



Newsletter

Tuesday 13 November 2018

Coming up

13 November		Kids for Kids concert (choir)
16 November		Hillary House Colour day (Hillary students wear blue)
17 November		Eden/Albert Cultural Festival (see below for times)
23 November		Eden Albert/Central Zones Athletics
29 November	5:30–7:30pm	International Night
4 December		Junior Athletics Year 1–3
5 December	2:00pm	Moving On Up ceremony
7 December	9:00–9.45am	Prize-giving assembly Year 1–3 (by invitation)
7 December	10.00–11.00am	Prize-giving assembly Year 4–8 (by invitation)
7 December		Reports emailed home
10 December		2019 class visits and house movie day
11 December		Year 8 Graduation
14 December		Last day of term – school closes 1.30pm
	12:30pm	Final Assembly

Quick Look

- Eden Albert Cultural Festival
- Board of Trustees October Meeting Update

A warm KTS welcome to new students DingHe (Room 2), and Mark, Tamoghna, Isabel and Ryan in Room 3!

We thought you might like a little glimpse of our three cultural dance groups who performed at school assembly on Friday. They perform at the Eden Albert Cultural festival at Rocket Park on Saturday (17th November). Always worth a visit if are looking for something to do. Performance times are as follows:

Indoor stage

10:30 Junior Indian Group
11:30 Chinese Group
12:10 Senior Indian Dance

Outdoor stage

1:10 Kapa Haka



It has been a busy week with so much sport on. Read further in the newsletter for all the updates.

The PTA held their final meeting for the year last week. The minutes can be read [HERE](#). Thank you so much to Rae Ah Chee for his leadership of the PTA this year. He has been amazing.

Rae and the team made over 1700 dumplings at the end of last week, which has very much contributed to the PTA fundraising total. Thank you so so much to those who came and helped.

Update from the October Board meeting

The Board had its first meeting of the last term on Tuesday 30th October. We were pleased to have two parents join us to see how the Board works. Everyone is welcome to come and observe the Board if you are interested to see what work the Board does.

This month the Board discussed the community survey again. Following a good discussion we will finalise our response to the survey next month, and let you know what we intend to do.

We also reviewed a range of policies that the Board is responsible for. There are many such policies, and the Board reviews them all over a five-year period (some of the important ones, much more often than that). For example, the uniform policy. The Board is responsible for deciding whether KTS has a uniform, and how it will be managed. One of our decisions on uniform was in response to requests passed on from some parents about sunglasses. We decided yes, sunglasses can be worn as an optional part of KTS uniform. But please try to name them if you do decide to send sunglasses to school with your children!

Another policy reviewed this month was how inclusive practice is implemented at KTS. This is a major area of focus for us, like all schools. Jayne Settle provided an excellent insight into all the work done. The Board funds 13 teacher aides additional to what the Ministry provides in our funding for staff. Those extra staff make it possible for classrooms to work really well and for students to learn as best they can. We are very grateful to all our teacher aides and the teachers who work with them to provide an inclusive environment.

The Board also looked ahead to elections next year. Guidance has just come out and we decided to go with the date of 7 June 2019 for our election. We also talked about helping people understand what the Board does alongside the PTA and the school staff. We are putting together a document which gives some examples, and might be useful for helping you decide whether the Board is for you. Look for it in a newsletter soon.

Buddy time – Room 13 and Room 4

It is fabulous to see connections being made across the school. Students in Room 13 made games for their buddies in Room 4. There was lots of fun and learning as they played the games together.



Talent Quest

Thank you to our amazing performers who took to the stage for the talent quests at the end of last week. Here are the further results:

	Year 3 and 4	Year 1 and 2
1st place	Nicole (guzheng)	Gregor (violin)
2nd place	Audrey (piano)	Yi Fei (guzheng) / Markus (piano)
3rd place	Arthur (violin)	Isabella (singing)

International Night

We look forward to seeing you at the International Night on Thursday 29th November. Bring along a plate of food to share with everyone – finger food is best. This is a lovely community evening to finish the year.

Thanks everyone for your support on our second day of strike action this year. We are not sure where this will go next but will certainly keep you informed. – *Alison and Catherine*

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Cornerstone Plaques

As we come to the end of another school year, some families are preparing to leave the school for the last time. You may want to consider purchasing a cornerstone plaque, which will be placed on the pillars outside the intermediate classrooms. In years to come, they are a great record of your involvement with the school. The order forms can be found on the front page of the website.



