



# Newsletter

**Tuesday 8th May 2018**

## Coming up

Tues 8 May	7:30pm	PTA Meeting
	8:15am	Year 8 Boys Futsal Zones
Wed 9 May	8:00am	Young Leaders Day
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

- Intermediate Camp report
- Update from the Board of Trustees

A warm welcome to Jacob who started in Room 4 this week.

The weather has continued to hold despite a damp weekend, and our Intermediate students were certainly grateful for the sunshine as they swung, climbed, shot, slid and swam their way through a wonderful week of outdoor education at the Year 7/8 camp near Matamata.

Although generally what goes on tour stays on tour, I have it from trusted sources that students pushed themselves through new challenges and collaborated with their peers in a supportive way to ensure that everyone was included and participating – so some of the learning objectives of the camp were certainly achieved. I'm also fairly certain that the food and accommodation was excellent and the variety of activities on offer catered to every taste – but don't just take my word for it, these pictures speak for themselves.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who gave up a week of work to support the camp and, of course, thanks also to our wonderful Intermediate staff who always go the extra mile to make this an unforgettable experience for the students – whakawhetai!



This is the last of the camps for this summer/autumn – our Year 4s will be first cab off the rank next summer with their marae visit and overnight stay at the school later this year in Term 4.

And still fresh from camp, our Year 8 student leaders will be heading off-campus again tomorrow as they attend National Young Leaders' Day. This is an annual leadership event held in major cities around New Zealand and its aim is to develop student leadership and be both inspirational and practical. We wish our ten young leaders a fulfilling and powerful experience – one which they can bring back and share with the rest of the school.

One last thing – it's National Sign Language Week and hopefully you've been hearing about, and maybe even seeing some of the evidence of student learning around this coming home via home learning or through some talk around the dinner table. We're hoping to see some NZ sign language in action at this Friday's assembly – 9am in the hall. – *Louis*

### **Board of Trustees Update**

At this month's meeting the Board discussed the first report back on the school's annual plan. We get reports four times a year. Progress is good on the actions needed to set up good learning for our children and to work towards the targets we have in place. The next report will give us a half-way point for achieving the targets.

The Board also ratified the appointment of our new deputy principal, as it does for all staff appointments. We also marked this as the last Board meeting that Louis Heap attended as deputy principal, and thanked him for his great contribution to the school during his time here.

We are also exploring some improvements around the school environment. You can see progress around making the hall a more usable space, and we are doing some work on enhancing the junior playground too. There will be more about that plan soon. – *Ruth Wilkie*

### **Celebrating Writing**

Congratulations to Jamie, who wins 500 house points for fabulous writing!

#### **At the Movies, by Jamie, Room 6**

Yay! I have been waiting for this moment all week. I thought I was dreaming. I looked at the calendar and it was Sunday. I quickly looked at the time, it was nearly time. I rushed down the hallway and popped my shoes on and drove to the movie theatre with my family. We brought fruit bursts to enjoy while watching the movie. The movie was kind of scary. I felt kind of hot and sticky from being in the movies for so long. After the movie I went home, tired and happy.

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

#### **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.



## Science



Year 1 students 'being' a solid



Intermediate students investigating dissolving of different sugars using Fair Testing



## Spotlight on Sport

- Congratulations to the water polo team. The team had been at camp all week and then played their game at 8:15pm on Friday night – amazing commitment!! Here is the report from Manager Carolyn Barrett: “Water polo was a resounding success tonight: Kohia won 16–0!!!”
- Good luck to the four basketball teams who also start their new term of competition.
- Netball: All the best to the 12 netball teams who start their games this week.
- **WANTED: football boots and shin pads** – if you have any football boots (with plastic sprigs) or shin pads at home that your children have grown out of, we would love to have them at KTS for our players. Please drop any unwanted boots and shin pads to the office.
- **WANTED:** 1–2 players are needed for the Year 3/4 basketball team. They train at school on Wednesday lunchtime and play on Wednesday afternoon at St Kents school in Remuera. For more information please contact Jayne. [jayne@kts.school.nz](mailto:jayne@kts.school.nz)
- Cross Country for Years 1–8 will be at Fowlds Park, Western Springs on Tuesday 5th June. A more detailed map and information letter will come out next week. We are training at school but we will not be able to train at the venue; however, you are more than welcome to visit the venue in the weekends.

