KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW ISSUE 41 WEEK 11, TERM 4 2023 RĀHINA 18 HAKIHEA ~ MONDAY 18 DECEMBER



Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence in preparing for lifelong learning Kia auaha te ako a ngā ākonga me te whai i te iti kahurangi mō te akoranga tūroa

This week:

Monday 18 December - Leavers Dinner

Tuesday 19 December - Leavers Assembly from 11.50 am and School Fun Event with Ara 1.45 - 2.45 pm

Wednesday 20 December - School finishes for the year at 12 noon

Kia ora koutou,

We are well on the other side of the Covid pandemic and for this year we experienced a smooth pathway from first day to last. Over the years, I am sure the Kelburn Normal School's students, staff, and families have faced many challenges which have influenced our story and our culture. This year has been reasonably smooth sailing.

Covid has changed things though, we all know that. This year has been about providing stability and getting the routine of day to day school back in the rhythm of our children's lives. We have felt the school stabilising as the year has gone on and this augurs well for 2024. I believe that at Kelburn, our continued focus on manaakitanga has helped us all, with a focus of care for each other, our community, goodwill and kindness ... and adaptability and hard work.

This week and last the school has had a lovely hum to it as the work has drawn to an end, and we enjoyed each other's company for the last few days of 2023. Last Friday we had a final school hui, the Band Concerts...this week we have Tupu Christmas craft, tomorrow's fun afternoon, art activities and Christmas singing, lots of 'last ofs', the year 8 Leavers Dinner tonight and 'Leavers Assembly' tomorrow, as well as a massive tidy up.

As we farewell our year 8 and departing students at the end of their time at Kelburn, we have a lot to be proud of. As we reflect on our vision statement - 'At Kelburn children learn creatively, strive for excellence, preparing for lifelong learning' - and we can see the fruits of our collective goals, the resolve of teachers and support staff, and the collective and individual effort of these children. Our academic results this year continue to be very strong - in Y5-8 we continue to achieve collectively well above similar schools to Kelburn, and I will share a newsletter summarising this in the new year. There is no slippage in any achievement at Kelburn in English, Maths and Science - despite the continued interruption through absences and additional challenges experienced by our children of the previous years. I absolutely advocate for our tamariki at Kelburn that their achievement has sustained levels of achievement that go back 7 years.

Through the weekly newsletters, teacher emails, the School App, and Facebook communications, our school community will have gained an impression of school-life throughout 2023. School-life is always "full on" and the website, facebook, and learning journeys certainly capture the moments of the many activities and exciting events the children have been involved in. Whānau who have been keeping track of these will have gained an understanding of the vibrancy and rich curriculum the school has promoted.

Most importantly though is that Kelburn is a community of people who are focused on the collective, rather than the individual. People who are generous of spirit and recognise and acknowledge the strengths of others. People who embrace our concept of manaakitanga, where we work together to create our successful community.

To that respect I take the time to thank our families, our whānau for the support and care that you have given us through this year. You have wonderful children and we do enjoy trying to bring out the best in them. Some families are leaving Kelburn, some after many years of being part of our community - we thank you and wish you all the very best.

So many people contribute to this place...thank you for the little bits or the big bits that you do.

We thank the PTA and the Board who have been so supportive of us all - the children and staff - as well as organising the community's connection to Kelburn. Erica, co-chair of PTA with Anneka, leaves the school this year after 13 years, 5 years as co-chair of the PTA - we acknowledge this incredible service supporting our kura. The Board of Trustees and PTA spend many extra hours helping to take our school forward and to keep us close together. We are blessed with such an experienced and capable group working for all of us.

Finally...

Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi engari he toa takitini ~ Our strength is not as individuals, but as a collective.

On a personal level I want to thank the team closest to me, Danielle as DP, Libya as AP and Loraine in the office and to Nickie as Board chair who all provide such wonderful support in our school organisation, decision-making and direction. Also to our SLT of Libya, Emma, Sophie and Susie for their leadership of each Ara.

I want to say a huge thank you to our staff for their mahi and support for students and whānau over this year. I know how much 'emotional investment' and care you have for your students and know how hard you work to enable them to do their best work. You all contribute so much to the success of Kelburn Normal School and with most staff returning (again) for 2024, the continued stability adds strength to our learning environment. We wish Emma, Carmen, Richard, Ali and Amy every success at their new venues next year.

I wish all students and families a safe and relaxing holiday break. To our school leavers and departing whānau, all the very best for your future years. Remember, you will always be a part of Kelburn Normal School.

Ngā manaakitanga, Andrew

FINAL WEEK OF THE YEAR

- Next Monday Leavers Dinner from 6 pm
- Next Tuesday is the Leavers Assembly from 11.50 am
- Next Wednesday school finishes at 12 noon

School Donation and Activity Donation:- Please see the visual below for how we have spent the School Donation in 2023

We have finished 2023 about \$8k short of our budgeted expectations for the school donation and \$10k on recovery of activity donations this year. This is a challenge for the Board going forward.

