



Newsletter

Tuesday 6th March 2018

Coming up

Wed 7 Mar	Central Zones Swimming
Fri 9 Mar	Central Zone Cricket Zones (Boys)
Tues 13 Mar	Eden Albert Cricket Zones
Wed 14–Fri 16 Mar	Year 5 Camp
Tues 20 Mar	Three-Way Learning Conferences & CZ Girls Cricket
Thurs 22 Mar	Three-Way Learning Conferences
Mon 26–Thurs 29 Mar	Year 6 Camp
Fri 30 Mar–Tues 3 Apr	Easter (please note, school is also closed on the Tuesday)
Fri 13 Apr	Last day of Term 1
Mon 30 Apr–Fri 4 May	Year 7/8 Camp

Quick Look

- Colour run
- Deputy Principal departure
- Three Way Learning Conferences

A very warm welcome to Emma, Juliette and Victoria in Room 4 and Eloise and Helena in Room 5.



What a wonderful community gathering we had on Friday as we ran, stumbled or staggered our way through all that flying powder during the Colour Run. It was fantastic to see so many families relaxing together, eating delicious curry and laughing as their colourful kids returned from a couple of circuits running the gauntlet. What a great snapshot of our diverse community; we very much valued the sense of belonging that came with it.

Of course, these events only happen with support and organisation from people behind the scenes so our thanks go to Rae Ah Chee and the PTA for dreaming up the event and being the driving force behind it; to Beena Punja for her cultural guidance and for sourcing the powder and samosas at a great price; to all the families who generously donated the tasty curries that were sold on the day; to the helpful volunteers who served the curries and threw powder; to Bruce Settle for coming in specially to help with the set up; and finally to Penny Low for raising the profile of our multicultural community and ensuring that students understood the wider context of the Holi Festival and its importance to the Hindu faith.



The event was intended to bring community together as well as raise some funds for the PTA and I'm delighted to report that we raised

\$1560 (net), which is a good first step towards the PTA's year-long target of funding our new iPads. Thanks everyone for any contributions you and your family made.

Dishes can be found in the meeting room off the office.

If you'd like to be more involved with events like the Colour Run, please come along to the next PTA Meeting which is taking place on **Tuesday 13 March at 7.30pm** in the staff room. As well as supporting the school, you'll get a stronger sense of belonging and community by being part of the team.



Deputy Principal departure

It is with sadness that I (Louis) have to inform you that I will be leaving Kohia Terrace School early next term. I have won a position as Associate Principal at Mt Albert Primary School.

After more than 12 years' service to the school I can sincerely say that the decision to leave was not taken lightly. Although I was perfectly happy in my role, I saw a chance for me to grow further as a leader and I felt that it was good enough for me to pursue it.

I am immensely grateful for all the opportunities KTS has given me to develop as a teacher and a leader. I arrived in 2006 as a Provisionally Registered Teacher and took a Year 2/3 class for the first 3 years, moving up to a Year 7/8 class for the next 6 years and then finally taught Year 6, before taking up my most recent position on the Senior Leadership Team.

As well as teaching a wonderful variety of your fabulous children, I've had the good fortune to lead the Intermediate Team, ICT, teacher professional learning, mathematics, ESOL and most recently, to lead the whole school as Acting Principal.

All of these opportunities would not have come about without the belief and support proffered to me by Alison: I owe much of my leadership capacity today to the years of mentoring and access to diverse professional learning opportunities she has provided. Alison, I will always appreciate the wings you gave me.

Kohia will always have a special place in my heart as my first school and I am grateful to be able to maintain connections while my daughters are still in attendance. I leave the school assured that their learning and growth is in good hands and I wish the students, staff and the wider community every success for the future.

Louis

Three Way Learning Conferences

We have set Term 1 Three-Way Learning Conferences for **Tuesday 20th March** and **Thursday 22nd March** at 3.00pm–7.00pm. These conferences will touch on the start-of-year formal assessment information and our reading, writing and maths pathway booklets.

Students do need to be at these meetings.

To book in a time convenient for you please log into www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

Please use event code **fmek5**

If you require any help, please see your child's teacher or call in at the office.

Parents of Year 1–6 students

You will be able to book in one 15-minute slot with your child's teacher.

Parents of Year 7–8 students

You will be able to book in three 5 minute slots – one for literacy, one for maths and one for pastoral. Please check with your child as to which teacher(s) you need to book in with.

Because time slots are limited, we ask that for those students who are on individual learning programmes, please do not use these times. You will have had, or are about to have, scheduled meetings this term.

Parents Wanted to Help with Cultural Groups at KTS

We are on the hunt for parents to support our cultural groups at KTS this year. Currently we are looking for...

