



# Kohimarama School

**Term 2 Week 3 — Tuesday 16th May 2017**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We will be running the second of our '**Shaping the Future Together**' meetings in week four on Tuesday 23 May. This second meeting will respond to the feedback from the first and outline the process and steps taken to respond to your input. We have undertaken developments as a direct response to your input and are delighted with the partnerships we are forming with Selwyn College. Our focus is on our strategic goal of '*Kohimarama School is the school of choice for Years 7&8*'. In the initial meeting we made this open to Year 4 upwards. The invitation that went out on Friday was specifically for our Year 5,6 & 7 families. This is our target group, however, anyone is welcome to attend if you wish to participate. We will be running a similar format to the first meeting as we have had good, positive feedback to this. Please put **Tuesday 23 May from 5.30pm** until 7.00pm aside. The format will be 5.30pm Sausage Sizzle and then the parent community will meet in Rooms 18 & 19 while the students will be supervised by our Snell Team staff. The evening should be finished by 7.00 pm. I look forward to further engaging with the parent community to help shape our learning community for the future.

### **Our impressive Year 7 & 8 students**

I received the following email from Gabrielle Findlay about our Year 8 coaches who are assisting with the Year 5 Kiwi Rockets Basketball team.

*'The boys are patient and are really showing such maturity and insight in their coaching of the Year 5s. Our players are all new to Basketball and the coaches are really taking it seriously when coaching them. They are a credit to themselves, parents and the school. The boys concerned are Brock F, Seb A and Deyton B. Brock seems to be lead coach and is really standing out in his leadership skills.'*

On a personal note, I called into see the Flippaball team play on Sunday afternoon at Sacred Heart College. Max D, a Year 7 Kohimarama School student, was the team coach and what a professional and competent coach he was. He had noted down the areas where the team played well and areas for improvement along with noting the player of the day. I was most impressed. Thank you Max, Brock, Seb and Deyton and all those involved in leadership in Year 7&8, along with Student Leaders, House Captains, Peer Mediators etc. You do step up and lead our school so well in many areas throughout the school. Congratulations to you all.

### **Schools are about opportunity**

The art of possibility (Ben Zander, conductor of the Boston Philharmonic)

*"Michelangelo is often quoted as having said that inside every block of stone or marble dwells a beautiful statue; one need only remove the excess material to reveal the work of art within. If we were to apply this visionary concept to education, it would be pointless to compare one child to another. Instead, all the energy would be focused on chipping away at the stone, getting rid of whatever is in the way of each child's developing skills, mastery, and self-expression."*

Schools provide opportunities for exploration, creativity, innovation and must be open to providing for the needs of the learning community. I look to support opportunities and ideas that will ensure our students are able to take part in learning and activities that they might not otherwise get to experience. I enjoy the dialogue with parents and welcome suggestions and ideas particularly as we move the school forward. It is most important that we listen, understand and partner to see the possibilities emerge.

The following notice from Cynthia Forbes is to gauge support for the **North Island Primary School Ski Champs**.

The dates are; Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 with a practice day on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> My son is interested in forming a Year 5-6 boy's team. We require 3-5 boys and two adults for a team. Each boy needs to be able to ride the T bar as all events are in the Valley. The race format is as follows: Monday – Giant Slalom Ski, Tuesday – Dual Slalom Ski, Wednesday- Skier Cross (Optional), Thursday – Weather Day. My son competed in 2014 and enjoyed it very much as an individual but would prefer to have a team this year. The cost for a team entry depends on numbers but is approximately \$100 per boy. If they don't have a season's pass there is a special week's pass for racing of \$85 for the race week. All gear would have to be your own or hired including a helmet. **Training:** I recommend the team train at Snowplanet and they have a programme for this. The cost would be \$56 per child per visit and you would need to commit for a minimum of 6 weeks. If you need to hire gear this is an additional \$22 per visit. We would need to arrange a suitable time once we have a list of interested team members. If interested in forming a team with your son or for more information please contact Cynthia Forbes at [Cynthia@mgbca.co.nz](mailto:Cynthia@mgbca.co.nz) or 027 465-0025.

## Up and Coming Events

**Monday 15th May-Thursday 18th May**

**Kohimarama's Got Talent Yr 4-8 Auditions**

**Wednesday 17th May**

**Class and Individual Photos**

**Wednesday 17th May**

**Shape the Future Together—Meeting 2**

**Friday 19th May**

**Assembly**

**Wednesday 24th May**

**Bay Suburbs Soccer Yr 5 & 6**

## The Kohimarama Way - Friendliness

Signs of success that you are practising Friendliness are: liking yourself and realising you have a lot to offer, smiling and greeting someone you don't know, getting to know someone and letting them get to know you, showing an interest in others, showing caring when a friend needs you and being friendly to people who look and act differently.

## Kohimarama's Got Talent

It is very exciting! We have auditioned the Year 4 and 5 singers as well as the comedians; some lovely voices and great jokes. Thank you to Mr Engles, Miss Witchalls and Mr Satherley for judging this. Wednesday is our musicians audition and then on Thursday we have Dancers and Year 6-8 Singers. We wish you all the best in your auditions and are very proud of you for putting yourselves forward in this way - taking advantage of the opportunities presented shows real strength.

## Medication

If your child requires any medication, either on a day-to-day basis or a once off, the school office must be made aware by the parents/caregivers. If your child requires medication on a day-to-day basis, ie for asthma, allergies etc, you will need to bring your child's medication into the office and fill out the required forms. This medication will be stored in our school Sickbay for emergencies. Medication needed for a short time must also be brought into the office by an adult, with the correct form filled in. No medication can be sent into or taken out of the office by your children. The office will not be able to administer any medication until the correct forms are filled in.

## Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school absence line on 528-5306 ext 1 and follow the instructions or you can email the office at [office@kohi.school.nz](mailto:office@kohi.school.nz), before 9.30am. Any parents taking their children out for holiday will need to email the office to request leave from the school. Please address this email to the Principal.

### Flippaball and Waterpolo Results:

Team	Score	Player of the Day
Year 5 and 6 Stingrays Orcas	Won 6-3 Lost 6-3	Sydney B Seb H
Year 7/8 Eastern Bays Team	Won 7-5	

### Netball Results:

Team	Score	Player of the Day
Year 5 Flames	Lost 5-8	Emma A
Year 6 Mystics	Won 9-6	

### Basketball Results:

Team	Score	Player of the Day
Year 5 Rockets	Lost 16-2	Thomas F
Year 5 Hawks	Won 15-9	Barney B