



# Kohimarama School

**Tuesday 26th July**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Welcome back to term 3 with spring just around the corner. It is lovely to have the students back today after our Teacher Only Day on Monday. Our staff worked with an external expert during the day to look at how we support our learners to understand and identify their next learning steps, particularly in the area of Writing. It was a very busy and valuable day of learning for the staff.

It is lovely to welcome Meegan Hill back to school full time this term. We are also very pleased to welcome Debbie Ellery our new Deputy Principal who has now joined the staff. Debbie will be visiting classes during the week and we will introduce her to the whole school at our assembly on Friday.

A reminder that we will be holding Student Achievement Discussions on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August from 1.30 pm until 8 pm and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August from 3.30 pm to 6 pm. The online booking forms are open for this. The link can be found in the information that follows in this newsletter. Students are expected to attend these discussions and contribute around their learning successes and goals. Please be aware that school will finish for students at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. We have some capacity to supervise students in the hall where parents are unable to make alternative arrangements. Please notify the class teacher by 9.00 am on the day should you need this support. We have a 3 pm finish on the Wednesday.

This term our year 6 – 8 students are involved in the Snell Team production. This is an event held every two years and is an opportunity for the many talents of our students on stage and behind the scenes to flourish. A student group, with the support of Jodi Yee, have written the script and rehearsals are commencing this week. This is a very big commitment for the students and staff in Snell Team and will culminate in three performances at the Selwyn Theatre in the week of the 29<sup>th</sup> August. We will have more information about the show in next week's newsletter.

We also have a number of inter-school sporting events happening over the term in Netball, Cross Country and Basketball. Letters will be sent home regarding any commitments your child might have and it is important they come prepared and on time on the day for these. We really appreciate the support of parents in transporting these students.

Please consider the arrangements for term 3 and 4 that you have made for your children outside the school open hours of 8.30 am until 3.15 pm. We expect all students to have arrangements made for appropriate adult supervision prior to commencing school and after school to ensure their safety. Students are expected to go home straight after school unless they are joining an arranged activity such as playball or their parent or a caregiver is on site with them.

*The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.*  
Sydney J. Harris

### **A Message from our Deputy Principal Debbie Ellery**

I have been involved in education for the last 36 years, during which time I have been privileged to teach every level of the Primary School. My passion lies in the Arts and in Literacy. A future aspiration for me is to write a children's book as I believe that reading is the key to all learning. While at Kohimarama I will have a strong focus on Mathematics. My family is very important to me. My husband is a Principal at Somerville Intermediate, my son is currently completing his masters and my daughter has finished her studies and is just embarking on her career.

I am very excited to be a part of Kohimarama School and really look forward to meeting the students and the parent community. Having already met the staff I know that I am going to be working with very capable teachers.

## Up and Coming Events

Thursday 28th July	Eastern Zones Netball
Thursday 28th July	Otago Problem Solving
Friday 29th July	School Assembly
Tuesday 2nd August	ICAS English
Wednesday 3rd August	Student Achievement Discussions (School finishes at 12.55)
Thursday 4th August	Student Achievement Discussions
Friday 5th August	Sausage Sizzle
Friday 5th August	Hillary Team - Marbles Day
Monday 8th August	PTA Meeting
Tuesday 9th August	Bay Suburbs Netball
Tuesday 9th August	Yrs 1 - 4 Kahurangi Show
Thursday 11th August	City Mission - Can Collection
Thursday 11th August	Yr 7/8 Vaccinations

### Student Achievement Discussions

Wednesday 3 August and Thursday 4 August 2016

Bookings will close on Monday 1st August @ 9am

Please take the time to book your student achievement discussions. Please be aware that school will finish for students at 12.55 pm on Wednesday 3 August with the first interviews starting at 1.30 pm on that day. We have some capacity to supervise students in the hall where parents are unable to make alternative arrangements. It is important that your child's classroom teacher is informed by 9.00 am on the morning of Wednesday 3 August if you would like your child supervised in the hall. School will finish for students at 3.00 pm on the Thursday.

### Below are the instructions to book your Student Achievement Discussions

Please leave a gap between your interviews if moving from one class to another so you do not lose some of your precious talking time. The booking form can be accessed via the following web address: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)  
Click onto Event School Code—Type in **2d843** press enter—then follow the instructions. If for any reason you are unable to access this site or you experience any problems, please contact Jo at the Office on 528-5306 ext 807. Jo will be able to make an appointment time for you.

### Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school please call the school absence line on 521-5306 ext 1 and follow the instructions. Or you can email the office at [office@kohi.school.nz](mailto:office@kohi.school.nz) Please ensure either of these have been done before 9.30am. Any parents taking their children out of school for a holiday to email the office to request leave from school. Please address these emails to the principal.

### The Kohimarama Way - Committed

Having commitment is caring deeply about something or someone. It is the willingness to give your all to a friendship, a task, or something you believe in. It is the ability to make decisions and follow through on them. It is keeping your promises.



### City Mission Can Collection Day - Thursday 11th August

This year we are once again collecting cans to support the Auckland City Mission, which provides meals for the homeless and families who are finding it difficult to make ends meet. In Week 3, we encourage students to bring one or two cans for this worthy cause. Thank you.

## Opportunity to Support – Replacing plastic supermarket bags with bags made from recycled material

A reminder that a former student of ours, Jamie McDell – yes the famous singer, has contacted our school to ask for our support in rummaging around in our linen cupboards for things that can be recycled into shopping bags. This is the start of a community based project, originating in Australia, see <http://boomerangbags.org> for full details. Once the recycled materials are collected from our school, Jamie will organise it to be sewn into bags that can be used in supermarkets as replacements for the plastic bags that never disintegrate. If you want to be a part of this project, please have a look in your cupboards for anything that would be big enough to make a bag from and drop the material into our Library. Just inside the Library door there is a white container, please place your material in there and your good work is done. The container will be there for the first two weeks of Term 3.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

In order to fundraise for our Production 'Sam and the 7 Dwarfs' this year we will be holding 3 sausage sizzles.

All proceeds go towards costumes, makeup and the hire of Selwyn Theatre.  
All sausages \$1 (Tomato sauce and bread).

FRIDAY WEEK 2  
FRIDAY WEEK 4  
FRIDAY WEEK 5



We appreciate your support!

## PTA NEWS

### Upcoming events for Term 2



<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>PTA Meeting 7pm Staff room</b>
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### Position Available



#### Co-Chair.

We'd love someone to help chair our meetings and help organise our events. Please contact

[kohiptaseretary@gmail.com](mailto:kohiptaseretary@gmail.com)

## Regular School PTA Activities

**Walking school bus** – Interested in joining the walking school bus? Please contact Mattie on [mattie.queale@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mattie.queale@xtra.co.nz)

**Second hand uniforms** - We have plenty of second-hand uniforms at present. The prices are approx.. \$25 Fleece, \$15 Polo T's, \$20 Shorts / Skorts and \$20 red sports T. If you are interested in purchasing anything, please email Michelle at [michelle@fusionclimited.co.nz](mailto:michelle@fusionclimited.co.nz).

**Ice block Fridays** - Remember to send \$2 with your child on Friday for an ice block to be sold in last break.

**Yummy Stickers** - Help our school promote healthy eating and win sports gear at the same time! Go to [www.yummyfruit.co.nz](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz) for further instructions. You can drop off your sheets in the PTA box (in the office)