

# KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI

THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW ISSUE 12 WEEK 1, TERM 2 2024 ~

RĀHINA 29 PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ ~ MONDAY 29 APRIL



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

**Thursday 2 May** - Julia Davidson from WGC meeting with Y8 girls and whanau

**Tuesday 7 May** - Y3-8 swim sports at Karori pool - 9.30am start.

**Friday 10 May** - Mihi whakatau and school hui - starting at 10am

Welcome to Oscar L in Whanake Tahī and Theo W, Aayansh S and Catherine S in Tupu Whā

**Welcome back to term 2.** It is hard to believe that we are already 25% through the year. I trust you all had a lovely break and enjoyed quality whānau time. The weather was terrific, making it easy to spend lots of time outside. As always, staff have been in school planning and preparing and looking forward to the tamariki return for the new term. It will be a busy but productive term. In our planning for the term, we are conscious of the importance in our plans of matching our tamariki's learning and age-related needs as well as promoting their well-being, the complexity of relationships that form within each home learning team, and enabling them to be the best versions of themselves. I really admire the mahi of our teachers in preparation for the term ahead. They juggle many balls in the air as they balance the curriculum and the tamariki, but they do a terrific job of this.

Having said this, we rely on our tamariki to bring a great attitude to school each day. Simply put, this is an ambition to learn and grow, a desire to do their very best in whatever they do, to be kind, and to embrace manaakitanga - the notion of caring for others. Whānau can help here as the child's 'first teacher', with high expectations and to support their child's learning, to spend time with your child to also learn at and through the home, and to embrace the challenges and the 'hard stuff' that comes with growing up as life experiences all help us all to grow.

**Staffing** - We welcome Jodi Corcoran to our teaching team today as we start our latest class in Tupu - Tupu Whā. Next week, we welcome three student teachers for six weeks of the term: Alexander (Miss Blair in Whanake), Itzia (Miss Harper in Whanake), and Evelyn (Miss Wilby in Tupu). We and our tamariki enjoy having the extra pair of hands that these student teachers provide in the learning spaces.

**Cell phone policy**—Today, this comes into law across the motu, and there has been a lot of talk about it in the media. At Kelburn, we have next to no trouble with our tamariki and their cellphones. They don't use them for learning, and they stay in their bags for the day. Our students understand this, and we really appreciate their compliance with our policy.

**Student attendance / Sickness** - This gained some media attention over the break as a drive to improve school attendance. While we do want students to be at school and learning, we do not want them at school if they are unwell. We don't want others to be impacted by unwell students being at school, but critically - with a shortage of available relief teachers, we don't want our teachers to become sick. The expectation is that students should have at least a 90% attendance rate at school.

**Mihi Whakatau and first school hui** - We will hold our mihi whakatau welcoming new tamariki and whānau to our school, and our first school hui next Friday 10 May at 10am.

**Swimming Sports year 3-8** - Next week on Tuesday 7 May, the year 3-8 swim sports are being held at Karori Pool. We begin racing at 9.30 with the width races and finish with the house relays. All races should be completed by 12pm. Whānau are most welcome to join us.

**Ara newsletters** - Each Ara has planned out the term, and each Ara leader will share the termly newsletter outlining the curriculum for the term by Friday. These are excellent and very full newsletters, so please take the time to read them and be informed for the next 10 weeks.

**King's Birthday** - Please note that **Friday 31 May (week 5)** is a Kahui Ako staff-only day, so school will be closed on that day. This makes the King's Birthday weekend a longer weekend than normal.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Andrew

