



# Newsletter

**Tuesday 22nd May 2018**

**Coming up**

Tues 22 May		Eden Albert Football Zones
Thurs 24 May		Central Zones Football – Year 7 & 8 Girls
Fri 25 May	9.00am 2.20pm	School assembly hosted by Room 8 Louis Heap’s leaving assembly
Mon 28 May		Launch PTA KTS Pick ‘n Mix (our 2018 athon)
Thurs 31 May		Central Zones Football – Year 7 & 8 Boys
Tue 5 June		School Cross Country
Mon 7– Fri 15 June		Pick ‘n Mix events held
Sun 17 June		LEGO Show
Tues 3 July	9.00 – 5.00pm	3-Way Learning Conferences
Thurs 5 July	3.30 – 6.00pm	3-Way Learning Conferences

**Quick Look**

- Book Week acknowledgements
- 3-Way Learning Conferences – full day Tuesday 3rd July
- Food and Nutrition Procedure changes



Heads turned, vehicles slowed and mouths gaped as the students of KTS paraded their way around the Mt Eden village dressed as their favourite book characters last Friday. We had representatives from a wide range of titles: from Geronimo Stilton to Scooby Doo; Harry Potter to Frankenstein’s monster; Frank, Dorothy, Katniss and



Captain Haddock to name but a few – it was an amazing array of literary colour and students can be proud of the spectacle they put on (and grateful to the parents/family members who helped them bring costumes to fruition).

The parade was part of our annual book week in which our librarian, Jane Russell organises activities that celebrate reading and literature. Other notable events from last week include visits from authors (Sally Sutton and Joanna Grochowicz), a ‘guess the book’ quiz held in the library and a ‘name the cuddly library caterpillar’ competition (results still to be announced!).



Our book fair held daily in the hall was a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of our community we now have around \$1500 to spend on library books for our students. This will

enable Jane to update some of the well-loved and 'in need of repair' series such as Goosebumps as well as other popular picture books published by Scholastic.

So, sincere thanks to the parents who gave up their time to help out on the Scholastic stall each day after school, to those who donated books directly to the library, and a massive thank you to Jane whose tireless dedication ensured the week was a great success.

This is my last newsletter before I head on to my new role at Mt Albert Primary School. I'm excited about the new learning and growth I will experience in a different setting and also sad to say goodbye to Kohia, which has been like a second home to me for over 12 years. My thanks go to our wonderful community of parents and families – I've spoken to many of you over the last few weeks and I feel privileged and grateful to have been able to be part of such a supportive and dedicated group of people. With my two daughters staying at KTS I'll continue to participate in school events, as a fellow parent. There is a leaving assembly on Friday afternoon, but to those of you I won't get to see, I'll just say – thanks for the memories and I wish you and your whānau all the best for the future. Arohanui.

*Louis*

### **3-Way Learning Conferences (3WLC)**

Following our mid-year reports that inform you on your child's progress in reading, writing and maths at the end of June, we hold 3-Way Learning Conferences. In the past we have held these very important meetings on two afternoons/evenings. We are keen to try something different this year with the Board approving the use of the Teacher Only Day that we had allocated for the year to hold these meetings with you and your child. The days set are Tuesday 3rd July (9.00am – 5.00pm) along with the afternoon of Thursday 5th July (3.30 – 6.00pm)

Each year the school has to open for so many days. By holding 3WLC on this day the school is not open for instruction and so we still finish on Friday 16th December. If we did not hold this day, we would in fact finish a day earlier. By setting this day aside we hope that your child and their teacher will be able to maximise the time with you.

After-School Care have been notified and will be open for those who require their service for the day.

### **Food and Nutrition Procedure**

After reviewing this with the Board and consulting with the PTA there have been some changes to this procedure. There are two guidelines that you need to be aware of.

**\*Foods classified in the 'occasional' category will be offered by PTA/school fundraisers once a term only.**

**\*Parents are requested to NOT bring confectionary e.g. birthday lollies, Christmas secret santa etc.**

The full procedure can be found through this [LINK](#). The main thing is that we ask that no confectionery (sweets, lollipops etc) be brought in for birthday treats etc. Thank you in advance for your cooperation around this.

### **Louis – a final note**

This Friday sees Louis depart the school for new perspectives and a new learning journey at Mt Albert Primary School. I would like to thank him for his contribution to the school over the past 12 years. He started as a fresh-eyed beginning teacher in 2006, progressing through the school as an ICT leader, Team Leader, Learning Leader to Associate Principal, Deputy Principal and finally to Acting Principal. Louis is a gifted teacher who is focussed on meeting the needs of students, of supporting and growing staff, and excelling as a leader. He has influenced and been a stand-out teacher for so many. We will miss him for sure but there are exciting times ahead of him for sure. As he says, with Charlotte and Florence here, we will see him, as a dad, from time to time.