While education in NZ is 'technically' free, things such as camps, activities and the cost of swimming for example, are not funded through our Operations Grant, and while we do acknowledge that times are tough, we really do appreciate whānau contributing as it enables us to cover the costs of the additional activities and opportunities that our tamariki have had as part of their experience at Kelburn. We simply cannot provide these things without whānau support...so thank you to whānau who have contributed for our children.

This year the General School Donations have enabled us to invest in BSLA in the junior school, additional teachers to keep the class sizes smaller, learning support staff, Sports opportunities and extra PE equipment, keeping up the

technologies which the school supplies...and much more. These tangible investments are only possible because whānau contribute to the School Donation.





Please don't send your order to the school address.

This week

You can see the times and add these events to your calendar by using the KNS App

Week	Date	Event	
Week 11	Monday 18 December	Y8 Leavers Dinners from 6pm	
	Tuesday 19 December	Leavers Assembly from 11.50 am School Fun Event with Ara 1.45 - 2.45 pm	
	Wednesday 20 December	School finishes at 12 noon	

Looking Ahead - Event Dates - Term 1, 2024

You can see the times and add these events to your calendar by using the KNS App

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Wednesday 31 January	First day of school
Week 3	Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 February	Whānui Camp at Makahika

School Notices

Parking Boundary Rd Please **do not** park in front of the garages on Boundary Road. We have received complaints from neighbours who regularly have their vehicles blocked in by parents who have parked in front of their garage.

Our public health nurses are coming to your school in the week starting 27 November to provide immunisation for Y7 and Y8 tamariki, including catch-ups for any tamariki who have previously missed their vaccine. If you have changed your mind or your situation has changed please contact us at res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz, or call us on 04 587 2949

If you have not yet consented, but want to, please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz, or call us on 04 587 2949

Some reminders as we head into the warmer months (hopefully) :-

- Please ensure your child has their sunhat at school everyday and that it is clearly named.
- Please name all clothing, lunchboxes, drink bottles and tupperware so we can find the owner if left outside.
- Now that the weather is warmer, please consider walking to school as often as possible. We know a large percentage of the school population live within 1km of the school therefore a good brisk walk to and from school is a great way to look after the physical well-being of whānau as well as look after the environment.
- If your child is going to be away then please notify the school via the App, ring 04 4759351 or email admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz
- For those using the drop-off zone on Kowhai Rd please ensure you adhere to the time restrictions.

Next year - If you have siblings turning 5, please let us know or complete the <u>enrolment form</u> on our website so we can plan for their arrival. If your whānau is moving and your child may be attending another school please let us know too...it helps us plan our organisation for 2024.

Out of zone places - we do have a small number of out of zone places currently available for 2024 at all levels so if you know of people keen to come to Kelburn please direct them to contact the school office at admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz.

Enrolling for Bee Healthy - If your child missed out you are able to make an appointment directly with Bee Healthy. There's two easy ways to enrol your child with Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service:

- 1. Complete an online enrolment form, or
- 2. Visit your nearest Bee Healthy Dental Clinic and complete an enrolment form.

Babies born in the Wellington Region are enrolled at birth with Bee Healthy.

If you have questions about enrolment, eligibility, or unsure if your child is enrolled with Bee Healthy, please call 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583).

If you have changed address or phone number/s and need to update your details click here

KNS Parent Chat WhatsApp Group

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

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

Masks - Tamariki are welcome to wear a mask at school if they wish to and it makes them feel safe.

School App - Contact Details

Please check your contact details on the school app to ensure we have the correct details. If changes are needed please email these to admin@kelburnormal.school.nz

Teacher Messages - a sort option has been added to the teacher messages section on the school app so parents can easily search for the latest message in date order.

Downloading the app - for those needing assistance with downloading the app please check the app <u>login video</u> on our website for parents

EzLunch Menu - Subway Wednesday / Pizza Thursday / Sushi Friday Click here for the Menu

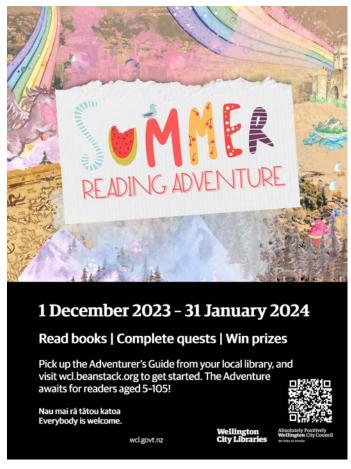
PTA News

Parent Volunteers for Road Patrol Needed

Thank you to our amazing parent volunteers who keep our KNS children safe supervising the road patrol crossings. KNS is unusual – we have two crossing points and need twice the number of volunteers than most other schools. Several of our volunteers are leaving the school at the end of the year and we urgently need more parent volunteers to fill our roster for 2024. Morning shift is 8.20–8.50am and Afternoon is 2.50–3.20 pm. The role is providing support and backing-up your crew of trained road patrollers. Please email the PTA if you're keen to help.

