



Newsletter

Tuesday 7 March 2017

This week

Tue 7 Mar		Intermediate Boys Zone Cricket
Tue 7 Mar		Year 5/6 Zone Cricket
Fri 10 Mar		Assembly hosted by Room 6
Fri 10 Mar	5.00pm - 7.00pm	KTS Colour Run (weather permitting)

Coming Up

Tue 14 Mar	3.00 - 7.00pm	Three Way Learning Conferences
Thur 16 Mar	3.00 - 7.00pm	Three Way Learning Conferences
Mon 13 Mar		New playground installed (2 weeks)

Quick Look

- Three Way Learning Conferences - book in your time
- Junior Gate - please keep shut
- Colour Run
- Auckland Central Community Of Schools update

Welcome to Roman and Jack who both started in R2 this week. Roman has two brothers in the school (Eli R6 and Xavier R10) and Jack has a sister, Sophie, in R6.

Three Way Learning Conferences

We have set term 1 Three Way Learning Conferences for **Tuesday 14th March** and **Thursday 16th March** starting at 3.00pm - 7.00pm. These conferences will touch on the 'All About Me' profile sheets that have been returned to school but also 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.

The event code **9bp4z**. If you require any help, please see your child's teacher or call in at the office.

Please note that Room 1 and Room 2 conferencing will be on Thursday 16th March.

After feedback from you in last year's survey, we have extended these meetings to 15 mins. As such, the 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.

Junior gate

If you access the school through the junior area you will be aware there is a latched gate. On a frequent basis we have found that gate held open with a rock (see pictured) despite a "please keep the gate shut" notice. We have a new student to the school who does require this gate to be kept latched. We ask that you please respect our health and safety practices and ensure the gate is always kept closed - thank you.



Colour Run THIS FRIDAY (weather permitting - decision will be made Thursday)

Remember to get your tickets for our fabulous Colour Run and Community Picnic this Friday (10th March) from 5–7pm. **\$ 7.50 a ticket (available on Kindo as of 28th Feb).** If cancelled we will reimburse.



Each 'runner' should have **OLD clothes - preferably white t-shirt (only because it shows the colour better) and sun-glasses or goggles to protect the eyes.**

The school provides the coloured powder. It is washable, to a degree, and it is made of cornstarch which is also edible. (*Cornstarch is a fine, powdery starch that is made out of corn. Cornstarch is also known as cornflour, it is gluten free.*)

Approximate timings

5.15pm Year 1,2, 3 girls, then boys - **parents may choose to run with their children**

5.35pm Year 4, 5 and 6 girls, then boys

6.00pm Year 7, 8 and family members outside the school

6.20pm Adult run (and any pre-schoolers)

If you'd rather not do the colour run you're still welcome to join the community for a picnic on the field. Order your tickets (\$7.50 each) on our school website – KTS Shop NOW or in person at the office. If you purchase them from online, please collect your tickets from the office.

Thank you SO much to those parents who have added your name to help out. We just need 3 or 4 more parents to help - please add your name to the google doc linked [HERE](#). We will need you from 5.00pm for the safety briefing. Disposable gloves will be provided.

Auckland Central Community of Schools (ACCOS)

You may already know that KTS is part of a 'Community of Learning' called ACCOS – comprising 12 education centres from Early Childhood to High School and everything in between. The aim of a Community of



Learning is to encourage schools to identify common areas for improvement and to collaborate on initiatives to lift student achievement. We have two 'in-school' leaders (Erynn Riesterer and Louis Heap) who work with leaders from other schools in the community, sharing ideas and collaborating on raising student achievement. Catherine Palmer is also involved as an 'across-schools' leader, working to drive the direction of the community and to help teachers from different schools make connections and collaborate. ACCOS has five achievement challenges and this year we are focusing on those that pertain to writing and to student agency. If you've had a look at our charter and annual plan, you'll see that the ACCOS goals are well aligned with our own strategic objectives.

Specifically, we are focusing on involving you, our parents and whānau, more in student learning in a number of different ways including:

- setting students home learning tasks that involve specific interaction with parents and/or whānau
- equipping whānau with clear indicators around where children are at with their learning and where they are going next
- ensuring there are regular opportunities for student to talk about their learning with their families

We are also continuing to develop our 'learner pathways' for reading, writing and maths to include more examples of student work and student voice.

