

# KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI

THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW ISSUE 4 WEEK 4, TERM 1 2024 ~

RĀHINA 19 HUI-TANGURU ~ MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY



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 19 February** - PTA Meeting @ 7 pm in Tupu Space

**Thursday 22 February** - Whānui Ara Information Evening 5 pm - 6 pm

**Friday 23 February** - School Hui - Whanake Presenting - 10:15 am - 11 am; Whanake Swimming

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you for attending the ara hui evenings last week for Māia, Whanake, and Tupu. Whānui will share their programme with whānau this Thursday at 5 pm this week. Whanake are hosting our school hui on Friday from 10.15 am.

**Camp** - Whānui thoroughly enjoyed their camp at Makahika last week, including spending a night in the bush as part of their programme. Makahika is a terrific place to go for camp, but even still, it is a big effort to organise and run a camp; thank you to Niamh, Hugo, and Rebekah for their organisation and to the parent helpers for their support for our tamariki.

**Staffing** - We have made some changes to the staff in our Learning Support.

- Liz Brown is leaving Kelburn at the end of February and will be replaced by Rachel Smith as the English Language Learners teacher and release teacher.
- Jessica Rudman has been a valuable member of our Learning Assistant team for the last six months and is also leaving and heading to university to continue her degree.
- Replacing Rachel and Jess are Kaajal Chambers and Kate Porter, both experienced Learning Assistants. Kate is starting this week, and Kaajal will start in early March.

**Parking** - Our kura is a tricky place to access. Consideration of others when **parking** around the school is important. We encourage you to obey the road rules to ensure the safety of tamariki and whānau. Kowhai Rd before and after school is a P3 drop-off zone - So...please don't turn your car off in that zone and **absolutely do not leave your vehicle**. It is pick up and drop off only, so please ensure your children have the message to wait there after school (rather than play on the playground). If you want to come into the school, we encourage you to park away from school and walk the short distance to school, rather than searching for space directly at the school.

**The Kelburn Normal PTA** would like to invite parents and caregivers to join them for their first meeting of the year. The meeting will be held this evening, Monday, 19 February, at 7 pm in the Tupu space. They are a vital part of our school - *a fun and friendly bunch* and are always on the lookout for more people to come along and join the team. If you have any questions or if you'd like to make contact, please email [pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz)

**SAVE THE DATE: KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL PICNIC – Friday 22nd March 4.30-7pm** – more information will be available soon.

**Staff-only days** - we have four staff-only days this year, including two MOE days to process the Curriculum Refresh. For this term, our teacher's only day is **Thursday, 28th March, which is the day before Good Friday**. For this day, the 10 schools in our local Kahui Ako will be working together as we continue to grow the alignment between the main primary schools that feed into Wellington College and Wellington Girls College.

### **Cell Phone Policy...**

I am required to share with you our Cell Phone Policy, which is available, along with all our policies on SchoolDocs. Despite the change of government, there is no need for Kelburn to change our policy, which has been in place for a while now and works very well. Key points for whānau are:

- Students do not have access to their phones during the day.
- Smartwatches must be in flight mode while students are at school.
- Whānau have no direct access to students while they are at school and must direct all communications through the school office.

### **KNS Cell Phone/Personal Digital Device Procedure (Updated)**

#### **Introduction**

The use of cellphones at school is frequently in the news. This spotlight clarifies for whānau our procedure at Kelburn that ensures that they are used appropriately at school. Personal digital devices are part of everyday life for many people, but with this, comes responsibilities to use safely.

At Kelburn, a personal digital device is any privately owned digital device that is not part of the school owned device programme. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, gaming consoles, portable music players, e-readers and other similar devices.

At Kelburn Normal we do not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to school as these are not necessary to have during the day. However, we do understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school.

