



Kelburn Normal School

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

The Bird's Eye View ~ The Kelburn Normal School Newsletter

Thursday 20 December - Week 10, Term 4 2018

Kia ora koutou,

Today is our last day and school has broken up for the traditional Kiwi summer.

We have had a very enjoyable week this week with lots of Christmas craft as well as tidying up and gathering up the work the children have done to take home. This offers a reflective time for the children and they can see where they were at the beginning of the year and where they are now. We are very happy with the progress they have made.

We had a lovely year 8 leavers assembly on Monday and were able to celebrate our oldest children and other leavers and thank them for their contribution to Kelburn. All of our year 8 children spoke about the things they had been involved in and each child was presented with a leaving certificate that acknowledged their strengths and contributions. On Tuesday evening we celebrated out at the dinner with our year 8 leavers and their parents. This was a lovely occasion and we can see that these children are 'good to go' for secondary school.

We do have cups at Kelburn and the following children were awarded the following cups for all round and consistent excellence in these disciplines

- Sport - girl - Georgina B
- Sport - boy - Guy L
- Kapa haka - Anna S
- ICT - Michael L
- Citizenship - Anna S
- Performing Arts - Alex V

Chorister - Sophia D

Orchestra: Hugh E and Ruby W

KNS Excellence - girl - Libby S

KNS Excellence - boy - Fin N-H

A reminder that we start the 2019 school year after Waitangi Day - school starts on Thursday 7th February. Staff are back on site for teacher-only week which starts on Tuesday 29 January.

The office reopens on Monday 4th February.

This is the final newsletter for 2018 and I take this opportunity to thank the Kelburn Normal School community for what I regard as a very successful year.

Our children have been fully involved and it is pleasing to see that our attendance rate across the year finished at 94% average per day, which is not too bad at all.

All the students we farewell this year across the school have contributed immensely to our culture at Kelburn. They have been terrific role models to our younger students in which we have had a year where they have had to step up and guide the way. Like our community, our leavers have many diverse qualities and strengths, but above all, they should feel proud that they have tried to do the best that they can. The messages that our year 8 children have shared show that they leave with an appreciation for their peers, their teachers, their school, and themselves. We congratulate them and thank them, and their parents, for the contribution they have made to Kelburn and wish them all the best for the road ahead.

Through the weekly newsletters and facebook communications, our school community will have gained an impression of school-life throughout 2018. 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. Parents who have been keeping track of the school’s facebook life this year will also have gained an understanding of the vibrancy and rich curriculum the school has promoted.

The children have been showing signs of excitement as they share their anticipation of the end of the year. The Christmas season is indeed one of excitement and joy for things that sparkle and of course the companionship and gifts that are shared by families and friends! Christmas means many different things to each of us and our preparations take many paths as we reflect on our own personal understanding of what Christmas means and anticipate visitor arrivals, celebrate our faith, plan summer breaks or simply look forward to relaxing and enjoying time with our families.

I do want to say a thanks and best wishes to our departing staff Amelia and Adele, best wishes to Sally for her next journey on maternity leave, and thank you to Liz Brown for working this year with our international students and ELL learners. Next year we welcome back from maternity leave Joelle Clark into this role.

We are very lucky at KNS with the team that powers Kelburn along. I would like to thank the senior leadership team of Danielle and Charles for their tireless organising and leading of the teaching and learning for staff and students. Our students have an excellent curriculum and many extra opportunities because of their work; they coordinate a very busy school and do it so well.

Thank you to Alistair, Rob, Richard and Susie for their day to day leadership of each teaching team. For next year both Rob and Richard have decided to step down as team leaders of Whānui and Whanake respectively and Jen Wilkinson and Greta De Vries now step up to take on these roles. Jamie Q (Kahui Ako), Kayleigh P (Digital Learning) Emma M/Rob K (Sport) also step into leadership roles within the school.

Thank you to our wonderful and hardworking teaching staff, our music specialist teachers, and teacher aides, who every day, do their very best for our children with skill, organisation, and enthusiasm.

A huge thank you to Loraine, Kim, and Tina in our school office who do such a great job, and for accommodating the numerous extra requests we get from children and parents on a daily basis, always with a smile. In addition, they do so much managing of the nuts and bolts and time consuming tasks required by the Ministry and the leadership team, and the school operates very smoothly as a result.

Our children are very lucky to have the team of teachers working with them. We really appreciate the nice thoughts, comments and gestures from parents received recently, in appreciation of the contribution we have made to your children’s lives. While we are paid to do this, a simple thanks and display of gratitude of the work that we do, means an awful lot to the staff that their efforts are appreciated.

We thank our PTA team who have contributed this year by hosting many events that bring us together, working bees that improve our school and raising funds for our children to have extra resources and opportunities. Again we recognise Gwen for her wonderful drive and leadership over the last many years as Chair of the PTA.

Me te mihi nui mō ā koutou manaakitanga - We appreciate your kindness.

Thank you to Lisa Moore and the Board of Trustees for your work this year, in particular around the focal point of the new building project which is very close to completion - Kelburn is in good heart.

All of the Kelburn team joins with me in wishing you all a very happy, enjoyable and safe Christmas with family and friends.

