

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI

THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW ISSUE 3 WEEK 3, TERM 1 2024 ~

RĀHINA 12 HUI-TANGURU ~ MONDAY 12 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:

Tuesday 13 February - Band auditions; Māia, Whanake, and Tupu - Ara Information Evening 5 pm - 6 pm

Wednesday 14 February - Whānui head to camp

Friday 16 February - Whanake swimming

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to Isabelle K in Tupu Tahi.

We are looking forward to our first full week this week, but as always at Kelburn, there is still a lot on.

Ara Information evenings tomorrow (Tuesday 13 February) (NOT WHĀNUI) - Please join us tomorrow night from 5-6pm for our Ara sharing sessions. This is part of our whānaungatanga, bringing us all together. Each team will share with you the school day, expectations and happenings, and the similarities and differences that the children may have experienced from last year. It is a chance to hear from the teaching staff and ask any questions about how each day operates. Please note that Whānui will be holding their hui next Thursday, 22 February as they are at camp this week.

Makahika camp - this week on Wednesday, Whānui (Y5-6) heads off to the foothills of the Tararuas for the Makahika camp. This two-night, 3-day camp is an awesome experience for our 9-11 year olds - a real challenge for the tamariki and an essential part of the Whānui programme as we continue to build and strengthen their relationships and experience working together.

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 on Monday 19 February, at 7pm 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. Any questions or if you'd like to make contact, please email pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz

Teacher-only days - we have four teacher-only days this year, including two MOE days to process the Curriculum Refresh. For this term, our teacher's only day is **on 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.

Sweets at school - There are a lot of sweets and chocolate at school, predominantly in lunch boxes. Sweets and learning don't gel well together and on duty the other day, I seemed to be walking past a lot of chuba chups and lollipop sticks out of students' mouths. Please help us by not providing sweets for school. Please help us by also encouraging your children not to buy them before school at the shops.

Performing Arts - This is a strong part of our kaupapa and Kelburn is well known for its high-quality ensembles and drama programmes. Each year we start afresh after our Y8s leave us and head to college - it is part of the continual evolution of a school. Band auditions are this Tuesday. If your child is successful in getting into a band, there is a small cost per student per session to cover the band teacher's tuition. We have started and invited children to be part of our choirs, orchestra, kapa hakas, and percussion ensembles for 2024. We also have a wonderful group of private music teachers who provide instrumental tuition throughout the school day. Have a look at this page on our website for all the contact details :-

<https://www.kelburnnormal.school.nz/performingarts>

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

Clarinet, Saxophone or Flute Lessons @ Kelburn Normal

Our woodwind teacher Mark Cookson has space for new students on clarinet, saxophone or flute in 2024. Please contact him on 022 4242 846 or cookson.mark@gmail.com if you would like to discuss lessons or arrange a free trial lesson.

Drum Lessons @ Kelburn Normal

Our drum teacher, John Rae has a few spots for new students, so if your child wants to learn the drums please contact John contact@johnrae.biz

Singing Lesson @ Kelburn Normal

Our singing teacher Anna Sedcole, has some space for singing and/or voice lessons, if your child loves singing this could really help them improve! anna.sedcole@gmail.com

Piano Lesson @ Kelburn Normal

Nicole Chao (MMus) has limited spaces available for piano lessons this term. For enquiries please email nicole.ncps@gmail.com

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 3 | | Whānui Camp @ Makahika Wednesday 14 February to Friday 16 February |
| | Tuesday 13 February | Band auditions; Māia, Whanake, and Tupu - Ara Information Evening 5 pm - 6 pm |
| | Wednesday 14 February | Whānui head to camp Makahika |
| | Friday 16 February | Whanake Swimming - Rua (Blair) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Tahī (Bishop) 1pm-2.30 pm |
| Week 4 | 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, Tahī |

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| | | (Bishop) 1pm-2.30 pm |
| Week 5 | 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 | No 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 |
| Week 6 | 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 |
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| Week 7 | 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 |

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
- 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 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

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](#)

IMPORTANT PHRASES WHEN YOUR CHILD IS STRUGGLING

When you experience setbacks, remember that it takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.

This is tough. You should be so proud of yourself for sticking with it.

You have no control over how people act toward you. But **you have all control over how you respond.**

We don't grow when things are easy. We grow when we face challenges.

I've seen you do hard things before — and I believe you can do this, too.

Being on top of the mountain is fun, but **we grow in the valleys.**

Your comfort zone may be a safe place but **you'll never find adventure there!**

You're not making a mistake, you're learning.

PTA News

Inviting new members to the Parent Teachers Association (PTA)

We are the PTA and we undertake the important roles of fundraising activities and community engagement. The PTA are a vital part of the school community, we raise funds for many essential items you see around the school such as chromebooks, ipads, kapa haka uniforms, sports equipment, library books and numerous other items the Ministry of Education funding and school donations do not cover.

The PTA get together once or twice a term in the Tupu space to discuss funding goals, plan fundraising events and school community events. It is a wonderful way to learn about the school, meet other parents and make new friends. The more that volunteer time and support, the more we can do to make the school a vibrant and inclusive place of learning and ensure your child has the best opportunity to thrive.

Our first PTA meeting of 2024 is on Monday 19th February at 7pm in the Tupu space and this is an opportunity to plan some fun events and activities for 2024 and put your hand up for the vacant role of Secretary. All are very welcome, and we would love to see you there so please come along!

Any questions don't hesitate to contact us at pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz

Many thanks, Andrea, Anneke and the PTA



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 20th of February



Leaflets for issue 2 will be distributed in early March.

If you have any questions please e-mail 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 | 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_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

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

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 email adminwgt@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 & gooley! | |
| 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. | |

E: kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz

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Community Notices

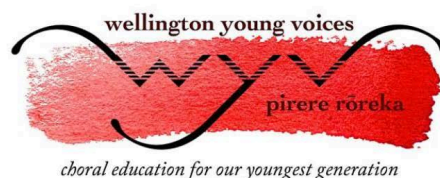
Crofton Downs Literacy Centre

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

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 for more information or to trial a couple of classes. Alternatively, check out our website - 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 or 021 843 467, or visit 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 for more information.

www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz

