



# Newsletter

**Tuesday 6 November 2018**

## Coming up

5–9 November		Talent quest finals week
7 November		Senior Athletics Year 4–8
7 November	7.30pm	PTA Meeting in the school staffroom
8 November		Eden Albert Softball/Eden Albert Table Tennis (Y 5/6)
<b>12 November</b>		<b>School closed for instruction</b>
13 November		Kids for Kids concert (choir)
17 November		Eden/Albert Cultural Festival
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
14 December		Last day of term – <b>school closes 1.30pm</b>
	12:30pm	Final Assembly

## Quick Look

- How to join BEEP
- Talent quest results
- Senior Athletics details

For those of you who celebrated Guy Fawkes Night last night or over the weekend, we hope you enjoyed some great family time.

## Join BEEP



**We are pleased to let you know that School-links has released a free smartphone app called Beep.**

**This will enable you to:**

- receive news, newsletters, absence notifications and emergency alerts straight to your Smartphone.
- securely send absence notes to the office
- receive group messages for teams, clubs and special interest groups

**To download the FREE app:**

**1. Go to Google Play (Android)**

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nz.co.beep.android.beep>

**or the App Store (iPhone)**

<https://itunes.apple.com/nz/app/beep/id1201078200>

**2. Enable push notifications in your settings:**  
**Settings > Notifications > Select Beep > Allow Notifications**

**How much will it cost you?**

The Beep app is free and the push notifications to your phone will use only a tiny amount of your mobile data, or you can use your home Wi-Fi network.

**You don't have a Smartphone?**

The School-links software is very intelligent and those caregivers who have not downloaded Beep will receive emails or SMS text messages instead of the Beep notifications.

The school will continue to send all emergency alerts and absence notifications via email and text, as well as Beep, to ensure that we get critical messages through to caregivers.

**Want to learn more?**

To learn more about School-links or Beep visit <https://school-links.co.nz/beep-notifications/>

**Appointments**

We are delighted to announce two appointments. Katie Williams has won the Sports Leader role as Jayne Settle is leaving us at the end of the year. Katie is very excited about stepping into the role.

Erynn Riesterer is stepping back from Pohutukawa Team leadership to take on the Inclusive Practice Leader role. Erynn will continue to take responsibility and teach our ESOL programme but will also be taking on The Special Needs Coordinator Role (SENCO).

**Talent Quest week**

We have had some amazing performances for the intermediate and Year 5–6 competitions at lunchtime. Coming up on Thursday (12:55–1:20pm) are the Year 3 & 4s, with the Year 1 & 2 finals on Friday at the same times.

Results to date as follows:

	Intermediates	Year 5 and 6
1st place	Connor (self-choreographed dance)	Genesta and Jesse (piano and violin)
2nd place	Jesse (Casabianca – poetic monologue)	Vicky (piano)
3rd place	Arielle, Briar, Debbie, Elise, Olivia, Valerie ('It's a Hard Knock Life' – dance)	Madeleine ('Naughty' – song)

**Senior Athletics**

All senior students (year 4 upwards) are taking buses to Mt Smart Stadium on Wednesday for our annual athletics day. Students wear house colours and will need at least one filled drink bottle, a good morning tea/lunch, a hat, sunscreen, a fleece and a raincoat. The weather is looking variable at this stage. **Please check the website by 8:00am on Wed if the weather is looking changeable and we will put up a notice if it is cancelled.**

### Upcoming dance and kapa haka performances

The Eden Albert Schools Cultural festival is taking place on 17 November at Rocket Park (Mt Albert) from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Our kapa haka group and the three cultural dance groups (Chinese and Indian) will be on stage at various times over the day. In preparation, the Chinese and Indian dance groups will be performing at assembly this week; you are welcome to come by and watch (9am on Friday).

### Health update – Beating the Bugs

We continue to monitor any new outbreaks of our nasty bug, which thankfully is significantly reduced. It has been confirmed as Norovirus. We will continue with the cleaning down of tables daily, along with the spraying of door handles etc. for the next few days. We need to be completely clear of any new cases for four days.

Thank you so much for your cooperation last week, and the great communication from those who were sick. It made our process so much easier.

### Strike Action – November 12th

*Auckland teachers and principals will strike on Monday 12th November. The school is closed for instruction on this day. OSCAR will be open and will be operating from the hall - please contact Linda on 027 4584324 if you need to register for the day.*

### Diwali celebrations

Room 12's Indo-Kiwi community organised and ran a really cool Diwali celebration this week. See photos below.



### International Night – Thursday 29 November

Set the date in your diary for our annual celebration of our Kohia community. Bring along a plate of something delicious to share. Let our talented students entertain you with music and dances from around the world.

### **The search for the best caretaker**

With Bruce Settle leaving us at the end of the year, we are looking for a caretaker. If you know of anyone who may be interested – please ask them to contact me. You could also share the advertisement (see below) from the website through WeChat or Facebook.

We are really beginning to hit the end of year busy-ness. Please ensure you keep an eye on the newsletter for all the various events and deadlines coming up. – *Alison and Catherine*

### **Belonging to Kohia Terrace School**

#### **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.

#### **Celebrating Writing**

Congratulations to Chloe, who wins 500 house points for a fabulous acrostic poem about the fireworks, celebrating Guy Fawkes Day.

Frantic flashes magically popping in the pitch black sky.  
Inspiring blasts of booming bright colours.  
Repeatedly roaring like a racing car.  
Emerging elegantly and energetically like ripples in the water.  
**WOW!** Massive mighty frightening flickers gliding out in the midnight sky.  
Outrageously out of this world, constantly courageous, colliding and collapsing colours.  
Raining showers of smashing and shooting in the starry sky.  
Kicking slashes zooming down to the ground.  
Super splendid sparks as powerful as lightning bolts.

By Chloe – Room 6

#### **Mufti Day - Friday 9th November**

As part of an intermediate documentary that a few of us are making about how young kids can change the world, we would like to raise money for WWF (World Wildlife Foundation NZ) who help the endangered animals that set foot in our world.

To support these animals a mufti day will be held on **Friday the 9th of November**. We would like everyone to bring a gold coin donation to help raise money for endangered animals.

WWF is a worldwide charity. They help animals all over the world recover from traumatic experiences and prevent them from extinction. By bringing a gold coin you can help these animals in need. We hope to see you all in mufti this Friday.

Aleeya, Andrew, Hailey, Kate P. and Olivia



## Spotlight on Sport

### Athletics

Good luck to all students participating in Athletics day on Wednesday. I am looking forward to seeing you all use the skills learnt in class time at the Stadium. Parents are very welcome to come and watch during the day. Remember to enter from 53 O'Rorke Road and park in the carpark.

### Table Tennis and Softball Zones

Good luck to the softball and table tennis teams who are out on Thursday at their zone events. We wish you all well! These teams need to meet Jayne on the Year 6 deck at 8:30am to get their shirt.

Softball is at Keith Hay Park and Table Tennis is at 99 Gillies Ave, Epsom.

## 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](mailto:office@kts.school.nz) The job description and application form can be found [HERE](#).

Applications close 3pm Friday 16th November.

### The Covert Theatre IMPROV School Holiday Programme is Back!

17–20 Dec 2018 and 21–24 Jan 2019, 9am–3pm with a 6–7pm performance on the Thursday night.

Mt Eden War Memorial, 489 Dominion Rd, Mt Eden

8–12 year olds. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

Spaces are strictly limited! Email now to enrol: [comedy@coverttheatre.com](mailto:comedy@coverttheatre.com)