



Newsletter

Wednesday 31 January 2018

Coming Up

Mon 5th Feb	School open
Tues 6th Feb	Waitangi Day – school closed
Thurs 8th Feb 2.30 - 3.15pm	Second-hand uniform sale
Fri 9th Feb 9.00am	School assembly hosted by Room 11
Thurs 22nd Feb	Meet the Teacher evening

Quick Look

- Water, hats, sunblock
- Correct uniform please
- Head students
- Money Matters
- Road crossing

A very warm welcome to 2018. It is great to see everyone back and so well prepared for the new school year. We welcome many new students to the school. It is lovely to have you and your family join the KTS community.

It is indeed warm. Teachers are very mindful of this and are keeping rooms well ventilated and will venture outside for the breeze and shade when time and learning permits. They are all doing lots of prompting to drink – can you also please ensure your children have a named drink bottle for water (water only please). Hats are also required this term. Everyone, staff included, must wear a hat when going outside. Any hat will do but please make sure it is named. Students without a hat, will be required to play in the shade. Finally, could you also sunblock your children in the morning.

Uniform Reminder

A reminder that we have a [school uniform code](#). Please make sure your children have correct footwear as detailed in the uniform code.

Head Students 2018

We are very pleased to formally introduce our head students for 2018. Going from left to right, Connor Settle-Smith and Franziska Klein are our head girl and boy, with Lilu Shang and Felix Malpass our deputy head students. We are looking forward to their contributions to the school this year.



House captains will be elected next week followed by house representatives. These students will form our school council. We are going to approach their work a little differently this year. More details on this later.

Money Matters

We will be sending out requests for payment for activity costs, school donation and camp (Year 5 and 6 only) in the next few days. We have brought Mathletics (we used Maths Whizz last year) and a new spelling programme Spellodrome into school costs so that teachers can use it as part of the learning programme, along with setting it as home learning. This has reduced your activity costs by over \$25 per student. A break down of the activity costs and more details around payments can be found on our school website [School Payments Information](#).

School donation requests are also being sent out. Also on the website is an explanation of decile funding differences. If these are paid by 31 March they are tax deductible.

Payments can be made direct to the school bank account (12-3048-0433992-00), through Kindo or by eftpos at the school office.

Road Crossing

Thank you so much to those parents who have offered to help with road crossing duty. It is so very appreciated and ensures teachers can be with their class at the start or very end of the school day. If you do think you could help out, we would love your support – please contact Louis Heap louis@kts.school.nz.

A reminder that when students are on patrol you are required to follow their instructions and must wait for “cross now” before crossing. We also ask that you always cross via the crossing on Kohia Terrace. Your attention to this would be appreciated as it sets a good example to students.

Staff News

We are very sad to let you know that Taffy Southard, our gardener, will not be returning in 2018. Taffy has suffered some broken ribs over the break and is also due for knee surgery so needs to concentrate on his recovery. We will farewell him when he is more mobile. Taffy very much enjoyed working at the school, particularly engaging with students and parents.

Amy Turner (née Battrick) had a most wonderful wedding over the break. She and Richard were blessed with hurricane type weather which didn't impact on their very special day. We wish them all the very best for a very happy life together.



Any unwanted uniform items can be donated to the school for the second-hand uniform sale next Thursday at 2.30pm. Please drop off at the office.

Enjoy the week and getting back into routine - **Alison**



Spotlight on Sport Basketball Year 3/4

Hi everyone, welcome back to school. We have a Year 3/4 basketball team but we need 2 more players.

Coach Yaran, Manager: Kent Smith. Training: Wednesday

Game Day: Wednesday at St Kents, Shore Road, Remuera. Fees: \$130

Please contact Jayne if you are interested. jayne@kts.school.nz