## Looking Ahead - Event Dates - Term 2, 2024

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

Week	Date	Event
<b>Week 1</b>	Thursday 2 May	Julia Davidson from WGC meeting with Y8 girls and whanau
<b>Week 2</b>	Tuesday 7 May	Swimming Sports, Karori Pool from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm
	Friday 10 May	Mihi whakatau and School Hui hosted by Whānui @ 10.15 am
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday 13 May	Vision and Hearing NEs/Y7s BoT Meeting @ 6.30 pm
	Thursday 16 May	Māia Otago Problem Challenge Mr Wizowski Show for Yr 1-8- thank you PTA
<b>Week 4</b>	Tuesday 21 May	WZ Miniball - Akau Tangi Sports Centre
	Wednesday 22 May	Chit Chat Session for new entrant families in Tupu @ 5.30 pm
	Thursday 23 May	Y1-Y6 The Reluctant Dragon NZ - Playhouse 1.30 pm - 3 pm.
	Friday 24 May	School hui hosted by Whanake @ 10.15 am
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 28 May	Western X Country @ Karori Park
	Thursday 30 May	NZSO Firebird and Other Music Adventures Concert @ The Michael Fowler Centre - Y2-Y8
	Friday 31 May	<b>School Closed - Teacher Only Day</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	Monday 3 June	<b>School Closed - King's Birthday</b>
	Wednesday 5 June	Gardasil Dose 1 and Boostrix Y7s
	Thursday 6 June	Music Assembly at 9.45 am School Disco - Y1-4 from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Y5-8 from 5 pm to 6.30 pm with the Y7-8 finishing at 7 pm.

## School Notices

### Recorder lessons at Kelburn Normal School

Kamala has a few places for recorder students to begin lessons this term. Child-centred approach with a focus on the love of playing music. If interested, please contact: [kamala.bain@gmail.com](mailto:kamala.bain@gmail.com)

The secondary schools in the Wellington Region would greatly appreciate it if Year 8 parents and Whānau could enrol their young person for the 2025 academic year by submitting an application through the online enrolment form provided by your chosen secondary school **prior to Wednesday, 24 July 2024**. This assists each school with their planning for the 2025 academic year, including allocating resources, class sizes, organising facilities and teaching staff.

Registrations open soon for the Kelburn Normal School netball club! The club is open to all students from year 3 and up (and there's also a special tournament for year 2s).

The Wellington West netball season starts on 4 May and runs until 31 August, with a break for the school holidays. If your child (or children) are keen please email [jarrod.baker@gmail.com](mailto:jarrod.baker@gmail.com) with their names and the year they're in so we can gauge interest. We'll also be looking for keen parents to coach teams (and keen older siblings to referee) - if that's you, please get in touch. More information about the club can be found at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/kelburn>

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.

### Some reminders for school and the summer months :-

- Please ensure your child has their sunhat at school every day and that it is clearly named.
- Please name all clothing, lunchboxes, drink bottles and tupperware so we can find the owner if left outside.
- As 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](mailto:admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz)
- For those using the drop-off zone on Kowhai Rd please ensure you adhere to the time restrictions.

**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](mailto:pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz) with the following information:

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

**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@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:admin@kelburnnormal.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 [login video](#) on our website for parents

**EzLunch Menu** - Subway Wednesday / Pizza Thursday / Sushi Friday [Click here for the Menu](#)

## School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Xylo Beats</b> - (Ys 4,5, 6) 8.30 - 9.30am Katharina Mahler Room	<b>Orchestra</b> - 8.30 - 9.30am Katharina & Rachel Mahler Room	<b>Piccolo</b> - (Yrs 4, 5, 6, 7) 8.30 - 9.30am Anna Sedcole Mahler Room	<b>Lyrice</b> - Yrs 5 - 8 8.30am-9.30 am Anna Sedcole Mahler Room	<b>Kapa Haka</b> - Yrs 5 - 8 Henare 8.30 - 9.30am Hall
<b>Kapa Haka</b> - Y1-4 1.30 - 2pm Miss Bishop & Jeremy Hall	<b>Code Club</b> - 1.10 - 1.40 Miss Sanders Māia space	<b>Tui Choir</b> - 8:50am Years 2 & 3 Ms Wilby Hall		<b>Xylofun</b> 8.30 - 9.00 am Katharina Mahler Room
<b>Eco Club</b> - Miss Molloy 1.10-1.40 Tupu space		<b>Chess Club</b> - Alistair Button 12.40 - 1.20pm Māia		

