

PTA END OF YEAR NEWS 2023



Kia ora koutou,

As we near the end of 2023, we want to thank you for your continued support and provide a glimpse of PTA highlights from the year. It's been great having an uninterrupted school year with all activities and events able to happen. A big thank you to our wonderful teachers, support staff, senior leadership team and Board of Trustees, whose commitment and hard work continue to make KNS a thriving and engaging school for our children. And a special thanks to our can-do PTA teacher representative, Susie Brown, for her unwavering support, and to Brendan for becoming the new PTA treasurer.

Below we have listed the main activities and events that the PTA has been involved in through the year. A small and steady group of committed parents continue to help make this happen. The success of the PTA relies on ongoing parent support, and we're encouraged to see new whānau becoming involved. We're always keen to hear from those who want to help – it's a fun community to be part of and a great way to be involved in the school environment. Please get in touch, as we have many smaller and larger roles and plenty of ideas.

This year we've raised funds for ongoing repairs of KNS's treasured Gully space, and this will continue into next year. The Gully tea towel fundraiser has been a great success, with old and current families jumping at the chance to own this unique memento. Thank you to talented parent Georgie for her design and enthusiasm in putting this together. We also contributed funds to school requests, such as new headbands for Kapa Haka and junior non-fiction library books, and a highlight is always helping organise ways for the KNS community to be together, such as the school picnic, Matariki or Talent Quest.

This year we farewell Erica after 5 years as PTA co-chair and 13 years as a KNS parent! The PTA has continued to thrive and build a strong collaboration with the School team and Board of Trustees over this time; and this will only strengthen further as Anneke and Andrea lead the PTA in the coming years. We wish everyone an enjoyable and rejuvenating summer break and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Ngā mihi nui,

Erica, Anneke and Andrea

2023 PTA community events and activities

- Annual whānau school picnic
- KNS House t-shirts
- Year 8 leavers hoodie
- Matariki Community Evening
- Garden Working Bees
- Democracy sausage sizzle and bake sale
- Talent Quest
- Calendar Art
- Road Patrol
- Lost Property
- Scholastic Books
- Entertainment Books
- Tea towel fundraiser for Gully repairs
- Pie fundraiser
- Peonies fundraiser
- Yummy Apple sticker collection
- Librarian end of year lunch

Help us fund gully maintenance by purchasing a

KNS Gully Tea Towel!



A GREAT GIFT OR KEEPSAKE!

100% cotton
Natural colour
Easily mailed
Long lasting

**\$20EA
OR
3 FOR \$50**



You can buy these awesome tea towels:

- at the school office. [EFTPOS AVAILABLE.]
- online via mykindo
- online via Google form and bank transfer [CLICK HERE FOR FORM]

[COLLECTION AND FREE LOCAL DELIVERY AVAILABLE]

Road Patrol

Thank you to our amazing parent volunteers who keep KNS's children safe supervising the road patrol crossings. KNS is unusual in that we have two crossing points and thus need twice the number of volunteers than most other schools.

This year we are farewelling several long-standing parent volunteers. Thank you to Aaron, Aldona, Bryan, Eileen, Erica, Poppy and Sandra for your dedicated support.

We are looking for one or two more parent volunteers to fill our roster. Morning shift is 8.20–8.50am and Afternoon is 2.50–3.20 pm. All you need to do is provide support and back-up your crew of trained road patrollers.

Please email the PTA if you're keen to help.

PTA Highlights for 2023



KNS tea towel fundraiser for Gully repairs (thanks Georgie!)



Annual whānau school picnic



\$1,250 towards head bands for Kapa Haka



\$664 raised for sports gear, from Yummy Fruit Company promotion



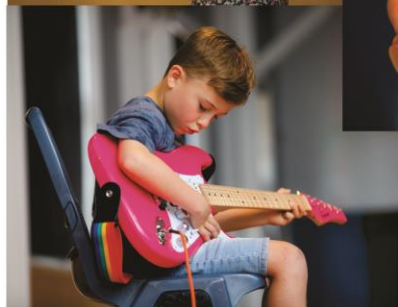
Garden Working Bees



\$2,000 towards books for the KNS Library. 93 non-fiction books and 12 Tintin books were purchased.



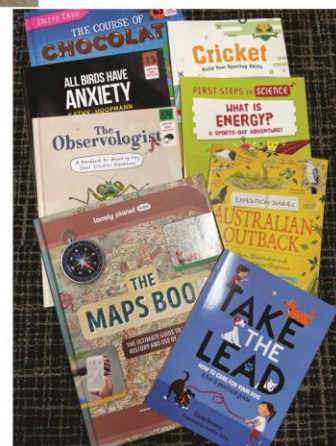
KNS Talent Quest (Thanks Poppy and all the other helpers)



Democracy sausage sizzle and bake sale



Librarian end-of-year lunch



Entertainment Book

Entertainment Membership offers thousands of valuable offers for everything you do, all while supporting fundraising for KNS. Order or renew your membership at this address:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104d205>

KNS Parent Chat WhatsApp Group

The PTA has a WhatsApp group to enable all of the school community to communicate with each other about all things KNS. If you want to join this group, please email us with the following information:

- Your name
- Your phone number
- Your child's name and class