



Kohimarama School

Term 2 Week 9 — Tuesday 27th June 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome to my last newsletter for the term.

As Term Two draws to a close, we are farewelling two staff members—Angela Blackhall, Room 4 teacher, and Tara Jenkins, ESOL teacher and Kohimarama School Sports Co-ordinator.

Angela Blackhall has been a member of the Kohimarama School staff for ten years. During this time she has contributed to many areas of the school especially in Science and Environmental Education. These areas, under the guidance of Angela, have resulted in developments around the school including the gardens, wrapper-free lunches, etc. Angela has a very good knowledge of Science and has used this to further teacher understanding. Angela leaves us at the end of the term and we all wish her the very best for the future and thank her for her service to the Kohimarama School community.

Tara Jenkins has been a parent and ESOL teacher at our school over the past 5 years. Alongside having her children attend the school, she has recently taken on the Sports Co-ordination role. This is a big undertaking and Tara has always focused on providing opportunities for students to participate. Tara and her family are relocating back to Australia. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We also have two new staff appointed to Kohimarama School.

Sandra Stott will be teaching in Room 4. Sandra is currently teaching at Campbell's Bay Primary School on the North Shore. Having relocated to Kohimarama she is ready to bring her expertise and years of service, particularly in the junior school, to the staff and students here at our school. Sandra has held many positions in the school system including being a leader in the junior school. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Sandra to the community.

Alison Snell was a past parent of children who attended Kohimarama School. Alison has since undertaken her degree in education and we are pleased to offer her the position of New Entrant teacher commencing in Week 4 of Term Three. Alison brings many skills to the position and I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming her to Kohimarama School.

Room 17 students and their teacher, Juliette McKelvey, will be relocating to Room 18 at the end of Snell Team. This is to make way for our new New Entrant class who will be starting in Room 17. This will locate the teacher and students closer to Kiri Team. Thank you to Juliette and her Year 5 class for their willingness to move to accommodate the new students.

I would like to express my thanks to you, the parents and caregivers, for the way that you have entered into the dialogue about our strategic goal of making our Year 7&8 the school of choice. As a school team we have taken on-board the comments and suggestions and have moved to develop and enhance this area of the school. Thank you for the way that you support the PTA and the efforts that they make to enhance and develop the school. I would also like to give my appreciation to those who undertake many tasks across the school, including coaching sports teams, supervising school crossings, etc. These tasks help us to work together for the good of our learning community.

Up and Coming Events

Wednesday 28th June

Friday 30th June

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Monday 3rd July

Wednesday 5th July

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Friday 7th July

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Selwyn Technology Yr 8

Yr 7/8 Camp Fundraising (during Lunch Break)

NO SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Disco

PTA Meeting

Hillary Speech Competition

Cowley Exploration Day

Selwyn Technology Yr 7

Yr 7/8 Camp Fundraising (during Lunch Break)

Kiri Team 100 Day Celebration

School Assembly 1.45pm

Reports to go home

Last Day of Term 2

School Assembly

Please note, there will not be a School Assembly this Friday. We will be holding a full school assembly on the last day of term, Friday 7th July at 1.45pm.

The Kohimarama Way - Friendliness

Tips for Putting Friendliness into Action:

Speak first: Have courage and speak first. Don't think about how uncomfortable or awkward it may be. Think about the effect that your interest will have on the other person, even if they are not immediately friendly back (they might be shy), still show interest. Keep it short and sweet. Don't push it.

Be Present: Focus your attention on the other person. Look people in the eye and use an audible voice. Show them you are really here, genuinely interested, even if the situation allows only a few minutes.

Be friendly to people of all ages: Show friendliness to those who are older and younger than you. Older people often feel there is a general lack of interest in them, so being friendly to them will really brighten up their day.

School Disco - This Friday

A reminder we are holding our school disco this Friday, 30th June. Junior Disco Year 0-4 is held from 5.00pm to 6.00pm and the Senior Disco Year 5-8 is held from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Our theme this year is come dressed as a TV or Movie star. If preferred, students are able to come dressed in their own clothes. There will be no door sales, the last opportunity to purchase tickets is on Friday morning before school, outside the Hall. Parents, please drop your children at the door to the Hall- we will look after them, then we will invite you into the Hall at the end of each disco to collect your children. Both discos will be supervised by teachers and be supported by our Student Leaders. We are going to have so much fun!