Louis has been an amazing person to work with and has certainly become my right-hand man. The staff are aware that I am committed to growing leaders and he has certainly got the skills and the knowledge to fly. I wish him all the very best – *Alison*.

*Kia hora te marino,  
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,  
Kia tere te karohirohi.*

*May the calm be widespread  
May the ocean glisten as greenstone,  
May the shimmer of light ever dance across your pathway.*

Louis' final assembly is at 2.15pm on Friday, where we will ring him out.

## Learning to Think Thinking to Learn



We would like to give you some insight into how we are teaching critical thinking skills and inquiry dispositions at KTS. There will be regular updates in the newsletter to show you some of the things students have been working on. You may recognise some of these skills from the Inquiry section of the end-of-year school reports. We hope this gives you more of an understanding around how we are teaching these skills throughout the school.

This week's focus is **CURIOSITY**. Koru team have had their curiosity inspired through experiencing a trip to Stardome. Teachers provoke thinking by asking children what they notice and what they wonder. These conversations stimulate children to think of questions they would like to find out about space. Here are some examples that Room 4, 6 & 7 children have thought of...

*"Why do things float in space?"  
"What are the planets made of?"  
"How do you eat in space?"*

### You can help inspire your child's curiosity by...

- Asking open-ended questions such as "How do you feel about..." or "Tell me what ...was like"
- Modelling interest in the world around you – wonder aloud so your child can hear what you are thinking
- Following your child's lead by talking about the things they are interested in

## Celebrating Writing

Congratulations to Zoe, Jayan, Sophie, Nadia and Amanda who each win 500 house points for fabulous writing!

<b>Why I Hate Wednesdays</b>	
<p>BANG! Heart's racing and tears rolling out of frightened eyes as the first gun shot was fired. This is not a drill. LOCKDOWN LOCKDOWN Repeated through the loud speaker as teachers run to lock the doors and windows. I don't hear anything, the only thing I'm focused on is him. Our eyes meet his with an absolute glow. Mine with a glossy layer of fear as he took a step closer to my classroom. Mrs Williams lifts me off my feet and puts me under a table. The police arrive, the man runs. No-one knows what happened after that all we know is that we heard another gun shot, and we weren't allowed to leave the classroom until the police and ambulance (that arrived later) left. I didn't go behind the hall but rumors say that there was a pile of blood. This is why I hate Wednesdays. <i>By Zoe Emery</i></p>	
<b>Facts about space</b> Jupiter is a gas giant. The stars look like dots because they are far away. <i>by Jayan, Room 4</i>	<p>'Ping Ping' here comes Lelo the happy alien. She has four silky arms, 2 are orange and 2 are pink, where they have little fingers the size of small pinecones. Lelo has three beady eyes with small, white pupils. Her mouth is glossy and slimy like a bundle of swamp weed. Her blue ghost like body floats in the sky like an empty soul. Her horns are as sharp as a guillotine, they have pink and blue stripes, and when she is sad she drifts into her purple ghostly cave. But she is never really sad. <i>By Sophie, Room 6.</i></p>
<b>A paragraph from 'How to improve your English skills...'</b> Practice is crucial, as it's one of the main points of improving on a language. You will need to practice, by looking at magazines, newspaper, reading more novels, and just by being more social towards others. Meanwhile, you can also push yourself with reading more challenging books, no matter what genre. As the quote says, practice makes perfect! Doing something over and over again makes you capable of it. <i>By Amanda, Room 16</i>	
<b>If I was...</b> If I was an astronaut I would swing on the rings of Saturn. <i>By Nadia, Room 5</i>	<b>I have...</b> I have wings. They help me fly through the sky and touch the stars. I have monkey arms. They help me to swing to branch to branch. I have a snake tail. It helps me to slither on rocks and slither down rocks. I have a lion beard. It helps me cool off and it keeps warm. <i>By Charles, Room 1</i>

## Belonging to Kohia Terrace School

### KTS Intermediate Open Evening

**Date:** Wednesday 6th June 2018 **Time:** 7:00–8:00pm.

Children are welcome.

