



## From the Principal's Pen

Nau mai, haere mai

We hope you can join us on Tuesday evening ...

Children spend many hours at school and are proud of their learning environments. Our open evening this Tuesday (14<sup>th</sup> March) provides an opportunity for them to show you around, meet their teachers and see where learning takes place. It's an informal time for you both. Formal learning conferences will take place later in the term and parents are welcome to make appointments to see a teacher at any time should the need arise.

This year, all our classrooms are learning to work collaboratively with other teachers and students in their learning hub. In this way we are developing ways to better meet the diverse range of interests, strengths and learning needs of our children. You will also be able to meet the other teachers involved in your child's learning.

Teachers will be in their learning space from 6:00-7:30pm. The bell will ring at 7:30pm and that is the signal to lock up as we all need to be back at school bright and breezy the next morning. For those of you with more than one child you might like to stagger your time as follows:

- Kowhai 6:00pm
- Matai 6:30pm
- Kauri 7:00pm

### Dinner available

Our wonderful Home & School Committee are making it easy for you to attend by providing hot dogs for dinner from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Please support them because all funds raised go directly to providing those extras that we have all come to expect and not covered by government grant.

[See Advertisement](#)

### Resignation

With regret I advise that **Phillippa Brosnahan** has resigned from our school for personal reasons. Phillippa has been a member of our school family since Term 3 last year joining us to teach a roll growth class in the school library. This year Phillippa was teaching Year 2/3 children in Room 9 alongside Jude Hampton. We are grateful for the contribution Phillippa has made to our children and our teaching team and wish her well in the future.

### Welcome

We are delighted **Sarah Cooper** has stepped in at short notice to teach in Room 9 initially until the end of Term 1 while the long-term appointment process takes place. Our focus has been on ensuring stability for our children and their learning and Sarah has been in for two days this week to get to know the children and familiarise herself with the learning programme. I know our children, staff and parent community will warmly welcome Sarah to our school family.

### Emergency Preparedness

Many thanks to all who have returned updated contact, emergency and medical details for their child. This information is secured safely in classroom emergency clipboxes and in the office should we need to access them. It is now time to provide your child's personal emergency kit. Please send a clearly named and room numbered ziplock bag (18x18cms) to school with a change of underpants, a small cuddly toy and a muesli bar type snack. These three simple things will ensure your child has some personal essentials readily at hand in the case of an emergency.



Each term we practice an emergency drill to ensure our processes for evacuating classrooms are effective and efficient should the need arise. This will take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of term.

## Communications with Teachers

We are receiving reports of a number of “complaints” from parents. The first phase of any complaint process is to raise awareness. Please, if you have an issue related to your child, talk to your child’s teacher in the first instance. A simple conversation or email asking about a matter can often resolve an issue. If a matter continues, please request a formal meeting with the teacher at a time that is mutually convenient. This can be followed by a formal meeting with the team leader, AP, DP and / or principal. The teacher can also direct you to the appropriate person to help with an issue when necessary.

When emailing teachers, please do not expect replies after 6:00pm or before 8:00am on weekdays or during the weekends. Teachers will do their best to respond to you within 24-48 hours outside class contact time as learning time is precious. For urgent messages to your child’s teacher, please call the office and Sarah or Judy will be able to help.

## Reminders:

### Driving / parking behaviours

Poor driving behaviour and parking make it unsafe for children walking to and from school and using the crossing. Teachers and parents on road patrol use their phone camera to record incidents and these are reported to the Police Officer associated with our school for follow up.

### School Crossings

Our service-minded Year 5 and 6 students patrol the crossings. They do a great job in all sorts of weather and are well supported by parents in the morning and staff in the afternoon. The patrollers have been trained by the Police to “call” the crossing. Please show your support by listening, showing patience and appreciation.



We encourage children to walk to school if possible as this relieves congestion. The subway under Box Hill was upgraded by our students and Wellington City Council in 2013 and is a safe alternative to crossing the busy road. Parents driving children to school can also park along Simla Crescent, Woodmancote Road or the school side of Box Hill and encourage their children to walk and use the crossing.

## Personal Devices

Personal devices are not permitted at school as they can easily be broken or misplaced causing distress. Children who must have mobile phones for contacting parents after school are to hand these to the teacher for safe keeping during the day.

Thank you to everyone supporting these simple reminders which keep our children safe and help us maintain our focus on learning without distraction.

Ngā mihi mahana  
Louise Green  
Principal

## Meet the Teachers – Tuesday 14 March

Please join us with your child on Tuesday 14th March for an open evening to meet the teachers in your child's learning hub.

This is an informal opportunity for us to get to know each child and his or her family a little better to help us understand and appreciate their strengths, interests and aspirations so we can support them as learners.

To cater for families with children spread across two or three teams, we're suggesting the following timeframes:

Kowhai, 6:00-6:30

Matai, 6:30-7:00

Kauri 7:00-7:30

Later in the term there will formal opportunities to talk about specific learning goals with your child and teacher.

## Grab a hot dog for dinner -proudly supplied by your Home and School Committee

We know that evenings can be hectic so the Home and School Committee will be offering hot dogs, baking and fruit for sale from 5:30pm to 6:30pm on Tuesday evening in the hall.