## School Term Dates 2024

Term	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher Only Days
Term 2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July	<b>Friday 31 May - Teacher Only Day</b> <b>Monday 3 June - King's Birthday</b> <b>Friday 28 June - Matariki</b>
Term 3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September	<b>Friday 30 August - Teacher Only Day</b>
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Wednesday 18 December	<b>Monday 28 October - Labour Day</b> <b>Tuesday 29 October - Teacher Only Day</b>

### **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\\_mwIJA/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EgHRGbeAEvTHYilaBHp7uauZzw_mwIJA/view)

### **Kelly Club - Check us out on Facebook - [Click Here](#)**

For enrolments and enquiries, contact the Supervisor on 021 744636 or [kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz)

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](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

<b>Wk 1</b> 29 April	<b>Mystical Madness</b>		Join us for a week of Mystical Madness as we explore all things magical!
<b>Wk 2</b> 6 May	<b>KC MasterChef</b>		Get your chef hats on as we battle it out in KC MasterChef!
<b>Wk 3</b> 13 May	<b>Artistic Animals</b>		What's your favorite animal? Join us for drawing dingos and painting penguins!
<b>Wk 4</b> 20 May	<b>STEM Challenge Week</b>		Have you got what it takes to compete in different STEM challenges? Come along and find out.
<b>Wk 5</b> 27 May	<b>Staff Choice</b>		The staff have got you covered with a week filled with their favourite activities.
<b>Wk 6</b> 3 June	<b>Craft Wars</b>		The centres are battling again! Do you have what it takes to show off your craft skills and win?
<b>Wk 7</b> 10 June	<b>Spectacular Sports</b>		Put your sneakers on this week as we celebrate all things 'sport' this week.
<b>Wk 8</b> 17 June	<b>Kids Choice</b>		It's up to you what we do at Kelly Club this week.
<b>Wk 9</b> 24 June	<b>Matariki</b>		Let's celebrate Matariki with the Maori New Year celebrations.
<b>Wk 10</b> 1 July	<b>Red Nose Week</b>		Join us in supporting healthier children, with brighter futures, this Red Nose Day!



**TERM 2**

**SPRING INTO WINTER SPORTS**

EVERY Wednesday, 3:05pm - 4.05pm  
Starts Week 2 of term 2 for 8 weeks!

**BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!**

[www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)

- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Ripa Rugby

Contact Information  
[adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz)

**7 FAMILY RITUALS**  
THAT DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING:

**RITUAL #1**

**A FAMILY MOTTO**

Invent a family motto like:  
**"Live simply, love abundantly"**  
or use your family name:  
**"Go, Team Johnson!"**

**RITUAL #2**

**UPSIDE DOWN BREAKFAST**

Once a month, let your kids  
**eat breakfast under the table.**  
(join in to create special memories)

**RITUAL #3**

**FUN THEME DINNERS**

Have weekly **"theme" dinners:**  
Taco Tuesday, Pizza Fridays,  
Sunday Sundaes.  
  
(have a toppings bar for each  
family member to personalize their  
tacos, pizza, or sundae)

**RITUAL #4**

**LOVE LIST**

Before bedtime, say:  
**"Mommy loves you. Daddy loves  
you. Grandma loves you."**  
  
(go through a list of people who love  
and accept your child)

**RITUAL #5**

**GRATITUDE JAR**

Keep a family **"Gratitude Jar"**  
throughout the year  
  
(review the jar contents at the end of  
the year to create a warm and  
positive transition)

**RITUAL #6**

**LIVING ROOM CAMP OUTS**

**"Camp out"** in the living room or  
back yard every month.  
  
(build a tent, make s'mores,  
tell stories, use flashlights to create  
shadow puppets...)

