



# Newsletter

**Tuesday 16 October 2018**

## Coming up

17 October		Last day for out-of-zone ballot applications
5–9 November		Talent quest finals week
7 November		Senior Athletics Year 4–8
8 November		Eden Albert Softball/Eden Albert Table Tennis (Y 5/6)
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	9:00/10:00am	Prize-giving assembly
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

- Term 4 – hats please
- Staffing Update
- Board of Trustees September Meeting report

Welcome back to school for Term 4. We hope you have had a great holiday and enjoyed some special family time over the last 2 weeks. The staff were certainly looking more refreshed after their two-week non-contact time. The school was a busy place as we hosted a special delegation of Principals from Korea, some of us attended the ULearn Conference for three days at the end of last week and then there was the normal time spent setting up classrooms and planning for Term 4. Bruce was also busy painting. The new seating in the junior area of the school looks fantastic and certainly brightens things up.



We welcomed new students to the school yesterday. Subanya and Ethan have returned to Kohia. Gavin joined the learning community in Room 13 and we are delighted to have Vinnie, Noa and Victor start school for the very first time in Room 3.

In Koru team the term focus is on different celebrations, Harakeke are exploring wearable arts and Pohutukawa are looking at giving. It will be a busy term with lots to work towards and lots to celebrate.

Our assemblies this term will not be led by classes. Instead there will be opportunities for the cultural groups to perform. We will, of course, continue to acknowledge success with certificates as usual. Assemblies will be held in even weeks.

### Hats

Temperatures are rising along with the UV rays so students are reminded to bring hats for outside play this term.

### Staffing

We have completed the appointment of teaching staff for 2019. Whilst many of my colleagues are finding it difficult to recruit staff, we have been fortunate to attract a number of highly suitable and competent applicants; a credit to the school and the community. We are delighted therefore to announce the following appointments:



**Kelly Daji** (nee Sandford) is a very experienced intermediate teacher and is highly regarded by her previous employers. Kelly has a vast array of skills including the ability to speak Mandarin. We are just delighted Kelly has chosen to become part of the Kohia team.

**Kerry Hales** is also an experienced teacher and is just returning to full-time teaching. Kerry knows our school well after doing some relieving here last year and the year before – we loved her as a reliever and are delighted that she has decided to join the staff.

**Nygel Knighton** some of you will know as one of our teacher aides (working in the intermediate and in Year 2 in the afternoons). Nygel is a man of many talents having taught in the US, ESOL in Korea, and has also learnt to speak Korean.

**Toni O'Connor** is a NZ-trained teacher who has been teaching in the UK for the last few years. Her referees spoke so highly of her we are delighted she accepted our job offer. Toni is looking forward to coming back to NZ to continue her teaching career.

I will be advertising for a new caretaker in the next week or two. We need someone who is handy with their hands, likes working around children and is interested in 20 hours a week. Look out for the full advertisement and job description in next week's newsletter.

### Cups

We are starting to think about end-of-year events with prize-giving being one of the bigger ceremonies. Can those who received cups in 2017 please return them to the school over the next two weeks. The cup and cornerstone badge information is on the [school website](#).

Term 4 is always a very busy term so please keep an eye on the newsletter and website for dates. Teachers are working on end-of-year assessments including Progress and Achievement Tests (PATs). They are also getting started on end-of-year reports. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the progress each child has made this year.