- 1) A parent who would be willing to support our Senior Indian dance group once a week.
- 2) A parent who would be willing to support our Chinese dance group once a week.

The roles will involve working alongside some intermediate leaders to choreograph a dance that will be performed at different events throughout the year with the help of Miss Low.

If you would be willing to give up around 40 minutes a week to supervise the group and support them where needed, please email Penny Low penny@kts.school.nz

We are also keen to initiate some language groups again this year. If you speak a language other than English and would be interested in sharing your skills with a small group of children once a week, please contact Penny Low.

Board of Trustees Update

The Board has just completed its first round of meetings for the year. The asset and personnel sub-committees meet periodically and report to the full Board which meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. All Board members are a member of a sub-committee. At the start of the year we elect a chair for the year, and we are focused on finalising the school's targets for the year, setting the budget to support those targets. The budget will be finalised at March's meeting.

The Board meetings are always public and we welcomed one school parent attending this month. The Board invites any other parents who are interested in how the Board works to come along. You might be thinking about whether you would like to stand in the elections in 2019. Please do come and join us on March 28, or at any other meeting during the year, to see how we work and what we do - *Ruth Wilkie (Board of Trustees Chairperson)*

Belonging to Kohia Terrace School

KTS Student Artists at the Mt Eden Little Day Out

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Little Day Out Art Competition in Mt Eden on Saturday.



Kohia students took out three of the four winning categories as follows:

- Most innovative – Aleeya
- Most creative – Lachlan
- Most technical – Meika, Bella and Violet

Huge thanks to Sallyann Hingston and Nicola Zimmerman for their efforts and encouragement to enable KTS students to take part.



Spotlight on Sport

Swimming Sports Zones

Last Tuesday 27

February the KTS swim

team attended the Eden/Albert zone competition to race against 10 other Auckland schools. The students were chosen based on the times of their races during our school swimming sports day.

I was so impressed with the students efforts at the event and their show of great sportsmanship. All the KTS children should feel extremely proud of making it to the competition and their achievements on the day.



Particular congratulations go to the following students who made the finals, making them within the top 8 children in their event.

Linda Liang - 25m freestyle, 25m backstroke and 25m breaststroke.

Genesta Hamm - 25m breaststroke and 25m backstroke.

Mila Houtwhipper - 25m backstroke.

Owen Bergman - 25m backstroke

Fergus Allen - 25m backstroke.

Our girls' relay team came 4th out of all of the schools and dramatically won their heat.
Congratulations to Linda, Genesta, Violet and Eva.

Jayne Settle organised the event for all the schools and did an amazing job running it on the day.

Penny Low

Community Notices

Kids Upfront Performing Arts April School Holiday Programme

We give kids confidence. They are given the opportunity to sing, act and dance, and perform in our 'Dr Seuss on the Loose' Show!

Auckland Grammar School Monday 16th to Friday 20th April

Epsom Girls Grammar School Monday 23rd to Saturday 28th April (minus Anzac Day)

Early Booking Rate expires 12th March 2018

Enrol ONLINE now!! www.kidsupfront.co.nz

9:00am to 3:00pm FREE Extended Hours!!!! 8:00am to 5:30pm

Diocesan School for Girls Open Day

Dio is holding an open day on 17 March 2018 at 10am.

Wynrs Football Academy

Wynrs are currently looking to kick-start an after-school football coaching programme beginning in Term 2.

- When: Every Monday & Tuesday (Starting 30th April), 3:30 – 4:30pm

- Where: Melville Park (Epsom), St Andrews Rd entrance

- Who: Those born in 2009 & younger

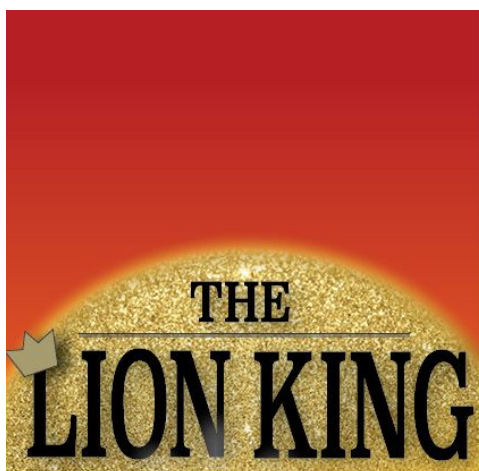
Cost: \$130 or \$240 for both days

Please email Joshua (joshua@wynrs.co.nz) for questions and registrations.

Junior Rugby at Eden Rugby Club

Register online now at edenrugby.co.nz

Tackle players must weigh in Sat 3rd and Sat 10th March 1-4pm, Eden Rugby clubrooms, Gribblehurst Park.



Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

16 - 20 April 2018, 9 am – 4 pm daily

Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre,
Epsom Girls Grammar School

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz

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