



newsletter

Tuesday 20 April 2010

This week

Tues 20 Apr 7.30pm BOT meeting

Coming Up

Mon 26 April Year 6 team building day
Mon 26 April 7.30pm PTA meeting in the staffroom
Tue 27 April 12.00pm Nominations for Board of Trustees election close
Fri 30 April Year 8 girls volleyball zone competition
Fri 30 April 12.00pm School assembly hosted by Room 10
Wed 5th May 1.30 – 5.30 Parent / teacher meetings
Thurs 6th May 3.30 – 7.30 Parent / teacher meetings



Celebrating New Zealanders

Welcome back. After such a lovely break I am sure you are all rejuvenated and ready to take on the next 11 weeks. I am sure it is going to be busy as we look forward to parent / teacher meetings, book week, our art exhibition and sale and just to finish off the term our j-rock team will be performing.

A warm welcome to our new students who have started this term, Gloria R1, Rehaan R1, Jayne R1, Ethan R4 and Leo R11.

Parent / teacher meetings

We have changed the organisation a little this year and extended the time allocation to 15 minutes per meeting and spread them over two days. This will allow for you to choose the more convenient day and also ensure the teachers do not have such a long day to maintain their focus in their discussions with you. We have also opted for an on-line meeting booking system which will be explained in more detail next week. If you do not have computer access at home we will have a laptop available at the school office for you to use if need be.

Teachers are busy working on the profiles that accompany the meetings and as a result of feedback from last year we have simplified the data that will be shared. Assessment information that has been gathered this year and that same data from last year will also be recorded. Teachers will also be making an overall reading, writing and maths level that will take into account all the relevant data and what the teacher knows of your child's performance in the classroom. Teachers will also be commenting on your child's learning in each of these three areas as well as what the next learning steps are. New this year, and aligning with national standards reporting requirements, we will be co-constructing at the meetings how you might be able to support your child at home. This new profile will be sent home a few days before the scheduled meetings.

Also new to the profiles this year is our KTS Learner information. Our four components (empowered, self aware, connected and equipped) have been broken down in to two expectancies for each strand. Each strand is then expanded further to reflect the expected learning and behaviour within each team of the school e.g. Kohia Team, Koru Team etc. Students will be assessing themselves against these (for what has been covered in classes to date). This will all become more clear once we send the profiles home in a few days.

Parent / teacher meetings are an important aspect of our reporting procedures in the school and we look forward to having a more formal time to talk with you about your child and their progress to date.

Staff changes

We are delighted to welcome Marcia Soanes (left) who started work at Kohia this week. Marcia will be supporting the learning in Room 12 Monday to Thursday 9.30-12.30 for the rest of the year. Welcome also to Emma East (right) who will be working through the school supporting identified students with their learning. Emma starts next week. It is lovely to have you both on staff. We are sorry however to say goodbye, as an employee, to Lara George. Lara is in her second year of teacher's training and has decided to dedicate her time to her studies. We would like to thank Lara for her work with various students in the years she has worked here. All the best Lara!



Classroom upgrades

We are delighted to have completed scheduled work over the last two weeks. I have been most impressed with the commitment of the workers to have work finished and to hand the classrooms over to teachers last weekend. Rooms 4-7 have had the most visible transformations with new pinboards as well as a complete interior paint. Rooms 1-3 have had a repaint and new carpet installed. Along with this the covering over the deck area has been replaced.

Rooms 14 and 15 will be moving to the hall this afternoon to allow for work to start in their rooms on Wednesday. They will also have a repaint, new carpet and pinboards. Once this work is complete, work will start in Rooms 8 and 9. The Board have been delighted to respond in such a way to the feedback from our community survey last year. Also prioritised from the survey is the upgrade of the Room 4/5 and 14/15 toilet areas. This work will follow the classroom projects. We will be upgrading the Room 8/9 toilet area when we upgrade the administration area in a year or two. Also to be done in the next three years will be Rooms 10-13. It is exciting to see the improvements to the interiors and look forward to the exterior paint next year.



