



# Newsletter

**Tuesday 20 November 2018**

## Coming up

22 November		Eden Albert/Central Zones Athletics
23 November		Year 4 marae visit
29 November	5:30–7:30pm	International Night
4 December		Junior Athletics Year 1–3
5 December	2:00pm	Moving On Up ceremony (Year 6 graduation)
7 December	9:00–9.45am	Prizegiving assembly Year 1–3 (by invitation)
7 December	10.00–11.00am	Prizegiving assembly Year 4–8 (by invitation)
7 December		Reports emailed home
10 December		2019 class visits and house movie day
11 December	10.30am	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
11 December		Year 8 Graduation
14 December		Last day of term – <b>school closes 1.30pm</b>
	12:30pm	Final Assembly

## Quick Look

- Jump Jam - more success
- Prizegiving Assemblies
- Class placements 2019
- International Night - are you coming?

What a wonderful weekend of cultural talent. We had four groups perform at the Eden Albert Cultural Festival on Saturday. A very special thank you to Gaylene Hewlett and Kiri Kaimanu Wheeler for their work with the Kapa Haka group this year. Thanks also to Penny Low for coordinating the various Indian and Chinese dance groups. See below for more details and photos.



## Jump Jam – The gift that keeps on giving

Congratulations to the Year 3–4 Give It Up Jump Jam team who have been awarded a Jump Jam DVD for the school to use. This is a real honour in recognition of our team's success at the North Island Championships; we were the only ones who were picked for this special prize. Well done again, team.

## Staff Celebrations

Congratulations to Ben Nisbett (Room 16 teacher), who got married last weekend.

Bridie Zarifeh and Jessica Field (pictured at right) are now fully registered teachers after two years of mentorship within our school. They will be welcomed formally into the profession at a ceremony with other new teachers from Auckland Central Community of Schools (ACCOS) on Thursday evening.



### **Prizegiving Assemblies**

As we draw near to the end of another year, we take time to celebrate success around our school cornerstones with our cornerstone badges and of course the various cups and awards. There has been some discussion in the media of late with a couple of schools abandoning prizegiving. I thought I would take this opportunity to share our perspectives and outline our process.

Our badges are based on our cornerstones which we have taken from what we see as the legacy from our house namesakes, not based on academic excellence.

**Hillary - Reaching for the Sky**

**Sheppard - Leading the Way**

**Snell - Excelling through Effort**

**Te Kanawa - Nurturing our Human Spirit**

We very much realise that each student would love a badge each year. Over the years, and based on feedback from parents, we have developed a process that reflects both equity and excellence. Many students could be considered for each category each year, and indeed some students may well go through their eight years at Kohia and never receive a badge. If we have two of three nominees, we will look back on the previous 2 - 3 years of recipients and will award it to the student who has not previously had a badge. Some students may get 2 if not 3 badges over their time at KTS.

The criteria for the cups have been on the school website all year. The cups do more reflect excellence in the various categories. Many staff are consulted when deciding on the recipient each year.

Parents of those who are receiving badges or cups will receive an invitation to the prizegiving assembly by the end of the week. We would love to have all parents attend but space is limited, hence the invitation to only the parents of the prizewinners.

7 December, 9.00 - 9.45

Junior prizegiving: Year 1 – 3 students

7 December, 10.00 - 11.00

Senior prizegiving plus sports awards: Year 4 – 8 students

Parents who are invited to both assemblies are welcome to join us for a cup of tea in between.

### **Class lists**

We are in the final stages of class placements for 2019. Thank you to those who have informed us if you are not attending KTS next year. If you are moving your children to another school, or out of the country for next year, could you please let us know as soon as possible. This will ensure we have balance in classes around gender, ethnicity, learning needs and friendship groups. Students will have time in their new class with their new teacher on Monday 10th December. The last newsletter of the year will detail the staffing organisation.

### 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.

### Board Matters

Finally, the Board have put a document together that clearly shows the roles and responsibilities of the Board, the PTA and the school, with various examples that have also been translated into Mandarin. Click [HERE](#) to read it. We have our big November meeting tomorrow night, **Wednesday 21st at 7.30pm in the school staffroom**. If you are thinking about standing in the Board of Trustee elections next year, this is a good meeting to come to.

Keep an eye on that calendar as there is lots on – *Alison*



### Belonging to Kohia Terrace School

#### Eden/ Albert Cultural Festival

On Saturday the 17th November, our Indian, Chinese and Kapa haka groups performed at the Eden/Albert Cultural Festival at Rocket Park in Mount Albert. The festival had cultural groups performing from different schools in the area across two stages with huge audiences. Our KTS teams performed superbly with people from the community complimenting their impressive and entertaining performances. We were incredibly proud of their attitude and confidence on stage. Thank you to Prem, Daxa, Jenny, Wei Jin and Ms Feng for their hard work.

