



newsletter

Tuesday 27 April 2010

This week

Fri 30 th April		Y8 Girls HPV Vaccination – Dose 1
Fri 30 th April		Year 7 & 8 girls orienteering zone competition
Fri 30 th April	12.00pm	School assembly hosted by Room 10

Coming Up

Wed 5 th May	1.30 – 5.30	Parent / teacher meetings
Thurs 6 th May	3.30 – 7.30	Parent / teacher meetings
Thurs 13 th May		Harakeke Science Fair
Fri 14 th May	9.00	School cross country



Y6 involved with Big Foot challenges

Welcome to Cathy who started in room one this week.

Week 2 of Term 2 and what an exciting place KTS is to be. The Year 7 and 8s are well into the routine of catching the bus bright and early on Monday mornings to take them to Waikowhai Intermediate for technology. They are enjoying the new experiences and challenges of working in tech rooms, kitchens and science labs. Rooms 14 and 15 have set up a very comfortable temporary home in the hall while their classrooms are being worked on. All credit to Gina and Louis and our senior students for carrying on with their learning programmes in their new surroundings. As part of their theme on what it means to be Kiwi, some of our students from the Pohutukawa Team attended the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day. It was a particularly poignant service to be at and an experience that will enhance their understanding of Kiwis in conflict.

Yesterday our Year 6s from the Harakeke Team participated wholeheartedly in a day of team building challenges run by "Big Foot". They participated in a range of physical activities with a strong emphasis on cooperation, strategy and fun. Well done to those students on their high level of commitment and enthusiasm.



The Kowhai team are, at the time of writing, engaged in the Maori cultural programme at the Museum. Some of the students have prepared to share their Mihi - introductions of themselves, during their time in the Meeting House. Watch for photos appearing on the website as soon as possible.

In a few weeks during Book Week we shall be participating in Circus Challenge, a programme all about getting active and developing new skills. During that week we shall be hosting visits from authors and illustrators to inspire our students in developing their own story writing and drawing skills.

Indeed this term has many opportunities for a breadth of curriculum experiences which enhance the classroom programmes. Large numbers of senior students are practising for J-Rock, the choir is preparing for the APPA performance, netball is underway as well as soccer trials and cross country training.

Meet the Teacher

Coming home with your child this evening is the information you will need to book appointment times for next week's meetings. This year it will be done electronically as you will read in the information. Support is available through the office if you are unable to, or have difficulty in, accessing this site. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's learning and their next steps.

STAR Reading Help Needed

STAR reading is a support programme offered to our students in Years 5 to 8 who need an extra boost with their reading. It relies on volunteers giving an hour a week to read with four students for 15 minutes each, then discussing the story. It is about encouraging these readers, supporting them in the fun of reading and above all giving them the idea that they can be successful readers.

So if you are or you know someone who has an interest in children and reading, with an hour a week to spare, please contact philippac@kts.school.nz for further information.

Variety Club Fundraising

Last year the school council, with the support of AvantiPlus Cycles, organised fundraising to support The Variety Club. This week we received the following from Heather at The Variety Club.

"I just wanted to let you know that the bike you kindly donated to Variety at the end of last year now has a new home. There is a tiny school in the Taupo rural area that has a roll of 10. They are all farm children and the school applied to us for help to purchase some bikes that the children could ride in the school breaks as the school had good concreted areas that they could ride on. The children have no such areas at their farm homes, so it is a novelty for them to have a bike to ride. The bike has been well received and much appreciated!"

Well done KTS, it is good to find out how our efforts can and do make a difference to others. *Philippa and Julie*

Congratulations

We are always looking for opportunities to celebrate our students' successes. So if you have any individual or team achievements which can be shared then please send them to hansha@kts.school.nz to be included in the school newsletter.

Belonging to Kohia Terrace School

Exhibition & Sale of Contemporary Art

With Mother's Day coming up we have a special offer for Kohia school families. Buy your Art Exhibition tickets by this Friday and go in the draw to win a special little something for mum. The winner will be drawn at the KTS assembly this Friday 30 April at 12 noon so purchase your tickets before that from the school office and be in to win! The gala opening night is on Friday 11 June and tickets are \$40 each or \$150 for 4 for school families.



Thanks to all those who attended last night's meeting.

Get your diaries out as we can now confirm the following dates

Book and toy sale	Thursday 20th May
Ice cream and coffee afternoon	Thursday 20th May
Disco	Friday 28th May
Trivia Night	Saturday 21st August
Pohutukawa Family Fun Day	Sunday 21st November

Book and Toy sale

We are in the final stages of planning this. We will be requesting quality second hand books and toys shortly.

Disco

We are trying to simplify the disco organisation to ensure it is not too big a job for anyone. We are keen to have someone oversee this and work with those parents who have offered their assistance. If you are that wonderful person, we would love to hear from you. Please email Kyria KYRIA@xtra.co.nz

Trivia Night

Yes the competition of the year is on again. Saturday 21st June. Put this date in your diary and start thinking about your table of 10!

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.

Entertainment Books

There are still a number of books outstanding. Please return book or payment **IMMEDIATELY** as we are required to make final payment.

Missing shoes –Last week a pair of black Adidas shoes were taken from outside the library. A pair of size 5.5 Nike shoes were left instead. If you have found you have the wrong shoes please let the office know. Thank you, Violet.
