-of-year assessments to gather information about where students are with their learning and where they are heading next. For junior children, this may involve face-to-face reading and maths



assessments. Older students have also taken some standardised PAT tests which enable teachers to see how they are going relative to other learners of their age across the country. We will be able to share the results of this testing with you in our face-to-face 3-Way Learning Conferences (3WLCs) that take place later this term.

Before that there is plenty for parents to be involved with. This Thursday (15th Feb), our school swimming sports competition for Years 5-8 will be taking place up at the university pool from 9.30am. We welcome parents to come and watch their child in action - if you dress in house colours you will get house points! See the sports section below for more details. Special thanks to Jayne Settle for her tireless and incredibly thorough organisation for the event.

Then next Thursday (22nd Feb), our Meet the Teacher evening takes place from 5.30pm. This is an opportunity to hear about class organisation and expectations and for you to more formally meet your child's teacher for 2018. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5.30 - 6.00pm Meet the Teacher meetings for Koru team (Rms 1-7)
- 6.00 - 6.30pm Full parent meeting in the hall (where Alison will outline the main goals for the year and discuss ways you can be involved in the school)
- 6.30 - 7.00pm Meet the Teacher meetings for Harakeke and Pohutukawa classes (Rms 8-16)
- 7.00 - 7.30pm Camp meetings for Year 5 and 6 parents only

Class booklets will be available on the school website on the 22nd February. Please remember that the website has contact details for all staff along with a raft of other information, so it's well worth you having a browse. Other than that, I'm delighted with how quickly students and teachers have settled into the learning programme and looking forward to meeting with many of you at the events on the next two Thursdays. Until then, have a great week. *Louis*

Our new-look Support Staff team

We are very pleased to be able to introduce two new faces to our KTS Support Staff. Becca Vuetilovoni and Lisa Miller (pictured right and far right) joined the team at the beginning of the year and are off to a flying start. Lisa is our new Executive Officer and, among a list of many things, takes care of personnel and finances. Becca is working part-time and takes care of some of the office administration as well as school communications like School-links, the website and the school newsletter. They join Florin Hsiao, our enrolments officer, and together with Bruce Settle and Jane Russell make up our Support Staff team. We are grateful to have such a high-calibre group making sure everything is running smoothly behind the scenes.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

This year we are entering into the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) contract with the Ministry of Education. Based on various reviews we have undertaken around wellbeing at school, the staff and Board have decided to take up this opportunity to review various school practices and systems. Felecia Tomich and Jayne Settle are the lead teachers on this and will be joined by Jessica Field and our student representative Jesse Park. I am also wanting a parent representative, which was discussed last night at the PTA meeting. We do have a parent who has put her hand up to be that representative but I am interested if anyone else would like to be considered. There are four full-day

meetings with other schools involved throughout the year along with meetings after school two or three times a term. Please email if you are interested - alison@kts.school.nz.

KTS Colour Run – 2 March

We are very much looking forward to our colour run on Friday, 2nd March as part of our celebration of the Indian Holi Festival. It was such a highlight in 2016 that we want to acknowledge this festival with another colour run, but this time in the late afternoon.

Friday 2nd March 5.00pm - 7.00pm

\$8.00 per runner (buy tickets on kindo)



Also join us for a community picnic – bring your favorite take away and refreshments or buy one of the options here at school. This is a really fun thing to do and a way of celebrating something special from another culture.

More details and timings in next week's newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there!

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

A big **Thank You** to everyone who supported last week's second-hand uniform sale by donating and purchasing uniforms. We were able to assist many parents and raised funds for your PTA in the process.

Please do continue to donate your clean used uniforms in good condition to the school office, we really appreciate it. If we have enough, we will have another sale this term. If not, the next sale will be the second week of Term 2. Thank you again to everyone for their support and thanks to Lisa and Rae for their help. *Ngaire*

Spotlight on Sport



The Year 4/5 Flippaball team impressively won its opening game this year by 6-1. This was a comprehensive result with many close misses dominating the opposition team. As the team from last year has stayed together with one new player joining the team the prospects for this term are looking very promising. Well done KTS Flippaball with an excellent result.

From Rae and Alex



Netball

Could all students who want to play netball please hand your forms in to the office.

Swimming Sports

Swimming sports for Years 5-8 is this Thursday. Please remember to bring togs, towels, goggles, a bigger than normal lunch and morning tea. We aim to begin just after 9:00. Students are allowed to wear house t-shirts.

