

# **Tuesday 25th September 2018**

## Coming up

Wed 26 September Snell House mufti day

Wed 26 September 7:30–9:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Fri 28 September

Last day of Term 3 - school mufti day

9:00–10:00am Intermediate Assembly (extended length)

3.00pm Ice cream sale
15 October First day of Term 4

17 October Last day for out-of-zone ballot applications

7 November Senior Athletics Year 4–8

8 November Eden Albert Softball/Eden Albert Table Tennis

Year 5/6

4 December Junior Athletics Year 1–3

#### **Quick Look**

Thank yous

Congratulations

Staff Changes

And here we are Week 10 of Term 3. Goodness knows where the last 10 weeks have gone. There are few things to celebrate and acknowledge as we head into the holidays.

**THANK YOU** to the families who completed the community survey. Your thoughts and perspectives are really valued. We are still in the analysing stage but will share the main points early next term. *House Points* 

1st Hillary
2nd Te Kanawa
3rd Snell
4th Shepperd

**THANK YOU** to Chris Hendry for such a great disco last Thursday. From what I hear the students had lots of fun. Thank you also to Catherine Palmer for organising everything from the school side. What a great team. As with all school events, we couldn't do it without the support of those parents who helped out and, as always, Rae Ah Chee for his BBQing skills. What a great way to finish the term. The total amount raised was \$2600.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Briar (Year 7) who competed in the national Stage Art dance competition in Palmerston North over the weekend. Briar danced against 38 other Year 7–13 students from around New Zealand. We are very proud to announce she won the competition and earned herself a \$3000 US grant to dance in the US at some stage in 2019. We are so proud of you Briar.

**CONGRATULATIONS** also to the Kohia Terrace Stage Art troupe who were placed third in the country.

**CONGRATULATIONS** also to the group of 14 Year 6 students who went to Opotiki with me last week. This was a fantastic group of students who embraced all the challenges and activities with open arms. Here is their learning from our 24 hours at the Kutarere Marae.

On Wednesday and Thursday the year 6 service trip stayed at the Kutarere marae with Kutarere School. Kutarere School only has 27 people and their school is full primary (like our school). When we got there we did a powhiri which is a very special welcome ceremony. We also went to a 2000 year old tree called Taketakerau, ('the millennium tree' in English). It was very cool to have the author of this book meet with us.

The girls learnt poi, and the boys learnt a haka, and at the end we also performed our waiata in front of everyone. We had a lot of fun playing games with them. We also cleaned up the marae like vacuuming, sweeping, washing and drying the dishes. We learnt a lot about Maori culture and what we do on a marae. The night at the marae was a little rough but fun as there were over 40 people all sleeping together. As visitors (manuhiri) we were on the right side of the whare nui and the tangata whenua (hosts) were on the left.

By: Meika, Honami, Bella, and Queenie





# **Staff Changes**

I am very sorry to let you know we are going to be saying goodbye to various members of staff next year. The results of the Board's staff survey highlight that staff feel valued at KTS and that they very much appreciate the professional learning and development opportunities, the supportive staff culture and the support of our community; however, change and new challenges are an important part of our growth.

Penny Low is travelling to the UK in 2019, but thankfully the Board has approved a year's leave so she will be returning to KTS in 2020.

Bridie Zarifeh is relocating to New Plymouth as her partner has been posted to Taranaki Base Hospital to continue his training as a doctor. Bridie is just completing her second year of teaching in our Year 7 & 8 area of the school. Whilst she would have loved to stay, love once again wins. We wish her the very best.

Bruce Settle is leaving the school to relocate to Tauranga. Bruce and his wife are keen to spend more time with their other grandchildren. Bruce has been our caretaker for the past 4 years and has been amazing to work with. We love his work and commitment to the school.

Jayne Settle is also leaving us after 6 years at KTS. Jayne's son Connor has won a position at Bethlehem College for 2019. Jayne has been an amazing teacher and really made a difference for our sport programme since she took on that role 5 years ago. This year she moved out of the classroom full time to take on the Special Needs Coordinator role. As a mum, she of course puts the needs of her child first and I know Connor will thrive at Bethlehem College. We will miss Jayne's organisational skills, commitment and passion for the school.

Sarah Brown has also made the big decision to leave Kohia and take up a teaching position at Diocesan School for Girls in 2019. Sarah started at KTS 6 years ago and is such a committed teacher of our youngest students. The learning community she develops in her classroom is just wonderful. We will miss Sarah's passion for teaching our youngest students.

We are in the process of recruiting and have attracted some great applicants. I will let you know of our appointments once the process is complete.

It is **SNELL mufti day tomorrow** as they won the house competition for the last two weeks. We are also going to have a <u>school mufti day on Friday</u> along with the PTA ice cream sale after school. A nice way to finish the term. Have a great break everyone. Travel safe and enjoy the time to sit back and enjoy the spring weather. See you all on Monday 15th October – *Alison* 

# **Belonging to Kohia Terrace School**

# Science

Year 1 students investigating colour and diffusion



Year 4 students 'balancing'



Year 6 students with a balancing investigation



Intermediates investigating fibres from fabrics



#### **Medical Kits Reminder**

School holiday is a good time to review and update your child's medical kit. You may collect your child's kit this Friday at the end of the school day.