**RITUAL #7**

**UNIQUE FAMILY HOLIDAYS**

Invent special holidays that only  
your family celebrates.  
  
(a kid's day, a big sister's day,  
your favorite superhero day...)



## Community Notices

**If your child thrives on the energy of cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or even the art of parkour, they'll find their perfect match at Bigair Gym!** Bigair Gyms classes not only promote fun, focus, and fitness but also provide a platform for children to acquire new skills and cultivate personal confidence and a sense of accomplishment. Safety and proper technique are paramount in the structured sessions, catering to everyone from beginners to those mastering advanced skills. Through Bigairs Gym Programme, children experience focused learning and tangible progress, fostering a sense of achievement. The diverse range of classes includes **Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Free Running (yes, parkour with flips!), and Cheerleading.** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too!

**Book online for Term 2 Gym Classes at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz)**

Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz) at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

# THE WINTER PROJECT

## WHO WE ARE:

The Winter Project is a student-led charity group run by five Year 12 students from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter woolens and deliver them to schools in the wider Wellington region who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead.



## CONTACT US

### FACEBOOK

The Winter Project

### INSTAGRAM

@\_thewinterproject

### EMAIL

winterprojectwgtn@gmail.com

## WHAT WE NEED:

Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. There will be a box placed somewhere around the school to put your items in. Thank you for your help!



**Blue Dragon Book Fair at Ngaio Town Hall  
Saturday 4 May 9am to 6pm AND Sunday 5 May 9am to 3pm.**

We invite you to come and buy books, puzzles/games, DVDs and CDs at our annual book fair.

Books are sold for \$3 each, and, after the first five books, \$2 each. Children's books are all \$1 each. We have a huge number of top-quality books, CDs and puzzles. We encourage you to buy for yourself or as gifts for others.

**All** the money raised will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery.

If you have good quality books to donate, please be in touch. We are particularly happy to have more children's books.


Dinah Dobson, Trustee (027 686 4554) Blue Dragon New Zealand, [www.bluedragonnz.wordpress.com](http://www.bluedragonnz.wordpress.com)





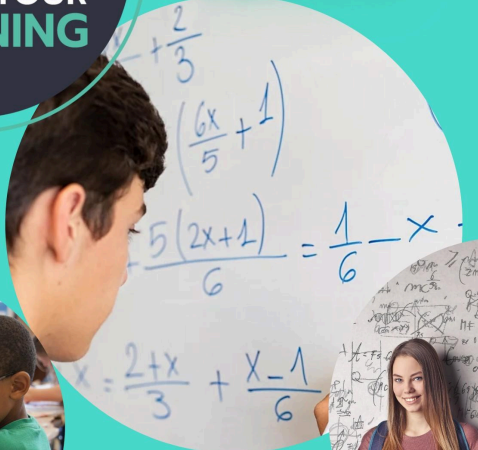


- Football for 1 to 7 Year olds.
- 7 venues to Choose from
- New Season starts 28 April
- Sign up online [HERE](#)

See you at the Park!



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# School Holidays Super Special – KIDS ARE FREE!



Kids are free when you stay at Ngā Manu on our new Overnight Wildlife Experience Package.

Options for 1 and 2 adult families and your choice of bird tour. The selection of tours is between the Kiwi Night Encounter or the Native Bird Close Encounter.

**From \$270 – save up to \$90**

## **What you get in this package:**

An overnight stay in Theo's Cottage for 2 adults and up to 2 children – kids are free (usually \$15 each), AND

Kiwi Night Encounter – for 2 adults and up to 2 children (children must be aged 7+) – kids are free (usually \$30 each)

**OR**

Native Bird Close Encounter – for 2 adults and up to 2 children (children must be aged 7+) – kids are free (usually \$20 each)

Have the reserve to yourself after hours  
Do a night time forest walk  
Unlimited reserve entry during your stay  
Late check out at 11am

To book – call 04 2934131 or email [hello@ngamanu.org.nz](mailto:hello@ngamanu.org.nz)