#### **Guidelines and Procedures:**

- We discuss the school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and frequently throughout the year as needed
- Student cell phones are kept in the school bag during the day. They are not used during the day.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices
- Smartwatches and other communicating watches may be worn at school, provided these are switched to flight mode for the duration of the school day
- Student's personal digital devices may not be taken on EOTC events, unless specifically stated by the classroom teacher or teacher responsible for offsite activity (eg: in some situations, students may be allowed to take their cellphones to use as a camera)
- If a parent needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the school office.
- For communicating during emergency situations (e.g. earthquake, lock-down, fire), the school will follow the relevant emergency procedures
- If a student is acting outside of these guidelines e.g. using cellphone at break times, then their device will be handed into their teacher and stored until the end of the school day. Additionally, the student may be asked to leave the phone at home if they repeatedly don't adhere to these guidelines
- If a cell phone is used for harmful purposes the teacher may ask for the phone to be handed in and it will be held by the teacher/deputy principal until collected (at specified time). Refer to Search, Surrender and Retention of Property procedure
- In exceptional circumstances, a pupil may seek prior permission from a staff member to use the phone to check or send a message during the school day

#### **Guidelines and Procedures for Staff and Relievers use:**

- Cell phones on the school site are the responsibility of the owner
- Cell phones will be turned to silent during meetings
- Private usage will be kept to a minimum to ensure active engagement with job responsibilities
- During learning / teaching sessions and playground supervision, cell phones may be used for curriculum purposes e.g. stopwatch, see-saw, eTap access
- Staff are able to access the school WIFI and must adhere to the school's Digital Technologies procedure and the Teachers Code of Conduct

## Conclusion

Any personal digital devices that are brought to school should not become a distraction to the learning environment.

## 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
<b>Week 4</b>	Monday 19 February	PTA Meeting @ 7 pm in Tupu space
	Thursday 22 February	Whānui Ara Information Evening 5 pm - 6 pm
	Friday 23 February	School Hui - Whanake Presenting - 10:15am - 11am Whanake Swimming - Rua (Blair) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Tahi (Bishop) 1pm-2.30 pm
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 27 February	Tupu Island Bay Marine Centre Visit from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Māia Camp Evening 5 pm to 6 pm
	Thursday 29 February	<b>No</b> Year 7 Tech
	Friday 1 March	Whanake Swimming - Tahi (Bishop) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Rua (Blair) 1pm-2.30 pm
<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday 5 March	Waimanaki Camp Maia - Tue 5th - Fri 8th March
	Friday 8 March	Whanake Swimming - Tahi (Bishop) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Rua (Blair) 1pm-2.30 pm
<b>Week 7</b>	Friday 16 March	School Hui - Hosted by Whanui 10:15am - 11am Whanake Swimming - Tahi (Bishop) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Rua (Blair) 1pm-2.30 pm
	Sunday 17 March	Weet-Bix TRYathlon
<b>Week 8</b>	Friday 22 March	School Hui hosted by Tupu 10:15am - 11am Whanake Swimming - Tahi (Bishop) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Rua (Blair) 1pm-2.30 pm PTA School Picnic 5pm - 7:30pm
<b>Week 9</b>	Thursday 28 March	<b>Kahui Ako Staff Only Day</b>
	Friday 29 March	Good Friday
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 1 April	Easter Monday
	Wednesday 3 April	3-Way Learning Conversations/Goal Setting 3.15 pm to 6.15 pm
	Thursday 4 April	3-Way Learning Conversations/Goal Setting 3.15 pm to 6.15 pm
	Friday 4 April	Whanake Swimming - Rua (Blair) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Tahi (Bishop) 1pm-2.30 pm
<b>Week 11</b>	Tuesday 9 April	School Cross Country 9am - 2pm

	Thursday 11 April	Music Assembly 9:45am - 11am
	Friday 12 April	End of Term

## 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.

### 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](#)

# What to Say Instead of "You're Fine!"

They Think: Mommy says I'm fine but I'm not..."

**Situation: Your child falls off their bike and scrapes their knee.**

When you say, "You are okay.":

Your child thinks:

"But I am not okay! My body is in pain, doesn't that matter?"



Your real message to your child:

"I don't believe it hurts. I want you to stop crying."

Instead, acknowledge your child's feelings and offer support:

"I believe that it really hurts. Would you like a hug?"

**Situation: Your child is upset about having a friend ignore them in class.**

When you say, "It's not a big deal.":

Your child thinks:

"But I feel lost and unworthy. I feel I will never have any friends. Isn't this feeling valid?"



Your real message to your child:

"It doesn't matter what you're feeling, just move on."

Instead, acknowledge your child's feelings and offer support:

"I know how hard it is to feel rejected. I'm here for you."