## **Enrichment Planting**

In our class (Enrichment) we have been writing our letters to the Board of Trustees to plant some more plants in the tyres near the hall. After we all finished writing them, we planted our plants. We planted: potatoes, mint, strawberries, violas and tomatoes - to name a few. We have taken good care of them so far and we hope you do too. We ask that you please don't step on the plants so that we can give them their best chance to grow. If you have not seen the plants, go check them out! They are looking amazing! — *Arielle* 



### **Literacy Awards**

Congratulations to Daniel from Room 10, who received his Cobalt award

# **PTA Update**

#### **DISCO**

A sincere thanks to Chris Hendry, teachers plus parents who assisted to make the DISCO a night of fun dancing for all the attendees. We raised a total of \$2600, so a great effort!!

#### **RAFFLE**

Congratulations to Michael Houtwipper who won the coffee machine raffle. Congratulations also to Scarlett Harland who won the second prize – a Farro voucher. This raffle raised \$625. Thank you for your support.

# ICE CREAM sale Friday 3pm

Could I have some helpers please to ensure we have a smoothly run end-of-term treat. Helpers are needed from 2.30pm. Please email <a href="mailto:raepac1@gmail.com">raepac1@gmail.com</a>

Have an enjoyable two weeks holiday and recharge in readiness for the sprint to the end of the year. – Rae



# **KTS Exclusive Nespresso Offer**

The PTA are very excited to offer KTS families a chance to buy a Breville Nespresso coffee machine at an amazing price for a

limited time! There will be a selection of models and colours available during the month of September. See Kindo or visit the office for models and prices, and to make your purchases.



# **Spotlight on Sport**

# **Kids Marathon**

The KTS Kids Marathon Team have been training very hard and are halfway through the programme now...

only 5 weeks to go! They are an enthusiastic and determined group of young runners. – *Victoria Park* 

Thanks so much to Victoria and the parents for helping to run the Wednesday trainings.



#### Basketball Year 7 and 8

We are in need of 2 players for our Year 7 and 8 team. We can have either boys or girls in the team. Please email Jayne for further details. jayne@kts.school.nz

## Flippaball Year 3, 4 and 5

We are also in need of 1 more player for each Flippaball team. Please contact Jayne for more details. jayne@kts.school.nz

# **Community Notices**

## Kohia Kids OSCAR Holiday Programme

Information is now available on the school website, or from the after-school programme (School hall 3.00pm – 6.00pm) on what is available for the October school holiday programme. The programme runs from 8.30am to 5.45pm, priced from \$35 to \$50.00 daily. A few of the activities this time round include Kiwi Valley, Laser Tag, Living Art crafts, Jump, Tenpin Bowling and Movies. For further information please contact Linda directly on 027 4584 324.

# **Improv Holiday Programme**

The Covert Theatre School Holiday Programme is the ideal place for your child to develop their confidence and emotional intelligence and have loads of FUN doing it! There's a reason improvisation now has a place at Stanford University Business School - promote your child's quick and agile thinking and important life skills such as self-awareness, collaboration, freedom from judgement and storytelling. To find out more visit

http://www.coverttheatre.com/school-holiday-programs/ or email <a href="mailto:comedy@coverttheatre.com">comedy@coverttheatre.com</a>

#### **Hilton Brown Swimming**

Free trial swimming lesson for new customers. Call now to book: Newmarket – (09) 529 0177 One Tree Hill – (09) 582 1111

## **School Holiday Tennis Clinic at Parnell Tennis Club**

Come and join us for some great tennis and fun at Parnell TC, NZ's premier club.

An exciting holiday programme for juniors who are keen to improve their tennis over the school holidays. We endeavor to structure groups according to player ability from beginner to advanced standards. <a href="http://www.parnelllawntennisclub.co.nz/junior-programme/">http://www.parnelllawntennisclub.co.nz/junior-programme/</a>

#### **Demi Au Pairs**

Are you looking for affordable and friendly help in your home? Have you considered a Demi Au Pair from The Campbell Institute in Newmarket?

Our Demi Au Pairs are available before school and in the afternoons to help with childcare, school run and other household duties – up to 20 hours of work per week.

To explore this wonderful opportunity, visit demiaupair.co.nz/host

## **School Holidays at Epsom Library**

Check out what events Epsom Library are running these school holidays <u>HERE</u> ...or drop in and pick up a flier!

# It's Ice Cream Day! Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm

The following Ice Cream and popsicles are available





All allergen and ingredient information are on the school website

# We need parent volunteers

If you can help on the Ice Cream stall between

2.45pm - 3.30pm this Friday

Please email Rae at raepac1@gmail.com

This event is proudly sponsored by Tip Top Ice Cream



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