There will be a notice on the website by 7:30am if it is cancelled due to bad weather.

Thank you to the parent volunteers, if you are on lane set up I will meet you at the uni pool at 8:00am and other volunteers, I will meet you at 9:00 at the Uni pool.

Thanks, Jayne

General Notices

The Mt Eden Village Centre Trust would like to invite all students and their parents to a free family fun day **"The Little Day Out"**, Sat 3 March 2018 from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

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

This will be a fun and engaging event including: free pony rides, a children's flea market, animal blessing, face painting, a magic show, workshops, craft activities, live music, a children's art exhibition, pavement painting, vintage motorbikes, delicious food stalls and much more...

Kids, time to get creative with our 'Object of Art' competition!

Children are invited to create an object of art out of recycled materials, bring it along on the day for display and to be in to win prizes for the most colourful, creative, innovative and technical object.

All art pieces displayed and judged at 12.30pm with winners announced at 1pm.

You can see the full program at:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/little-day-out-family-fun-day/auckland/mt-eden>

The Aotea Sinfonietta Orchestra is a training orchestra for Aotea Youth Symphony. Rehearsals take place every Tuesday from 4.30 - 6:15 pm during school Terms at Selwyn Village Hall in Point Chevalier. The Sinfonietta is for children of Primary and Intermediate school age who are approximately Grades 2 – 5 on an orchestral instrument. Rosalind is especially looking for wind, brass and percussion instruments, however applications from other players are also welcome. To learn more please visit www.aotea.org.nz/

Sinfonietta begins this year on Tuesday 13th February and Rosalind will be carrying out auditions soon, so if anyone is interested, please email Rosalind at rosalind.mason@gmail.com.

Guitar lessons 2018 with MUSIQHUB

There are a limited number of places available for after-school group guitar lessons on Thursdays. Lessons start Thursday 22 Feb and are half an hour, from beginners to more experienced students. If you are interested please email johnfaulding@gmail.com for details.

Lewis Eady Music Lessons are available at school. Instruments available include guitar, keyboard, ukulele, vocals/singing, drum kit, flute, clarinet, saxophone, recorder, trumpet, trombone and violin. For more information and to enrol, please visit www.lewiseady.co.nz.

Reach Education is a new maths tutoring company, recently opened in your area. We focus upon helping to build maths competencies in children. Between our three directors we have over 50 years'

experience in education and firmly believe in building learning relationships with both parents and local communities.

Please free feel to have a look at our website: www.reacheducation.co.nz.

Next Level Basketball is running a basketball academy throughout the school term and holidays for anyone interested in learning to play basketball or improve their skills. For more information see <http://nextlevelbasketball.co.nz/>

Wednesday training starts 14th February at Epsom Girls small gym, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Saturdays start 17th February at Saint Kentigern Boys School, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Have you thought about joining Girl Guides? Guides involves lots of fun and friendship while learning life skills and values, often involving challenges, adventures in the outdoors and our community.

We would love more girls aged 9-12 years to join us. Our unit, Ariki Guides, meet on Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm in Inverary Ave. Please contact Joanne Knappstein uniquelyjo@gmail.com or 021 159 1643.

Changes to bus lane extensions and parking changes in Mt Eden

Auckland Transport are running a **public drop-in session** at the Mt Eden Village Centre next Saturday 17 February from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

In the middle of the year, Auckland Transport (AT) will be increasing bus lane and clearway operating hours along Mt Eden Road and changing bus stop layouts in the Mt Eden Village. At the same time that this work is being undertaken, AT proposes to implement parking management changes in the village and extend bus lanes on Mt Eden Road.

Hilton Brown Swimming is offering one free trial lesson for new customers. Visit www.hiltonbrownswimming.co.nz or phone 529 0177 (Newmarket) or 582 1111 (One Tree Hill).

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy has classes for students aged 5 to 17 years, in this area. The programme aims to develop ongoing confidence, self-esteem and skills in verbal communication. The classes are exciting, motivational and great fun. All teachers have specialist training in the Helen O'Grady Drama System. Enrolling now for Term 1; phone Debbie Napier on (09) 836 0233 for further details or see www.helenogrady.co.nz

Parent Help have a parenting helpline that can help with any of your parenting concerns. Get support, advice and practical strategies. Call 0800 568 856.