



Newsletter

Tuesday 6th March 2018

Coming up

Tues 13 Mar	Eden Albert Cricket Zones PTA meeting 7:30–9:00pm
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

- Tummy bug
- PTA Meeting tonight
- 3WLC - have you booked in your time?

It is certainly busy around the school these days. The Year 5s are off to camp tomorrow, which is always exciting. I am heading out there tomorrow afternoon for the evening. We have our Year 5 & 6 boys at cricket zones today; the Intermediate boys played on Friday, and the Intermediate girls play next week. We have finally had the new netball and basketball courts marked and goal posts erected (albeit we are waiting for the basketball backboards to be installed).

I was in Wellington yesterday as the Eden/Albert schools cluster representative at the New Zealand Principals Federation Moot. It was a fantastic day of talks with Chris Hipkins, Tracey Martin and Kelvin Davis, who shared the work they are undertaking. They were keen to hear from us as well, which was reassuring. They are very much wanting to collaborate and consult whilst undertaking a significant review of Tomorrow's Schools, with the aim being to develop a 30-year (bipartisan if possible) education plan.

Raising the status of teaching was also a real topic of conversation as we try to attract people to the teaching profession. It was agreed that the teacher shortage is going to get worse before it gets better, which is alarming. The complexity of the classroom today is significant, particularly with the increasing number of students with learning and behavioural needs and the lack of specialist staff to support us in meeting those needs.

It is all going to take time but everyone came away with a high degree of positivity.

Tummy bug

I have reports of a number of students with a tummy bug, and have staff off sick with it also. Please, if your child is feeling unwell, do keep them home for the day. We don't want nasty 'accidents' at school. Extra vigilance with handwashing is also needed.

PTA Meeting - 7.30 – 9.00pm tonight

We hope to see all parent liaisons and anyone else who is interested coming along tonight to set the PTA calendar for the year, among other things. The agenda is linked [HERE](#). See you tonight.

Have you booked in for our 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.

Secondhand Uniforms

Our secondhand uniform cupboard is looking bare. We'd really appreciate and welcome donations of clean uniforms in good condition. They can be handed in at the school office any time. Thank you so much for your support of the PTA!

Enjoy the week everyone and the cooler evenings - *Alison*



Spotlight on Sport

Calling all Players - Year 3/4 Futsal team

We are wanting to start a Futsal Team in year 3/4. Teams have 5 players on court at a time with rolling subs so the team needs to have 5-7 players.

Competition is on Saturdays at Epsom Girls Grammar and Auckland Grammar

To find out more information or to sign up to the team please contact

Wendy McRae - wendymcrae24@gmail.com

<http://www.aucklandfutsal.org/futsal/>

Central Zone Swimming

We had six students represent KTS at Central Zone Swimming on Wednesday of last week.

The boys swam well, Rowan and Bailey with immense style and Felix and Ben with immense courage!

Hailey and Aleeya also swam well in their 50M freestyle event.

Thanks so much to Ngairé and Nicole who looked after the boys team at the event.



Get Ready for Netball Camp

Sunday 18th March | 9.00am to 12.30pm

Junior Programme for Year 5-8 Players

This is a great day of activities and games to boost players' skills and confidence. Suitable for players of all levels. For more information and to register [click here](#)

<https://aucklandnetball.co.nz/>

Year 4/5 Flippaball

On the weekend our year 4/5 team recorded its 4th win this season and remains unbeaten. While it was our toughest game so far, our team dug deep and won by one goal. Overall our team has progressed/developed week by week with excellent attendance all year. WELL DONE to everyone.

Alex and Rae

Joint Coaches/Managers

Central Zones Cricket

It was a great start to the tournament when our team's first match produced a decisive win against ANI! Our squad of 8 players were enthusiastic participants in the intermediate six-aside cricket tournament at the Domain, all eager to test their skills, although for some it was their first foray into hard-ball cricket. The games were fast and furious with only six-over innings and every team member bowling. Jesse proved an excellent captain and wicket keeper throughout the day, keeping lots of positive talk going in the field through wins and losses. Lachlan scored his first four, while Sam and Charlie had a great batting partnership. Nathan proved himself a fierce bowler taking innumerable wickets.



Ashen's cricket experience showed through and Bailey and Ben were invaluable team members, showing particular skill in the field. With two out of three wins the team came second in their pool and after hard-fought matches in the play-offs, tackling both the challenges of skilled teams and the hot sun, they finished fourth. In my view, however, they came top for team spirit and sportsmanship with their fantastic attitude making them a credit to their school and their families. Huge thanks must go to Victoria and Ries for transporting and supporting the team.

Sally Thurman

Thanks so much to Sally for her time and effort in training the team over the last few weeks.

Jayne Settle

Community Notices

Three Kings United Football Club

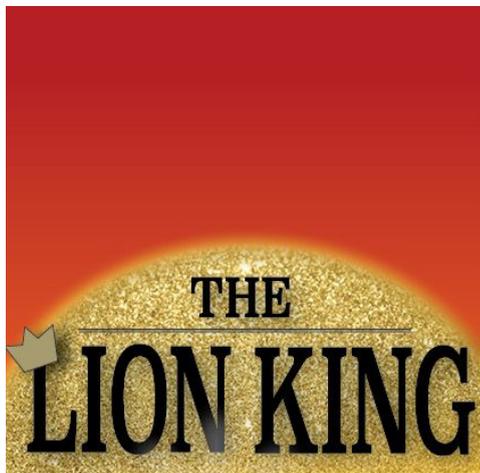
Registrations for 2018 are now open. Register online at www.threekings.org.nz
Football for every level from 5 years old. Boys and girls, men and women, competitive and social.

Have Your Say

During March, Auckland Council is asking for your input on ideas and proposals in the 10-year Budget (2018-2028) - including local priorities for the Albert Eden local board area. We invite you to find out more about these proposals and attend the local **Have Your Say** meeting to talk with your Board Members and Subject Matter Experts on the proposed plans.

Tuesday, 20 March 20, 2018, between 6 pm to 8 pm, Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, Mt Eden <https://goo.gl/maps/72EHKVeVvV62>

Documents and an online submission forms are available at akhaveyoursay.nz



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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