

NEWSLETTER

8th December 2023

Kia ora koutou, Dobri dan, Bonjour, Hallo, Hola, Zdravstvuyte, Nín hảo, Salve, Konnichiwa, Guten Tag, Olá, Anyoung haseyo, Asalaam alaikum, Greetings everyone,

As we bid farewell to 2023, we reflect on a year filled with growth and learning. It has been a pleasure to witness the enthusiasm and dedication of our students, supported by the wonderful community that is KKPS.

The past year has been marked by numerous accomplishments and engaging learning experiences. From exciting field trips to captivating classroom activities, our students have thrived in a positive and nurturing environment. We appreciate the ongoing support from parents and caregivers that has made these achievements possible.

PTA

On a bittersweet note, we must bid farewell to Kate Simmonds, who is stepping down from her role as the Chairperson of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). Kate's unwavering dedication and passion for our school have been inspirational. We extend our gratitude for her invaluable contributions and wish her the very best in her future endeavours.

Looking ahead to the upcoming year, we invite new members to join the PTA and contribute to the continued success of our school. The PTA plays a crucial role in fundraising for various school initiatives, and your involvement can make a significant impact. Meetings

are held twice a term, providing a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow parents and actively participate in shaping our school's future. If you are interested or would like more information, please email pta@kkps.school.nz.

New Teacher

Due to an increasing roll, we are welcoming Mhairi (pronounced Vari) Wylde to the teaching team next year. Mhairi is moving up from Auckland in the new year, and is looking forward to being part of the KKPS community.

Mural

Erika Pearce has now completed a mural on the end of Room 5 (see below). What a remarkable job she has done, bringing together focal points from our community that our children shared with her.

Board

The Board will be welcoming Trevor McLean onto the Board. Trevor will be replacing Dave Te Iri who resigned from his Board position. A huge thank you to Dave for his time serving on the Board.

School Community Events

Thank you to everyone who has attended our recent school events. It has been lovely to host our families at school. This week, we held our annual Kapa Haka performance. Acknowledgment to our outstanding teachers in Te Whakatapuranga, who put in hours of practices with our tamariki for kapa haka. The performance was outstanding. A huge



thanks to the PTA for fundraising for the new kapa haka uniforms, they really do look good! Thanks also to everyone who attended Christmas on the Lawn. Didn't the children do well singing the Christmas songs!

As we approach the summer break, we hope each of you takes the time to relax, recharge, and create lasting memories with family and friends. Our school office will be closed during this period (opening back on January 25th), and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on January 30th, 2024, for another exciting year of learning and growth.

Thank you for your continued support, and may you have a joyful and rejuvenating summer break!

Ngā mihi
Dr Sarah Brown



Erika Pearce Mural



Thanks to everyone who came along to Christmas on the Lawn. It was a magical evening with lots of singing, laughter and a wonderful community feel. A special thank you to the PTA for providing some yummy food, and to our extra special guest who made time to pop out from his busy schedule.

Have a magical Christmas everyone.



Digital Technologies @KKPS



Term 4 Week 9

At KKPS children from years 3-6 are encouraged to bring a Chromebook to school if they are able. Teachers will plan a number of experiences that use devices to support and enhance learning.

If you are looking for a Chromebook there are still deals to be had out there. If you find a Chromebook you like check out [Priceme](#) or [PriceSpy?](#) They compare prices of identical items in a number of different stores. Don't forget too that Noel Leeming has a Price Promise so if you can find an identical item at another store they will match the price.

Next year our KKPS Tech Ninjas will be out in classrooms supporting teachers and students to use a variety of different apps and hardware. A huge thank you to all the year 5 children who applied for this role. We couldn't do it without you.

Structured Literacy



MAKE TIME TO READ ALOUD



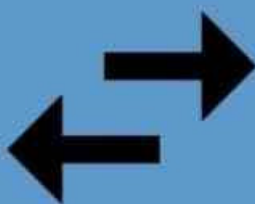
Who doesn't love a story and a snuggle! Neuroscience research confirms connections between narrative reading in childhood, memory creation and life-long feelings of well-being. Reading the same book again and again creates neural pathways that link to positive emotions we can return to throughout life.