School Term Dates 2024

Term	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher Only Days
Term 1	Wednesday 31 January	Friday 12 April	Tuesday 6 February - Waitangi Day Thursday 28 March - Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day Friday 29 March - Easter Friday Monday 1 April - Easter Monday Tuesday 2 April - Easter Tuesday
Term 2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July	Friday 31 May - Teacher Only Day Monday 3 June - King's Birthday Friday 28 June - Matariki
Term 3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September	Friday 30 August - Teacher Only Day
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Wednesday 18 December	Monday 28 October - Labour Day Tuesday 29 October - Teacher Only Day





Kelly Club - Changes to Childcare Assistance - check if you qualify!

More families will now qualify for Childcare Assistance and the rate will increase for those already qualified,

which means you may be eligible for assistance to send your child to Kelly Club. Please follow this link to find out more: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EgHRGbeAEvTHYilaBHp7uauZzw_mwlJA/view

Kelly Club - Check us out on Facebook - Click Here

For enrolments and enquiries, contact the Supervisor on 021 744636 or kelly Club Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment.

Kelburn to Enrol go to www.kellyclub.co.nz



What do you need to brings Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and dri for morning tea/lunch/affernaon tea, Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Parents / aregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our wagramme. For more information with www.warkandincome.govt.nz.

kellyclub.co.nz/kelburn-normal Contact: Mercy Wilkins

kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz

Facebook: @KellyClubKelburnNormal Address: 16 Kowhai Road, Kelburn

DECEMBER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGR

SCHOOL DAY

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TRIP DAY: ZOO

\$20 extra for the day.

FULL WEEK: \$280 FULL DAY: \$59 SCHOOL DAY: \$47 HALF DAY: \$39 EVENT DAY: Extra \$20 8am-6pm 8am-6pm 8am-6pm 8am-6pm 18:45om-3:15pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY

OSCAR

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for marning lea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1,00pm each day.

kellyclub.co.nz/kelburn-normal Mercy Wilkins kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz Phone: 021 744 636 Facebook: @KellyClubKelburnNormal

Address: 16 Kowhai Road, Kelburn

SUMMER SPLASHIN' It's hot out there so let's splish and splash to coal off the best way we know how... Water Fightl

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

JANUARY 2024

\$20 extra for the day.



PUBLIC HOLIDAY

No Holiday Programme foday.

AROUND THE WORLD

WATER DAY AOTEA LAGOON Join us for an awesame day at Aotea Lagoon where we'll have lots of water funt Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, togs, shoes and a hat.

\$20 extra for the day.

DAY

No Holiday Programme Today.

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DAY

SCHOOL DAY

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FULL WEEK: \$280 Bam-6pm Bam-1pm or 1pm-6pm [Included in Full Week]

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KELLY SPORTS IS BACK THIS JULY 2023 WITH THE EVER POPULAR FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

Tues 16 Jan, Weds 17 Jan, Thurs 18 Jan 2024 Tues 23 Jan, Weds 24 Jan, Thurs 25 Jan 2024 9.30am-12.30pm

For children aged 5-12 years

Held in the Green Room (artificial turf) at the Wests Rugby clubrooms, Ian Galloway park, Wilton.

This programme is perfect for "Beginner's" and those wanting to find out more about the game and have fun. Come along and improve technique, knowledge and skills.

In this programme we will focus on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting but MOST importantly having as much FUN as possible!

Book online at www.kellysports.co.nz

BIGAIR GYMS popular December Drop & Shop Holiday Programme is back, running Mon 18th – Wed 20th December 2023! Full day and half day sessions are available. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to keep active, while you get those final pre-Christmas preparations done! BIGAIR GYMS January Holiday Programme is also running Mon 8th – 26th Jan 2024. Bookings are open online now at www.bigairgym.co.nz

Please contact us with any inquiries:

Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay: ph. 383 8779, e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay. Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. office@bigairgym.co.nz at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.





KIDS SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME TIMETABLE



MON 15 JAN TO FRI 26 JANUARY







TLC's Kids Art Holiday Programme is timed just right to keep your kids happy, engaged and having creative holiday fun! Our programme is OSCAR approved.

For more info on our holiday programme visit www.tlc.ac.nz

LIMITED SPACES! BOOK NOW!

Dates: Mon 15 to Fri 19 Jan & Tues 23 to Fri 26 Jan

Times: 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Cost: \$65.00 per day

Please note: All classes need a minimum number to go ahead. If a class is cancelled we will let you know 2 working days prior to the scheduled start date. If a class is cancelled, you may transfer to another available class or you'll receive a full refund.

SCAN ME TO BOOK!