You will be aware that we have rejected the latest contract offer from government. There is a survey of all teachers today with one option being another strike day. Once a decision is made, I will certainly let you know – **Alison**

## **Board of Trustees September Meeting Update**

*The Board met on the last Wednesday of last term. We hope you and your families had a great holiday and are ready for the last term of the year.*

*This was a busy meeting. The Board ratified a change in auditor, after 12 years with the same company and some concerns about their service level. The Office of the Auditor-General has agreed to our request for a change.*

*The Board also discussed the recent changes to the title of the Auckland College of Education (ACE) or 'Teachers College' site which KTS was originally part of. This has recently been separated into individual titles for KTS, ANI and the ACE parts with the ACE site being transferred immediately thereafter from the Crown to the University of Auckland.*

*We have been consulting (in conjunction with ANI) over the past years with the Ministry of Education and University to ensure access, health & safety and other issues were being resolved as part of this transaction, however the transfer has occurred before resolution was found.*

*As you may have seen in the media, it would seem that the University is likely to sell at least part of this property as a development site for housing or other uses. The KTS and ANI Boards are both very concerned about the implications of this change for the future of our schools, let alone the community. We are now asking for further information from the relevant agencies under the Official Information Act.*

*The Board also discussed at length the preliminary results of our community survey. Thank you so much to those who responded, both in answering the questions and critiquing the survey. We take careful notice of what is said and track our responses to this survey every time it is done (every 2 years). We have asked for some more information before we decide on our response, so we'll let you know about that after our next meeting.*

*In response to a recent request, and comments in the survey, the Board has also decided to put its minutes and agendas on the school website from now on. We will also post our 5-year cycle for review of our policies, so you can see our plans for checking our policies on a regular timetable. The September minutes will be posted after they are confirmed at the October meeting.*

## **Belonging to Kohia Terrace School**

### **Personalised Artwork Calendars, Cards, Diaries and More!**

Your child's art can be made into affordable calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. You can view your child's fantastic artwork in the office. Look out for the order forms, which will be going home this week.

### **Hip-Hop Success**

Congratulations to Connor and his Troupe LYNX from Rebecca Gray Dance (pictured right). They competed at a competition in Sydney in the holidays and came first out of seven troupes.





## Spotlight on Sport

### Futsal

Futsal finals usually means playing the first Saturday after term has finished and this term was no exception. With a player down, the Year 6 Kohia Desert

Foxes played a tense game but came out on top beating the Maungawhau Fireballs 4–1 to become the Year 6 A1 Champions, making them the best Year 6 team in the central schools competition. An awesome result and a well deserved win after finishing runners up for the last few terms.

Well done to the boys, Fergus, Hamish, Jacob, Kishan, Louis & Xavier, who have consistently shown great team work and competitive spirit.

Many thanks to the parents and family who come out each Saturday to support the team.



### Mini Polo

On Sunday our Year 6 mini-polo team entered the Neptune Water Festival tournament and came *second* in their division, receiving a silver medal each. A big congratulations to Archie, James, Meika, Fergus, Dylan, Jeremy C, Charlotte and Xavier. This is the first time for some of our players and treading water for 5 mins each half is no easy feat, especially with only one reserve. Their determination and skill paid off. A big thank you to Eva Allan for coaching and Katie and Michael (Fergus' parents) for managing the team. It was a fun atmosphere with a bouncy castle and the New Zealand women's waterpolo team hosting a sale of ham rolls & baking.



### Year 4 – 8 Athletics Day

We are having our Athletics day at Mt Smart on Wed 7th November. A notice with all the details was sent home on Monday. We need lots of parent help and this can be for the whole day or just part of it. Please send all forms back to the class teacher.

### Flippaball/Mini Polo

Good luck to our three teams that are starting a competition season this term.

## Community Notices

### Family Discovery Day

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints would like to extend an invitation to all families to attend our **Family Discovery Day** on **27th October 2018** at **147 Pah Rd, Royal Oak from 9 am - 12 pm**. There will be activities for ALL ages at this **free event**. Come and learn how to discover, gather and connect your family ties across generations.

### Coatesville Ag Day

Sat 27 October 2018, Coatesville School, 24 Mahoenui Valley Rd.

Judging starts 9am, stalls open 10:30am.

Rural fun just 20 mins from CBD. Games, food stalls, pony rides, bouncy castle, recycle boutique, food co-op, silent auction, face painting and more.