– *Penny Low and Gaylene Hewlett*





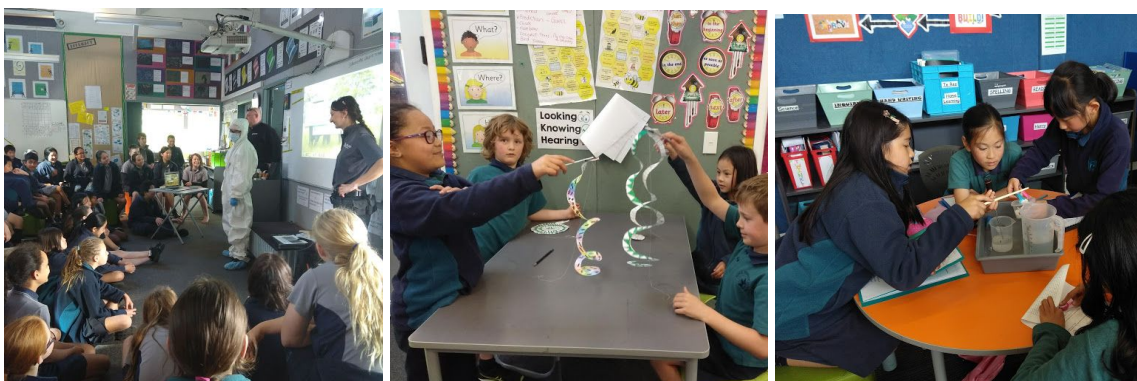
## Cornerstone Plaques

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.

<http://www.kts.school.nz/>

## Science

1. Intermediate students listening to talk by NZ Police Scene of Crime Officers. Bridget is dressed as a Scene of Crime Officer.
2. Year 2 students using magnets to make their paper snakes 'dance'
3. Year 6 students investigating the change in water temperature when they added baking soda



## PTA Update



### PTA uniform sale

The second-hand uniform sale will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 2:30 to 3:15pm. The sale will be held in the corridor area adjacent to the school office. Strictly 6 items only before 2:55pm to ensure fairness to all our families. We appreciate your understanding.

Later this term we will also be selling a selection of new uniform items in a limited range of sizes (some have minor imperfections but these items are brand new). These will be priced at half the recommended retail price. If you would like to purchase one of these new items you will need to complete an order form and email your order through. A ballot will be held if there is high demand. The order form will be available in next week's newsletter with further details.



## Spotlight on Sport

Zone Athletics day is on Thursday 22 November. Permission slips are due back for this please.

Central Zone athletics team – please wear your sport uniform to school and meet Miss Low at 8:15am on the Room 9 deck.

Eden Albert athletics team – wear sports shorts, shoes and meet Miss Settle at 8:15am on the Room 9 deck for your PE top. If the day is cancelled it will be on the website by 8:00am on Thursday.

## **2019 Basketball**

We are looking to sort the teams for 2019 basketball. Please see below for details.

Training in 2019 may be at 8:00am so that if it rains training can still go ahead in the hall. Lunchtime trainings, especially during winter, are hard as it rains a lot and morning training means that the basketballers can also be involved in lunchtime activities. Training will be run by Yaran, a basketball coach that comes into school. The fees are higher as we need to pay him for coaching, he does not come to games as that is also an extra cost. We need a parent for each team to act as manager on game day. Fees are about \$130 and we would ideally like 6 –7 in a team. The teams play all year round.

We would like to have a Year 3/4 team, Year 5 team (2 spots left), Year 6 team (2 spots left) and Year 7/8 team (1 spot left).

Year 3/4 play on Wednesday at St Kents Junior School between 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Year 5 and Year 6 play on Monday St Kents Junior School between 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Year 7/8 play Thursday St Kents Junior School between 3:30 – 7:00 pm

Please can you email Jayne [jayne@kts.school.nz](mailto:jayne@kts.school.nz) if you want your name on the basketball list.

## **Community Notices**

### **Christmas Trees**

Christmas trees will be for sale outside 279 Gillies Ave, just up the road from Kohia Terrace School. The trees are lovely and full and start from as little as \$35. You can either pre-order using the order form [HERE](#) or stop by from 1 December to have a look/pick them up.

### **Host Families Wanted**

We are currently looking for short/long term homestays for Japanese high school/university students. Contact [homestayakl@okcnz.com](mailto:homestayakl@okcnz.com) or 022 475 7072

### **Kids Up Front January Holiday Camp**

Kids Up Front Performing Arts Holiday Workshops are being held at Auckland Grammar School and Epsom Girls Grammar School these school holidays. The children will sing, dance and act in a fantastic musical show on the last day. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

### **Christmas Holiday Programme**

Greyfriars Eden Epsom Presbyterian Church is running a Holiday Programme for a week in December at our Mt Eden site. Click [HERE](#) for the flier.

### **Glendowie Boating Club's next school holiday Learn-to-Sail programme will be held during the week of 14 to 18 January 2019.**

This introductory course will run each morning that week from 0900 to 1230. The course is a great introduction for boys and girls keen to begin an exciting lifetime of sailing. The cost of the course is \$330 per sailor and includes the use of a club optimist training dinghy and all coaching fees. For registration and more details visit [www.gbcyachting.org.nz](http://www.gbcyachting.org.nz) or email the secretary at [admin@gbcyachting.org.nz](mailto:admin@gbcyachting.org.nz).