Before



After

Sushi – Tuesday and Thursday

We are delighted to be able to reintroduce sushi to our school lunch menu. The Japanese restaurant in Mt Eden, Haru no Yume, has put together a great package for us. Starting next week (Tuesday 27th April) we will have sushi back on the menu on a Tuesday and Thursday only. Subway will continue to offer their range on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The same system will operate for ordering. Please refer to the school website for the menu options www.kts.school.nz.

Thank you Rooms 12 and 13 for their lovely displays in the hallway. It was lovely to see everyone back yesterday and I look forward to catching up with you to hear the holiday stories over the next few days – *Alison*

Congratulations

A very special acknowledgement to Lily in R10 (right) who has been recognised for her achievements in The World Maths Day held on March 3rd. Lily came 4th in New Zealand for her age group. She also competed in the national schools maths challenge that same week and has won 2nd prize. Congratulations Lily – we are very proud of you.



Belonging to Kohia Terrace School

Exhibition & Sale of Contemporary Art

Tickets for the gala opening night of the 2010 Art Exhibition are now on sale. The opening evening is on Friday 11 June from 7 - 9.30pm and features wine, music, canapes and of course a feast of art. Tickets are \$40 (with a small concession for school families ordering 4 or more - see orange order form) and all proceeds from the event will benefit our school. Look out for the orange order forms going home in your child's school bag today or pick up a form in the school office.

www.KohiaArt.co.nz

Board Elections

A reminder that nominations are open and will close 12.00 midday on **Tuesday 27th April**. If you have any queries please see our returning officer Joy Johansen (joy@kts.school.nz)

Netball

The season is due to get underway, Year 3-6 teams start Thursday 6th May and our Y7/8 teams commence on Tuesday 4th May. Uniforms will be distributed to all players Monday 26th April during lunch hour. If any parents would like to come and assist it would be most appreciated. Team coaches will be in touch shortly to organise training days.

2nd Hand uniform Sale

This will be held on Wednesday 28th April from 2.30-3.30pm in the corridor outside the school office. If you have any uniforms in good, clean condition suitable for sale please leave at the office.

Windproof Jackets/Vests

We will be placing an order with our suppliers this Friday 23rd April. If you are considering purchasing a jacket or vest you can pick up an order form from the office. Sample sizes are available to view (see Joy). Payment will need to be made when ordering.

The house t-shirt is also an optional item on the ordering system and is available for purchase at the office.

Entertainment Books

Please return books if not required or payment with order form **as soon as possible** to the office.



Our next meeting is **Monday 26th April at 7.30pm**. We look forward to seeing you all.

Coming up from 17-21 May is our book week. We have two great events planned:

- **Second-hand books and toy sale**. Keep hold of these treasures. We will be collecting soon.

- **Disco** – we are in need of someone to coordinate this eagerly anticipated event. Maybe a group of you would like to do this together! Please contact Kyria Warren KYRIA@xtra.co.nz if you are interested.

We are keen to have as many people as we can involved in helping with our events throughout the year. Please indicate, and return to school as soon as you can, how you might be able to help with the various activities. The more people to help eases the time commitments for us all with the school benefiting from a new sound and lighting system as well as new easy-ups.

General Notices

Kelly Sports: After School Multisport Programme at Kohia Terrace School

Kelly Sports is offering a Mighty Multisport Programme at Kohia for Term 2 after school on Mondays from 3.10 - 4.10pm, designed especially for Y1-4 children. A whole range of sports is on offer including football, hockey, basketball, netball, rippa rugby, plus heaps of other fun games like dodge ball and 'run the gauntlet'. Player of the Day will receive a special Kelly Sports 'Medal'. Contact Jeremy Lewthwaite on 4431605 or jeremy@kellysports.co.nz for more information.

The Parenting Place - Term 2 from 3 May to 26 June – Practical Workshops for Parents is now open for bookings. The Parenting Place, 300 Great South Road, Greenlane. Now opening Saturdays from 8 May – 9.00 – 1.00pm.

AMI Netball Centre After School Programmes – promoting learning new skills, upskilling, extending existing skills in a fun and energetic learning environment, with skilled coaches. For further info or to register go to www.aucklandnetball.co.nz.

