



# Newsletter

**Tuesday 1st May 2018**

## Coming up

Wed 2 May	7:30pm	BOT Meeting (April meeting)
Tues 8 May		Central Zone Boys Futsal
Tues 8 May	7:30pm	PTA Meeting
Thurs 10 May	2:30pm	PTA Second-Hand Uniform Sale
Mon 14 May–Fri 18 May		Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 14 May	3:30–6:30pm	Kids' Lit Quiz
Fri 18 May	9am–10am	Book Character Parade

## Quick Look

- Deputy Principal appointment
- Korean teachers introduction
- Book Week info

A warm welcome to Gabriel, Jake and Vincent who started in Room 5 this week, and to Matt who started in Room 13.

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday. The staff certainly did and have come back all set to focus on learning this term.

Our Year 7 and 8 students headed off to camp at Totara Springs yesterday morning. By all accounts they are going well, with Erynn even having to wake them at 7:00am this morning. That must be a first! A reminder to intermediate parents, more photos can be found on the intermediate website.



## Deputy Principal Appointment

After a thorough and rigorous process, we are delighted to announce that Catherine Palmer has been appointed as our new Deputy Principal. Catherine's path to leadership has been a little different in that she has been a leader across our community of schools. She brings to the role passion, integrity and expertise in curriculum delivery and gifted and talented education, has a passion for drama and technology, is fluent in French, and is committed to the school. I am very much looking forward to working with her.

We are in the process now of recruiting a replacement teacher for her — if anyone knows of an outstanding intermediate teacher, please ask them to contact me. Catherine will start once we have made an appointment.

Louis Heap leaves us in four weeks time. We will be holding a final assembly for him at 2:15 Friday 25th May.

### **Korean Teachers**

In line with our eagerness to know more about schools and schooling from other countries, we have welcomed four Korean teachers of English to Kohia Terrace this term. These teachers will be working in Rooms 4/5 (5 weeks each), 10, 13 and 16. They are here to learn more about our education system and how we teach English. We are looking forward to learning from them.



### **PTA Second-Hand Uniform Sale**

The second-hand uniform sale is on Thursday 10 May from 2:30 to 3:15pm. Come along and pick up a few items to plug the gap. The sale is 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.

### **Book Week**

14th–18th May

We are very much looking forward to Book Week in Week 3. As part of Book Week, the PTA has decided to offer books for purchase through the Scholastic Book Fair. Throughout the week, books will be available for purchase Monday to Thursday 3:00–3:20pm, Friday 8:30–9:00am. The more money you spend, the more money Jane Russell has to buy books for the school. If you are interested in purchasing a book and donating it to the school, Jane will have a wish list you can choose from. Donated books will include a dedication to the student who donated the book.

We are also very excited to welcome authors to the school during Book Week.

*Sally Sutton* will be coming in on the Monday to share her story with Years 1–3. She is the author of a delightful new book entitled 'Dig, Dump, Roll', which is available in the library now. She is a NZ award-winning author.

On the Thursday, *Joanna Grochowicz* is coming to talk to the Year 4–8 students. Joanna is fabulous with the students apparently. She has just written about Scott's Antarctic Odyssey entitled 'Into The White' - this book is a blend of fiction and all sorts of facts around Scott's expeditions to the Antarctic. It is a fascinating read.



To give you plenty of warning, a highlight of Book Week is our annual character parade. Students are asked to 'dress-up' as any book character. Weather depending, we traditionally walk through Mt Eden. Have fun discussing books with your children as they decide on the character they wish to celebrate — please encourage the students to design their costume from resources at home.




Finally, over the holidays we have had some work done around the school. We are converting the old PE and OSCAR cupboards on the far side of the hall to a bigger space to house the chairs and table tennis tables. This will clear the hall space. Some simple court markings are going to be painted in the next few weeks. We are also installing a container to better store all the PE equipment. This will be right in front of the old PE shed.

Enjoy the rest of your week and getting back in to school routine – *Alison*

### **Celebrating Writing**

Congratulations to Tanishka and Chloe who each win 500 house points for fabulous writing!

I Am a Tree, by Chloe, Room 11	The Storm, by Tanishka, Room 13
<p>I am a tree,  Beaten down from my roots,  Suddenly a gale hits me.  Lightning cracks at me,  Now the rain pelts down,  I am a tree,  Amidst the storm,  I slowly falter,  Fall,  The lightning shatters the silence,  The mayhem goes on.</p> 	<p>Bang! Bang! Bang!  The wind's roaring!  Thunder surrounds the city  Lightning strikes the sky city tower  Wind thrashes, lighting flashes, thunder lashes  This night will surely be frightening!</p> <p>I wake up this morning  The wind did give me a warning  As we drive down our driveway  We see our elderly neighbours tree  "Aaah!"  The big tree was uprooted</p> <p>Now we are at school  Which is quite cruel  I'm sure that winter storm has not finished its evil, cold  plans!</p>

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

#### **Fundraising**

At the end of last term, children in Room 10 held a healthy food sale to raise money for charity. They did a fabulous job, raising \$402 for KidsCan. Thanks everyone for your support.

The mufti day on Friday 13th April was also very successful. The children raised \$437.70, which will go towards buying resources for schools in Tonga that were damaged by Cyclone Gita.



## Hip Hop Nationals

Congratulations to Connor Settle-Smith and his hip hop troupe LYNX who competed at the Hip Hop Nationals in the first week of the holidays. They danced over 3 days and came 11th out of 28 junior crews from all over NZ.



## Spotlight on Sport

- Permission slips for Eden Albert Football Zones are due back please.
- Netball fees are also now due, please make sure these are paid by Wednesday 5:00 pm.
- Good luck to our Water Polo team. We have not for a few years entered an Intermediate team. They play every Friday night - starting this week. Have a great time.

## Gymnastics

Term 2 gymnastics classes are scheduled to start on Wednesday the 9th of May at 8am in the School Hall. **Register on the [www.GYMclub.co.nz](http://www.GYMclub.co.nz) website today!**

## Community Notices



### Art Exhibition

Vanessa Lim is a parent at Kohia Terrace School and will be holding an art exhibition in the Foyer of Mt Eden Village Centre, 449 Mt Eden Rd. Come and enjoy the art and some light refreshment on the opening night, Wednesday 2nd May 5:30-7:30pm. The exhibition will run from Thursday 3rd May to Tuesday 8th May, 9:00am-2:30pm and 10:00am-2:30am on the weekend.

## WESLEY COLLEGE OPEN DAY Thursday, 14 June 2018

11.00: Formal Welcome to Wesley College

11.30: School Curriculum Prospectus, Fees and Wesley Grant

12.00: Lunch Provided

12.30: School Tour and Class Visits

1pm: Hostels open for viewing

Register your interest by contacting Wesley College on:

Email: [admin@wesley.school.nz](mailto:admin@wesley.school.nz) Phone: (09) 2370224

**Next Level Basketball** is running a basketball academy in Term 2 for anyone interested in learning to play basketball or improve their skills. For more information see <http://nextlevelbasketball.co.nz/>  
Wednesday training starts 9th May at Epsom Girls Grammar School, small gym, 5:30-7:30pm  
Saturdays start 12th May at Saint Kentigern Boys School, 2:00-4:00pm