**Situation: Your child is panicking about an upcoming test.**

When you say, "You are fine...":

Your child thinks:

"But will I still be loved and accepted by you if I fail?"



Your real message to your child:

"You're overreacting, it's not a big deal. Your fears are not valid."

Instead, allow space for the fears to be discussed and shared:

"You're concerned with what will happen if you fail. Let's talk about it."

**In all situations when your child needs emotional support:**

- \* Paraphrase your child's emotion back to them, offering validation of their experience.
- \* Let them know you are safe for them to be vulnerable with.





# Book Club



## Welcome to 2024 Scholastic Book Club

There will be 8 issues during this school year and we will be distributing leaflets for Issue 2 in March, then Issue 4 in June, Issue 6 in September, and Issue 8 in November

To order and pay online:

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

or download the **LOOP** app from the AppStore or Google play



Books will be delivered to school and given to your child

or if you mark them as **GIFT** books will be kept at the school office for you to pick up. We will email you when they are ready <https://scholastic.co.nz/media/3484/loop-gifting-parent.jpg>

If you would like to order from issues 1, 3, 5 or 7 - you can still do so using the online catalogue and LOOP or the App. Books will be delivered to school free of charge and given to your child in the same way - we are just not distributing leaflets for these issues.

Here is the link to the online catalogue for issue 1 of 2024:

<https://scholastic.co.nz/media/7198/nzbc124-final-web.pdf>

**The closing date is the 20<sup>th</sup> of February**

Leaflets for issue 2 will be distributed in early March.

If you have any questions please e-mail [bookclub@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:bookclub@kelburnnormal.school.nz) or message Andrea Bergstrom or Tania MacKay

## 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	<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)

**KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 – BACK TO SCHOOL SPORTS!!**

Kelly Sports is back for Term 1 with our fun and exciting classes!. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go.

We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.  
 Back to School Sports (Years 0-4) – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm – The sports we will focus on this term are: *Athletics, Ultimate Frisbee, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball.*

It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Your child will learn the basic fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time! Sessions start on Weds 14 Feb 2024 and runs for 8 weeks.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz).

KELLY CLUB		TERM 1 2024 29 Jan - 12 April		Weekly Theme Planner Kelly Club Kelburn
Wk 0 29 Jan	DIY Extravaganza!		We're getting crafty this week as we come up with all the best crafts to take home with us!	
Wk 1 5 Feb	Year of the Dragon!		Chinese New Year is a time for families to reflect and connect. Let's do it at Kelly Club.	
Wk 2 12 Feb	Dungeon Masters		Adventure Awaits! Join us as we journey through the land of dragons and find the hidden secrets.	
Wk 3 19 Feb	KC Top Chef		We're cooking up a storm as we take to the kitchen to create masterpieces!	
Wk 4 26 Feb	Staff Choice		The staff have got you covered with a week filled with their favourite activities.	
Wk 5 4 Mar	Last World Explorers		We're visiting the past as we experience the coolest history week yet!	
Wk 6 11 Mar	International Sports		Sports is played all over the world! Let's bring some of it to Kelly Club!	
Wk 7 18 Mar	Ooey Gooley		It's going to get messy this week as we explore all things ooey & gooey!	
Wk 8 25 Mar	Egg-stra Special Easter		Get creative and celebrate Easter the Kelly Club way!	
Wk 9 1 April	Book Worms		Let's be transported into the magical world of our favourite books!	
Wk 10 8 April	Kids Choice		It's up to you what we do at Kelly Club this week.	

**TERM 1**  
**SPRING INTO SPORTS**  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY, 3:05pm - 4:05pm  
**BOOKINGS STILL OPEN!**

- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Ultimate Frisbee
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Turbo Touch

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT  
**KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**

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

## Community Notices

Karori West Normal Schools annual fair is on Saturday 16th March 2024 from 11am - 2pm. PLEASE NOTE: this year there will be NO white elephant or clothes. But there will be kids books, toys, crafts and lots of delicious food and loads of fun activities and sideshows. So come along, grab a deal, have a turn on the inflatable axe throwing, inflatable slide or angry birds game. Sit and enjoy a treat from our cafe and cakes stall then lunch from our international foodcourt. Should be a fun day, hope to see you there. Don't forget your keep cup and shopping bag.