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata - Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure

Ngā mihi mō te Kirihimete. Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou ki a koutou katoa -
Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year

Haere pai atu, hoki pai mai
Travel safely

Nga mihi nui,
Andrew

KNS Staff for 2019

Leadership Team

Principal - Andrew Bird

Deputy Principal - Danielle Sanders

Associate Principal - Charles Bisley

Te Ara Tupu (year 1-2)

Susie Brown - Tupu Team Leader

Chantal Keene

Sophie Bishop

Carla MacLeod

Ali Laing - Reading Recovery

Te Ara Whanake (year 3-4)

Greta De Vries - Whanake Team Leader

Richard Dobson

Emma Murdoch

Te Ara Whanui Team (year 5-6)

Jennifer Wilkinson - Whanui Team Leader

Rob Kerr

Kayleigh Peach

Te Ara Maia Team (year 7-8)

Alistair Button - Maia Team Leader

Libya Munn

Jamie Quayle

International Coordinator & ELL Teacher - Joelle Clark

CRT Release - Jenny Cossey

Support Staff

Teacher Aides - Sharyn Green, Rachel Smith, Katharina Vautier

Office Manager - Loraine Best

Accounts Receivable - Tina Gates

Accounts Payable - Kim Mudgway

School News

Event Dates - Term 4

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

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Thursday 7 February	School commences

School Clubs and Ensembles timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drama - Mr Bisley 8.30 - 9.30am Hall Year 7's	Orchestra - Mr Bisley 8.30 - 9.30am Room 14	Piccolo - Mr Bisley 8.30 - 9.30am Room 14 (Years 4, 5 & 6)	Lyrca - Nicola, Mr Bisley 8.30am Room 14	Kapa Haka - Miss Peach, Henare Parata 8.30 - 9.30am Room 8 - Years 5 - 8
Xylofun - Katharina 8.30 - 9.30am Room 14 (Ys 4, 5 & 6)	Enviro Club - Miss De Vries, Mr Dobson and Ms Murray 12.40-1.20pm in Whanake	Tui Choir - Ms Laing 9am Years 2 & 3	Chess Club - Mr Quayle 12.40 - 1.20pm Māia	Yr 6-7 Bands - Jeremy Band room
		Code Club - VUW's Radek Hes and Pravin Vaz with Miss Peach or Mr Quayle 12.40 - 1.20pm Māia	Yr 7-8 Bands - Tristan Band room 1 - 3pm	Kapa Haka - Mrs Mazur & Jeremy 1.30 - 2pm Years 1 - 4

School Term Dates 2019

Term	Start Date	End Date	
Term 1	Thursday 7 February	Friday 12 April	(10 weeks)
Term 2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July	(10 weeks)
Term 3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September	(10 weeks)
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Friday 20 December	(10 weeks)

[Kelburn Holiday Program January 2019](#)

It is not too late to book. Please make contact with Kim Mudgway at kelburnkids@gmail.com.

We are also now taking registrations for 2019 after school care. If you think you might have a need for our services next year than it might be a good idea to register with us as soon as you can which the means you can make a booking with ease when the need arises.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at any time

Kim Mudgway

Manager

[Piano & Theory tuition - Term 1 2019 - Martin Ryman](#)

M. Mus (Distinction) B.Mus (Executant) A.R.C.O. Dip Tchg.

Martin has a few vacancies for Piano and Theory lessons at Kelburn Normal School starting in Term 1 for 2019.

Martin is an experienced musician and a registered teacher.

For more information please see: KelburnMusicStudio.co.nz

Martin can be contacted at:

Email: martin@kelburnmusicstudio.co.nz

Tel: 04 971 8872 or 027 304 8250

Community Notices

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS

Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Cheerleading & Parkour Classes! Plus **Birthday Parties!** Term 1 enrolments are open now! Spaces are limited so book now! Bigair Gyms popular **DROP & SHOP** December 17th-20th **Holiday Programme** & January 14-1st **Holiday Programme** is open for bookings now! Contact Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay on 3838779 or email wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz or Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz

Kelburn Brownies have limited places available!

Brownies is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school! Our programme for girls aged 7 to 9 ½ years old includes outdoor adventures, conservation activities, cooking, crafts, games and community action projects – all challenging the girls to achieve and grow. We are accepting new girls into our unit for Term Four 2018, and taking expressions of interest for Term One 2019. GirlGuiding NZ is New Zealand's largest girl-only organisation. Fees at all levels of GirlGuiding NZ are currently \$85 per term.

Kelburn Brownies meet on a Tuesday from 4.30pm – 6pm.

Contact kelburnbrownies@gmail.com or 0220 963 973

FREE Dental Checks!

Kelburn Normal School students are due for their dental check-ups this term. The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile is unable to visit your school (we are unable to access your school safely).

You can make appointment(s) for your child/children at Selby House 175A Adelaide Road, Newtown.

Family appointments are available for pre-school siblings to attend also. Limited school holiday appointments are also available.

To book, please call 04 806 2801 or Email: dental@huttvalleydhb.org.nz (please type Kelburn Normal School appointment in the subject line).

To book or reschedule an appointment or update your contact details, please call 04 806 2801

Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt www.beehealthy.org.nz | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)

Selby House Parking Some off-street parking is available at Newtown Clinic. Alternatively, 90 minute parking is available for families on the lower ground floor of Countdown Supermarket (3 John Street, Newtown).