## Community Notices

### Are you missing a watch?

A watch has been handed in. If you think it could be yours please come to the office and let us know what it looks like.

**Auckland Afterschool Education Center** offers tutoring in Chinese, English, Maths, Science, Fine Arts. Location: 321 Great South Road, Greenlane. Open 9:30am–5:30pm Sunday. Phone Grace on 0211659668



### **Kids Arts Festival – Marvellous Mechanica**

This free family-focused event celebrates the arts, with a mix of hands-on activities, performances by local entertainers and cultural groups, as well as an exhibition by a selection of primary schools in West Auckland.

Saturday 12 May, 10am–4pm

Corban Estate Arts Centre, 2 Mt Lebanon Lane, Henderson

### **Reb Fountain and Steve Abel with The Can Man Family Show**

Saturday 19 May 2018 2.00–5.00pm

Mt Eden Village Centre

Come Celebrate Music Month. From 2pm to 5pm in a family-friendly environment, Steve Abel and Reb Fountain will be swapping guitar lines inspired by alt-folk and country before inspiring percussionist and drummer Chris O'Connor brings his Tin Can Man suit out for some lively entertainment. Family friendly, bring-your-kids music event. Tickets at

[www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz)



### **Josh Leys 14+ Gig**

Friday 18 May 2018 7.00-10.00pm

Mt Eden Village Centre

Multi-talented Josh Leys is performing at the Village Centre in a youth-focused Friday night gig. Josh can beat-box, rap, sing, and loop up a party as a one-man band with a variety of instruments at his fingertips. His genre-crossing original songs and covers have wide appeal, and make him the perfect entertainment for music-curious teens and adults looking for an energetic Friday evening in the Village. Tickets at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz)

### **Kidzanya**

Kidzanya is an after-school tuition centre for all primary, junior and high school subjects: English, Maths, Science, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus, Social Sciences, Languages, ESOL.

Location: 16 Turner St, Auckland Central. Phone 029 122 8541 or 366 0305.

Email [kidzanyaNZ@gmail.com](mailto:kidzanyaNZ@gmail.com) or visit [www.kidzanya.co.nz](http://www.kidzanya.co.nz)

## Letter Regarding Influenza Vaccination

Dear Parents,

This year our public hospitals are preparing themselves for a serious flu season. In New Zealand our flu patterns follow the Northern Hemisphere, and this year they have had a severe epidemic due to a particular strain of flu (H3N2). It has caused much more serious sickness and death than in recent seasons.

<http://time.com/5105929/why-is-the-flu-so-bad-2018/>

The flu is not just a cold, it is a very unpleasant, prolonged illness that can kill even healthy people. Most at risk of a severe response are young children, pregnant woman, the elderly, and people with some existing medical illnesses (eg asthma).

Getting the flu vaccine, and staying home if you're sick, are two of the most important ways to reduce the spread of the virus. Children should stay away from school for at least 24 hours after a fever has gone. If in doubt, please stay away from school a little longer. It's also important to remind our children to wash their hands often, and to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze.

School staff have already been offered the vaccine, as have all healthcare workers. We all hope to avoid a repeat of the 2008/9 flu season in NZ, during which our hospitals overflowed, some schools had days with 90% of children away sick, and we suffered several deaths. As our flu season follows the Northern hemisphere season, we have the advantage of a vaccine adjusted to target the H3N2 flu strain.

Please consider the flu vaccination for your family. It is better to do this early rather than wait until the virus is already spreading. The website <https://www.fightflu.co.nz> has helpful information on this, e.g. people at higher risk qualify for free vaccination. Contact your GP practice to arrange your vaccines, and to discuss any questions.

Kind regards,

Dr Kathleen Mistry