Introducing our head girl - Dayna

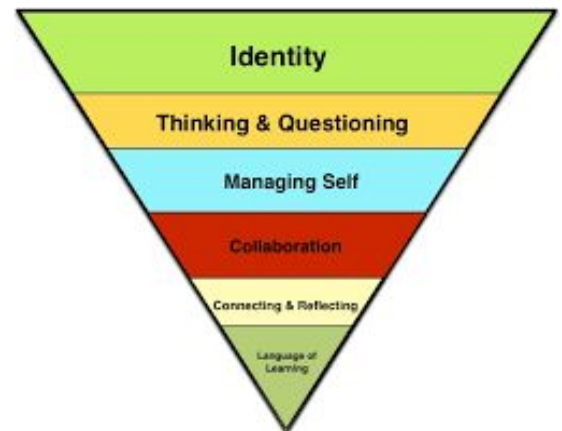


Kia ora katoa, I'm Dayna Langley and I have the privilege to be your head girl this year. I am a bright, bubbly sort of person, with interests in sport, culture and arts. This year will be an amazing year with all of Kohia's wonderful opportunities. I have a younger brother in year 6, his name is Benjamin for those who don't already know that. One thing I'm looking forward to this year is getting to meet new people, both the students and their parents. So when you see me around school come say "hi" because I would love to meet you!

Teacher Only Day - what did we do?

We had a most worthwhile and thought-provoking Teacher Only Day yesterday. The main focus of the day was exploring the importance of the competencies (our KTS Learner attributes) and how they are at the forefront of learning. These life skills are so critical to ensure students are prepared for future learning and living. Our continuing work around this will be evident in our inquiry learning with students going forward.

There was also some fascinating learning about the brain and the connections that need to be made, how we can approach learning to ensure engagement, and what concepts are critical.



Swimming Sports

We had two big swim events on last week with both the zone swim meet for Year 5 and 6 students, and then our very own school swimming sports. Both events were wonderful and so well run thanks to the supreme efforts of our very own sports coordinator Jayne Settle. I would like to thank Jayne for all her efforts and she does go over and above what is expected. Thank you also to all those parents who helped out (both on Tuesday and on Wednesday).



As always we couldn't do it without your help! We hope you had a good day, and an enjoyable long weekend. I look forward to seeing you on Friday at the Colour Run or at Three Way Learning Conferences next week - Alison





Spotlight on Sport

HOT OFF THE PRESS - The Year 5/6 girls played off for first place in the zone cricket today. They played an amazing game narrowly missing out and came second. The team played so well considering most

were new to cricket!



Year 6 Netball trials at lunchtime tomorrow (Wed) - please bring shoes and shorts and a t shirt suitable for trialling if you would like to. **There is 1 space available in year 4. All other teams are now full.**

Belonging to Kohia Terrace School

2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book

This new entertainment book or digital version is now available to order with delivery in early April. Buy now and receive Early Bird Offers (additional to vouchers in the book). Please see attached flyer for more details and ordering information.

Little Day Out - Mt Eden Village

The art club displayed their paintings at the Little Eden Day Out last Saturday. The theme was Kia Haha; Self Portraits. There were many happy artist's faces with Stella P taking 1st place in the year 6-8 section, Caspar for year 5 and Tanishka for year 4. The paintings will be on display for another two weeks in the community centre.



General Notices



Music Lessons with Lewis Eady

Instrumental music lessons at Kohia Terrace School!

Our students have the opportunity to learn to play musical instruments at school with Lewis Eady. For children in Year 3 and upwards, 30 minute lessons (group or one-on-one) take place each week during school time. Instruments available include keyboard, guitar and ukulele.

Lewis Eady's beginner music programme Musical Jam - a fun, instrumental prep programme for year 1s and 2s is a great way to get started!

To enrol for music lessons with Lewis Eady tutors based at Kohia Terrace Primary School, and for more information on the instruments and programmes offered, please visit www.lewiseady.co.nz



Auckland Normal Intermediate - IB Parent Information evening - Suitable for parents only

ANI are holding an IB parent information evening in their library on Wednesday 15 March at 6:00pm.

Find out more information about the International Baccalaureate Programme and how it is implemented at ANI.