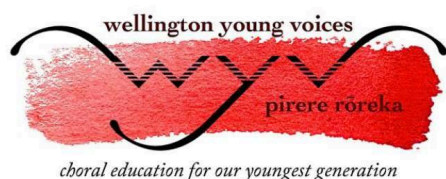
### Crofton Downs Literacy Centre

Read Right, Write Well: After school tuition with an expert Is your child having problems reading? Is writing a struggle for your child? Enrol your child for after school literacy tuition, taught in Wellington's northern suburbs by a highly qualified and experienced specialist. With a PhD in English, and over thirty years working in education, Viv has taught every level from five-year-olds, to secondary school students, to teacher trainees, to post graduate university students. Sessions are one-to-one, and include a range of approaches that address skills, and the child's needs and interests, and remedial or extension reading, draft writing, spelling, handwriting, or children's literature. Tuition is \$30 per half hour, or \$50 per hour. The initial consultation is free.

To make an appointment, or learn more, phone 021 073 9234 or 04 4791740, or email [van.rij.vivien@gmail.com](mailto:van.rij.vivien@gmail.com)

Drama Club - We run fun weekly drama classes to help your child express themselves creatively as well as learning some valuable performance skills along the way. Our drama classes work alongside the Trinity College London syllabus. Classes are based in Karori, we have small classes that are grouped by age. Email Bridie - [admin@dramaclub.co.nz](mailto:admin@dramaclub.co.nz) for more information or to trial a couple of classes. Alternatively, check out our website - [www.dramaclub.co.nz](http://www.dramaclub.co.nz) for more information.

**Aikido for juniors.** Aikido is a martial art with a difference, its focus being on defence rather than attack: a non-violent, defensive art. Aikido is renowned for its benefits for self-control, co-ordination and posture, and like all martial arts promotes confidence and provides fun, fitness and friendship. We are a not-for-profit organisation teaching the art of aikido, based in Kaiwharawhara, in our 30th year. Classes for 'Aiki Kids' (around 6+ to 12 years) 5:30pm every Monday in school terms, and our 'Aiki Teens' train every Monday and Wednesday 6:30pm. First 3 lessons free, then \$80 per term, with 10% discount for families. City Dojo, 132 Hutt Rd, Kaiwharawhara, Wellington, directly above Animates pet shop. Turn up and give Aikido a try - and parents, you can join in too :-). Contact Conrad at [conrad@aikido.org.nz](mailto:conrad@aikido.org.nz) or 021 843 467, or visit [www.aikido.org.nz](http://www.aikido.org.nz).



### Does your child love to sing?

Wellington Young Voices offers a choral programme to foster a lifelong love of singing and music.

Who: Children 6–14+ years old

When: Mondays 4 – 6pm

Where: Queen Margaret College

Contact [wvychoir@gmail.com](mailto:wvychoir@gmail.com) for more information.

[www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz](http://www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz)



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## SPELD NZ's Introduction to Specific Learning Disabilities

SPELD NZ's two-day Introduction to Specific Learning Disabilities (ISLD) is an opportunity to “walk a mile in the shoes” of a person who lives day-to-day with an SLD. You will also be equipped with tools and strategies to support the struggling learner. Discovering more about SLD within an often diverse group can be an insightful experience.

This course is ideal for people with very limited or no knowledge of SLD, or those wanting to “refresh”.

Participants include parents/whanau, employers and educators (eg. teachers, teacher aides, SENCO, LSC and tutors). No prior qualifications are required. A certificate is awarded to all those who fully complete this training.



**Both days run from 9am to 4pm with breaks for morning tea and a one-hour lunch.**



### Content includes:

- What is it like to have a specific learning disability?
- What is happening in the brain of these learners?
- How does this impact their learning?
- What skills are needed for success in learning?
- What accommodations and remediation work for those with SLD?
- SLD and maths
- SLD and writing
- Phonological and phonemic awareness (reading and spelling)
- How do we motivate the individual with SLD?



For more information, see [www.speld.org.nz](http://www.speld.org.nz) (Training page)  
Or contact [training@speld.org.nz](mailto:training@speld.org.nz) or call 028 2550 7415