READ ALL THE THINGS!



Stories are a wonderful opening to different worlds, but that's not all there is - lots of children are drawn to non-fiction, and comics are awesome too! Recipe books, magazines and craft books offer a wealth of possibilities for developing literacy and life skills, all while having fun.

GIVE KIDS CHOICES



Research shows children are more engaged, learn more and make more effort when they choose reading materials for themselves. This is true even for very young children and when minimal choice is involved, such as selecting their preferred book from 2 options.

TRY PODCASTS & AUDIOBOOKS

KORU Kids at KKPS



Term 4 Week 9

We LOVE Class Dojo.

For many years KKPS has used the Class Dojo platform to share information with our parent community. We use it to keep you up to date with things that are happening at the school. The School stories, Class Stories and individual portfolios have been used to share snapshots of learning experiences, and events.

Next year, we're taking Class Dojo to the next level. From January 2024 we will be using Class Dojo as our schoolwide acknowledgement system. These digital points will replace our KORU slips. There are so many advantages to making this change. As a connected parent you will be able to see each time your child is rewarded with a point, and celebrate their successes at home too. As an enviro school, the removal of paper for tickets and plastic prizes means that we are helping our environment too.

Class Dojo is now closed for the year as we are undertaking some KKPS Class Dojo maintenance over the summer.

If you need to contact your child's 2023 class teacher you will need to use their email, pop in or call the office.

In early 2024 Class Dojo will be available again. You will be able to message your child's 2024 teacher and you will start receiving alerts about events that are planned for Term 1. Remember there is no limit to how many parents/caregivers are attached to a child, so you can add grandparents, aunts and uncles etc.

Thank you for all of your support throughout 2023.

We look forward to another fantastic year of KKPS KORU School supported by KKPS Class Dojo in 2024



Class of the fortnight - Room 24 with Erin Hooper

This term Room 24 has been creative in lots of different ways!

Ms Hooper asked us to show how well we knew the characters and the plot from some of our favourite books. Each person chose their own book and then made story cubes, dust covers, story maps, and 'Wanted' posters. You can see how much fun we had showing Ms H all that we knew.



Room 24 has also been learning about how to blend paints to create different shades and tones. We had to use primary colours (Red, Blue & Yellow) to make secondary colours (purple, green and orange). Our landscapes were painted to show how we could create different tones & shades within nature.

Lastly, because we are running assembly on Friday...and we want to bring some Xmas spirit...we made Elf hats!



7th December 5pm
Christmas on the lawn



December 13th
Board Meeting

11th December 11am
Year 6 Graduation

December 14th
Last day - finish at 12pm (buses will not be running on this day in the afternoon)

12th December
Students - Meet your 2024 teacher and class

January 30th 2024
First day back at school



Morning Tea with the Principal

The Plough and Feather host a weekly Morning tea with the Principal at their restaurant.



Each week two children who consistently show amazing KORU kids values will join Senior Leadership Team to have morning tea. Congratulations Richard Bridle, Elijah Marks, Princess Pado and Taylor Robbins.



INCREDIBLE YEARS 2024

FREE parenting programme for parents or caregiver of children between the ages of 3 and 8 years of age. Learn fresh strategies and new tools in a supportive environment.

Time: 10am til 1pm
Venue: to be confirmed
Start date: February 13th

Sessions run on Tuesday's and go for 14 weeks (excluding school holidays). We offer petrol vouchers for those who need them, a yummy morning tea, spot prizes and a room full of like minded people.

So if you are interested or know of any friends or family who may like to join our group please fill in this quick form to register your interest...

<https://forms.office.com/r/yFnBf3wMTk>



You are invited to bring the whole family along to our Community Santa Grotto this December.

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER from 5PM TO 7.00PM and SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER from 11.30AM TO 1.30PM.

It will be a wonderful walkthrough Christmas Experience with a 'Narnia theme winter wonderland' and a little gift for everyone (as long as stocks last).

Please be patient as there will be a wait time as you queue to see Santa and have a professional family photo taken. While you wait, we will have sausages/treats/water for you to enjoy.

KKPS Girls - 5K run



RIVERVIEW OSCAR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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