



# Kohimarama School

**Wednesday 3rd February**

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Welcome back to all our Kohimarama School students and their families for the 2016 school year. It was wonderful to see the students so enthusiastic about being back at school yesterday and ready for learning. The teachers all thoroughly enjoyed their first day with their classes and we are all looking forward to a positive year of learning and participating. I would like to extend a special welcome to those new families who joined our school at the start of term, we look forward to meeting you at various events over the next few months.

Congratulations to Myana our school receptionist and her family on the arrival of her beautiful daughter Charlotte on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, they are doing very well. Welcome to Janine Dewes who is a great addition to the office team and will be taking care of the reception while Myana is on leave in term 1.

I would like to thank the teaching staff for their focus and commitment last week as they prepared for the new school year and engaged in some new learning. Teachers had sessions on our new student data system and year 3 – 8 teachers explored how to maximise digital learning with an external expert while our year 1 and 2 teachers looked at early learners needs. We finished the week off with some team challenges at Muriwai Beach.

Our Kapa Haka group will re-start for the year next Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. The group will continue to practice at 7.45 am on a Wednesday morning in the hall. We are very proud of this group and their performances late last year and are looking forward to the children being there ready for action. Notices will go out this week for students interested in joining.

This year we will again expand our digital learning programme so all students in year 3 – 8 will be in classrooms with a range of school owned devices. We are also going to trial allowing students in Year 6 to 8 to bring their own Chromebook to school which will be optional. There are strict rules around this and all students in year 6 – 8 were given letters at the end of last year explaining the expectations. Next week students intending to bring devices will be asked to sign an agreement and from week 3, the week of 15<sup>th</sup> February, these devices will be able to be brought in to school.

Our first important community event this term is an evening to meet the teachers in week 3, where you will be able to learn more about the teaching and learning programmes your children will be experiencing this year. We look forward to introducing any new teaching staff at this time. We invite all parents, old and new, to a **'Meet the Teacher'** evening on **Tuesday 16<sup>h</sup> February at 7pm**. We will begin with half an hour in the hall for a general introduction, followed by meetings with the classroom teachers in their classrooms. We expect to be finished by **8.30 pm**. This evening is to allow teachers to introduce themselves and the children's learning programmes to all their class parents as a group, rather than individual meetings. We will be holding individual student achievement discussions later in term 1.

Please keep an eye out for the weekly newsletter which will be distributed by email on a Tuesday, so you are fully informed about what is happening at Kohimarama School. If you have problems receiving it please let the classroom teacher know straight away. The newsletter is also uploaded each week to our school website where you will also find information related to the operation of the school and some key events, [www.kohi.school.nz](http://www.kohi.school.nz).

***If you don't try you'll never know.***

## Up and Coming Events

**Friday 5th February**  
**Monday 8th February**  
**Monday 15th February**  
**Tuesday 16th February**

**School Assembly**  
**No School (Waitangi Day Mondayized)**  
**PTA Meeting**  
**Meet the Teacher Evening**

## 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 for a day to day basis ie. For asthma, allergies ect. 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 sick bay for emergencies. Medication for children 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 out of the office by your children. The office will not be able to administer any medication until the correct forms are filled in.

## Inhalers In Classrooms

Any students who use an inhaler need to have one inhaler held in the office for them at all times.

Students who are able to self-manage their inhaler use, after completing a parent permission form, can have an additional inhaler to be managed as follows:

Kiri Team: the teacher will hold the second inhaler in a safe space for the child to use as required

Year 2 – 8: the student will keep a second inhaler in their school bag

## 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). Please call or email 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.

## Subway

The last day for subway will be Wednesday 17th Feb. Subway will no longer be available.

### AMI Auckland Netball Centre Term 1 Netball and Preschool Programmes

Netball Afterschool Coaching Clinic

After-school Netball Programme | Ages 5-13 years | Monday and Tuesday

Build your child's netball skills with our Afterschool Coaching Clinic, a specialised 8-week after-school programme delivered by our expert coaches.

Where: AMI Auckland Netball, St Johns and Windmill Rd, Mt Eden

All Sorts of Sports Preschool. Fundamental Preschool Programme | Ages 2-5 years | Monday, Friday and Sunday mornings. All Sorts of Sports is a preschool multi-sport programme designed to introduce your child to the fundamental skills needed to participate in a wide range of sports.

Where: AMI Auckland Netball, St Johns

For further information email [development@aucklandnetball.co.nz](mailto:development@aucklandnetball.co.nz) or phone 09 280 4129. For registration forms please visit our website

[www.aucklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz)

## PTA NEWS

Upcoming events for Term 1...



Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Meeting, 7pm, Staff room
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Meeting, 7pm, Staff room
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Kiri Picnic
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Fun Run
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Meeting, 7pm, Staff room.

Kiri Picnic



Watch this space for information on the Kiri Picnic, **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of March**. All new and current Kiri families are invited to attend.



Need Uniforms?

Do you need any extra uniform items? Please visit [www.uniformme.co.nz](http://www.uniformme.co.nz). There are more items that haven't been loaded yet so if you are after something specific, please contact Michelle at [michelle@fusionclimited.co.nz](mailto:michelle@fusionclimited.co.nz)

Fundraising and Community events 2016



If you're interested in helping out at school or would like to join the committee to meet other Kohimarama parents and carers, please email us at [kohiptasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kohiptasecretary@gmail.com)

Our committee welcomes all new members!

Kohi School Family Fun Run



This much anticipated event is into its 3<sup>rd</sup> year and we'd love for you to join in the fun. Save the date - **Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 6pm**

Positions available

We are still looking for a Co-chair. Please contact [kohiptasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kohiptasecretary@gmail.com) for further details

Fruity Kanuti / Ice block Fridays



Please remember to send \$2 with your child on Fridays for a yummy ice block to be sold in last break