Inter-School Debate Competition

On Wednesday 21st June Kohimarama School hosted the Inter-school Debate competition with St Heliers, St Thomas's and Stonefields Schools. It was a fun and competitive morning with each school involved in two debates. Our moots were "That all students should be required to take cooking classes (negative)" and "It should be compulsory for all middle school students to learn a foreign language (affirmative)". Kohimarama School won both these debates. Well done to our team: Blake B, Rubie D, Truman P, Sophie G-P, Zoe H, Alice L, Elani R, Zoe C, Finn W and Zara T.

Opportunity - Child Eye Research Study

Ji Soo Kim is a researcher at the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Auckland. She is investigating the effects of modern lifestyle on the eye-health of young people - Dry Eye. This could occur more based on the amount of screen use, ie smartphones, tablets and computers, children are involved in. In the long term, this may mean we have to adopt special eye care routines in order to protect our eyes. Ji Soo is looking for children aged between 5 and 16 and with 30 minutes to spare for a free dry eye check. If you are interested or want to find out more, please contact Ji Soo Kim on 022 393-7246 or jkim961@aucklanduni.ac.nz.

Roll Return 2017

Twice a year, in March and July, all schools in New Zealand are required to furnish to the Ministry of Education a return detailing all students enrolled at their schools. This return determines our funding and staffing for the remainder of the school year. If your child is going to be **absent or late** for any reason on **Thursday 29th June**, the office will require a letter or email from a parent/guardian justifying the student's absence from school. **This correspondence is to be provided to the School Office at office@kohimarama.school.nz no later than Monday 3rd July by 2pm.** Thank you in advance.

Basketball Results:		
Team	Score	Player of the Day
Year 4 Magic	Won 17-11	Georgia M
Year 5 Rockets	Lost 14-11	Hadley Q

Flippaball Results:		
Team	Score	Player of the Day
Year 5/6	Won 6-3	Mikey
Stingrays	Lost 6-3	Matthew
Orcas		

Community Notices

GYMNASTICS – Term 2 Holiday Programme 2017

Our local gymnastics club, Eastern Suburbs Gymnastics Club in Apirana Avenue, Glen Innes is running its usual holiday courses for gymnastics during the two weeks of the Term 2 holidays.

They cater for all levels and ages. Gymnastics is a fantastic sport for flexibility, co-ordination, balance, strength, speed and cardiovascular fitness.



Courses run for 3 and 4 days:
Mon to Wed/Thurs 10 Jul – 12/13 July and 17 July – 19/20 July 2017
from 9.00am -11.00am for 5 & 6 yr olds (\$90/\$115pw)
and 9.00-11.30am for 7+ yr olds (\$110/\$140pw).

To enrol : www.esgc.co.nz
Or for more details phone 09-528 0941 or email admin@esgc.co.nz

For after school gymnastics (ages 5+) and Playgym for 2, 3 & 4 yr olds
enrolments open Monday 10 July 2017 @ www.esgc.co.nz

Could your child dog paddle to safety if they fell into a pool? If the answer is no book your ONE MONTH FREE swimming lessons in July with Hilton Brown Swimming today!

Hilton Brown Swimming are offering FREE beginner lessons for children who are nervous of the water and not confident putting their faces under. Your child must be of primary school age and new to Hilton Brown Swimming. Spaces and times are limited and will be booked on a first-in-first-served basis. Book online at www.hiltonbrownswimming.co.nz or call 529 0177.

Holiday Programme for Year 0 to 6

at Kohimarama Presbyterian Church
34 Kohimarama Rd

on Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 July 2017

Full day 9.00–4.00pm \$35
Half day (morning session) 9.00 – 12.00pm \$20

Prior enrolment is absolutely essential so please
email kohipres@xtra.co.nz
for an enrolment form

Tennis with Rick Healey

Term 3

Monday 31st July and Thursday 3rd August
8 weeks \$95

Holiday Programme

10th-14th July and 17th-21st July
9am to 12 noon
5 days \$155
Casual \$35

Contact Rick Healey 021 286 1598 or
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