PTA Update

Samosa/Dumplings

Big thanks to all the helpers (see photos) who made over 1700 dumplings last week, which resulted in the PTA making over \$1000 from the combined sale of both items.

We also need to thank the grandparents of Jacob, Kaylee, Elise and Cody who donated all the CHOICE dumpling pastry. Our sincere gratitude. Special thanks to Lisa Chan for co-ordinating the samosa orders.

Used Uniforms

Your PTA can assist by usefully selling any school uniforms that are no longer needed. Please drop off items at the office. We will advertise a SALE when stocks allow.

The PTA is pleased to advise that we will exceed the \$30k target that was set by the Board. We still have more fundraisers before the end of the year so please continue to support as you have all year. THANK YOU EVERYONE!! – *Rae*





Spotlight on Sport

KTS Athletics

It was a stunning day on Wednesday 7th November at the Senior School Athletics Day. We are really fortunate to be able to compete in such a great stadium. We were also very lucky with the weather. The students performed well and they all participated with enthusiasm. It was great to see the determination and delight on their faces. Thank you so much to the parents who came to help out for the day. You all did a great job. Teachers, thank you for running the stations so well.

Please click [HERE](#) for a full list of place getters.

Athletics Zones

Students selected for Eden Albert or Central Zone Athletics will be bringing a note home. We require 2 – 3 parents to help at the Eden Albert Zones making sure the team get off to their correct events. We also need 1 – 2 parents to come along to Central Zones to help with supervision.



Softball

Two teams went to the Zone Softball competition last Thursday. Both teams showed sportsmanship and a great understanding of the game. The A team came 5th in the A grade, and our B team came 6th in the B grade. As many of our B team are Year 5 students, we are looking forward to going again next year. – Rachel Ogilvy

Thank you Rachel for managing these teams, we appreciate the time you have put in.



Table Tennis

On Thursday 10 November, the Year 6 Table Tennis Team played in the Primary School Table Tennis Tournament. Most of the team had not played in a table tennis tournament previously, however they acquitted themselves really well. All players won multiple games in the round robin sections with six players progressing to the final sixteen knock-out rounds. Special congratulations to Jessie Young who won a bronze medal in the Girls Division.



Thank you to Ginny and Michael who helped transport students to the stadium, and to those parents who came to support the team too.

The students – Hamish, Jessie, Kevin, Vicky, Sami, Charlotte, Adrian, Nicole, Jason, Queenie, Harley, Mila, Andy, Bella and Thomas – represented Kohia Terrace School proudly, displaying excellent sportsmanship and behaviour whilst also having fun. *Carolyn Bowden*

Thank you Carolyn for your time in training the team. We really appreciate it. *Jayne*

Futsal – New Zealand vs Australia!

The year 6 Kohia Desert Foxes (Fergus, Xavier, Kishan, Louis, Jacob and Hamish) had another exciting weekend playing futsal. We got to play the touring Australian futsal team again. Last weekend the Desert Foxes won the tournament but this time our team got split up and was mixed with players from Ponsonby and Maungawhau. Our team names were Black Lava, Black Lightning and Black Thunder. There were three New Zealand teams and three Australian teams and we played three games each over the afternoon. Before the game started we were all given the black New Zealand futsal kit to wear. We then all lined up together and sang the Australian and New Zealand national anthems. We all felt nervous but very proud.

At the end of the afternoon the results came in – and New Zealand won again! We were presented with the Anzac trophy. Our teams took out gold and silver medals. We all had a great time and it was a great way for the Desert Foxes to celebrate all the skills they have learnt over the past two years.

By Xavier and Kishan

We would also like to thank Yayha for being part of our team for the last competition.

Community Notices

Caretaker Position

Permanent part-time position commencing 16th January 2019.

Our amazing caretaker is relocating so we may well have the ideal position for you. We are looking for someone who would value working as part of a great team and who enjoys being around children. We need a person who can see tasks that need to be done, be a problem solver and have excellent communication skills. The ability to use google docs and on-line systems is also essential. The successful candidate will ensure the school grounds and environment are well maintained and that health and safety requirements are considered at all times. The role requires day-to-day maintenance of the school grounds and equipment, plus liaison with outside services as and when required. Some experience as a caretaker is desired but not essential.

This position is for 20 hours a week over 5 days. There is some flexibility when those hours are worked. Currently the hours are 7.30am – 11.30am daily.

Please supply your CV, a letter of application outlining your suitability for the position and the completed application form to Lisa Millar, Executive Officer, Kohia Terrace School, Epsom office@kts.school.nz The job description and application form can be found [HERE](#).

Applications close 3pm Friday 16th November.