### Special Book Offer

Author Joanna Grochowicz visited last week and captivated our Year 4–8s while talking about her book *Into the White – Scott's Antarctic Odyssey*. There has been a lot of interest in this from students and a limited number of copies are available at a special price (please see the attached order form). Joanna will sign and dedicate each book ordered. Please return your order form to the office by Wednesday 30 May. Payment can be made by cash, EftPos, on Kindo or direct credit to our bank account: 12-3048-0433992-00.

### Parking in Kohia Terrace

Could parents and caregivers parking in Kohia Terrace please be considerate of the residents and **do not** block the driveways. This causes much frustration for them when they are trying to exit their properties. Thank you.



### Spotlight on Sport

#### Cross Country – Tuesday 5 June

Thank you for all your offers of help - more information will come out for the helpers closer to the day. We do not require any more helpers for this day now. Thanks so much for the many offers of help.

Teachers have emailed out to you the course your child will be running as well as information about the day. Students leave by bus between 9:00am and 9:45am. They need to bring a change of clothes in case it is wet. We are hoping to start with Year 1 at 9:30 – all start times are approximate.

### Football Zones

Eden Albert Zones are tomorrow for Year 5 and 6 they need to be at school by 8:15.

Central Zones Girls Football is on Thursday and they need to be at school by 8:00

The weather is looking questionable for the whole week! If either day is cancelled it will be on the school website by 7:45am.

### Football Boots

Thank you so much for sending in your boots that you no longer need. We have been able to loan these boots to 8 players for the upcoming competition. Many thanks for your generosity.

### Netball Results (14–20 June)

Y6 Comets	win		Y8 Phoenix	win	
Y5 Stars	loss		Y4 Firebirds	win	
Y3 Falcons	win		Y2 Flyers	win	
Y3 Eagles	win				

Calling all LEGO lovers, come along to the Kohia Terrace School annual fundraiser:

# LEGO® FAN DISPLAY

## Kohia Fundraising Show, Play, Competitions

Here at the Kohia Terrace School hall

10am – 4pm Sunday 17 June 2018

Tickets \$8

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- Sausage sizzle and bake sale

This is a fundraising event for Tonga, following the devastation of cyclone Gita, plus a local New Zealand rural community. <https://www.fundraisingevent.co.nz/about>

Free parking is available thanks to the University of Auckland Epsom campus, enter from [Kohia Terrace \(gate 8\)](#) or [St Andrews Road \(gate 9\)](#).

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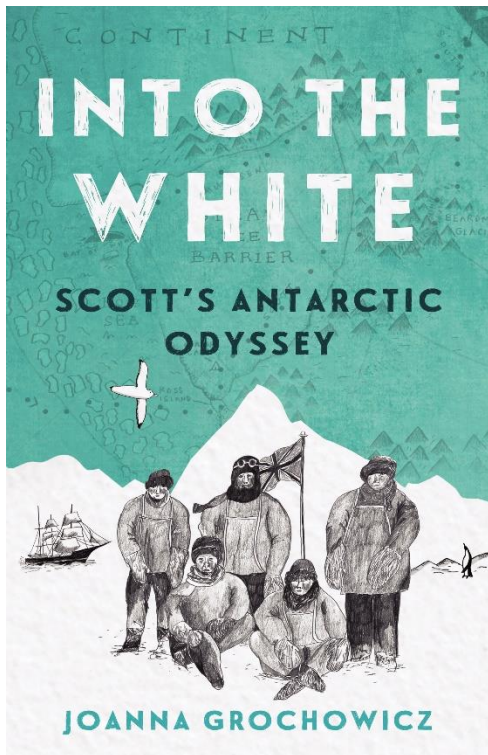
# Into The White - Scott's Antarctic Odyssey

By Joanna Grochowicz

The enthralling true story of Robert Falcon Scott's Terra Nova Expedition, with evocative photographs, and illustrations by Sarah Lippett.

Together, they have taken on the greatest march ever made and come very near to great success; never giving up, and never giving up on each other.

This is the story of Robert Falcon Scott's Terra Nova expedition to Antarctica and the memorable characters, who with a band of shaggy ponies and savage dogs, follow a man they trust into the unknown.



Battling storms at sea, impenetrable pack ice, man-eating whales, crevasses, blizzards, bad food, extreme temperatures, and equal measures of hunger, agony and snow blindness, the team pushes on against all odds.

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Into the White will leave you on the edge of your seat, hoping against hope that Scott and his men might survive their Antarctic ordeal to tell the tale.

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## *Fabulous opportunity!*

Following Joanna's visit to our school, a limited no. of copies of INTO THE WHITE are available at \$15.00.

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