Hot dogs are \$3:50 each, baking is \$2:00 per item and fruit \$1 per item, or grab a hot dog and sweet treat for just \$5:00.

You can pay with cash on the night but it would be great if you could bring change with you!

To ensure we have sufficient delicious hot dogs can you please reply to [Hands@khandallah.school.nz](mailto:Hands@khandallah.school.nz) by midday Friday with the number of hot dogs your family would like in the subject line.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday .

### Maths Whizz

Maths Whizz is now up and running across the school from years 2-6. The children are excitedly trying to make the most 'progressions' in their individualised programs. Our goal at Khandallah School is that each child will make a minimum of 3-4 progressions every week. Here are a few links to videos that will explain the Maths Whizz a little more to you.

**Parents Guide 2017:** *Introduction to Maths-Whizz - This 4 minute video will give you a basic understanding of the programme if it is new to your child, so you can help motivate them to use the programme well.* <https://youtu.be/nbFCxV9IR-c>

**Parental Access to Reports - new video:** *In 2017 Maths-Whizz have opened up access to parental reports for NZ for free! Khandallah School has signed up to this offer so if you have chosen to do this, then share this video will give you more information on them.* <https://youtu.be/xmzTbJ9t9Kk>

**Explaining Maths-Age 2017 - new video:** *At Khandallah School we focus on the progressions each child makes rather than the maths age as it is a UK maths age. However, if you do sign up to the free monthly emails, parental reports or just want to know a little more about what the Maths-Whizz Maths Age is all about here is a video to explain it.* <https://youtu.be/eH3qfrxcZCk>

### Parent Donation Request

The parent donation request has been sent home with your child this week. Unfortunately, our school bank account number did not print on this request. Our school bank account number for all school activities and donations is: ASB Khandallah School **12 3223 0137390 00.**

### ICAS

We will be sending out information soon regarding the 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). This is available for students in the Senior School (Y4-6) in the following subjects: Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths.

### Coming Events – Term 1

The following events can all be found on our school calendar on our school website.

Date	Activity
14 March	Capital E – Art Festival - Kowhai
14 March	Parent Engagement Evening
20 March	Capital E – Art Festival - Kauri
22 March	Powhiri - formal welcome for new children and their families
27 March	Year 6 Camp



### Kindly with Kai

Kindly with Kai is a wonderful scheme which has been running in the school over the past four years. It is there to support our school families in times of need or change such as illness, death or a birth in the family.

Being the start of a new year, we are again calling for volunteers to be on our team to contribute a meal or baking on an on call basis.

Toni Shanks and Chris Frost will be coordinating this scheme. If you are interested in being involved, or would like further information, please [tonishanks@gmail.com](mailto:tonishanks@gmail.com) to register your interest."We can all appreciate how much someone else cooking just one meal can make such a huge difference in times of need."  
Thank you

## Community Notices

The following notices have been received from a range of sources for inclusion in our school newsletter and are provided for your information. Khandallah School does not accept responsibility for the accuracy of information provided.

### Queen Margaret College Open Day

An IB World School for girls offering the choice of either NCEA or the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

See the school in action on **Friday 10 March** from **9am - 2.30pm** or visit on **Sunday 12 March** between **1.30pm - 3.30pm** to talk to our teachers.

To register, visit [qmc.school.nz](http://qmc.school.nz)



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[www.littlelearners.site](http://www.littlelearners.site)

Educational Programmes for children under five (and parents)  
(5x weekly sessions)

Only 15 children per programme - **BOOK NOW!**

**\$75 Per child**

**COMING SOON TO NORTHERN SUBURBS!**  
Programme commences on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2017, Ngaio Town Hall



### CodeCamp April Holidays

**When: April 18th – 21st & April 24th – 27th**

**Venue: Samuel Marsden School, Karori**

Code camp allows boys & girls from the ages of 7-17 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems & collaboration. Create games, apps & work with robots and electronic building blocks.

**Book Now at [www.codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp](http://www.codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp)**



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### ON SLOW TABLE TENNIS CLUB 2017

**VENUE** Ngaio Town Hall 1 Ottawa Rd, Ngaio, Wellington

### SESSION TIMES

Junior Club - Thursdays 6:00pm to 7:45pm (30 March to 21 September)

Senior Club - Thursdays 7:45pm to 10:00pm (30 March to 19 October)



### INVITATION TO PLAY CLUB WATER POLO IN 2017

Maranui Water Polo club is looking to rebuild our Under 12 Squad. We would like to extend an invitation to all competent swimmers or water polo players. Training times for the Under 12's is **Sunday's from 4pm - 5pm at WRAC commencing 12/03/17**. The U12's do not train during the school holidays or long weekends. If you are interested please

email [maranuiwaterpolo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:maranuiwaterpolo@xtra.co.nz).

Further information can be

found at <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/maranuiwaterpolo> or follow us on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/maranuiwaterpolo](http://www.facebook.com/maranuiwaterpolo).

### BLOOD DRIVE AT THE JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE!

3 Frankmoore Street  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
9.00am-2.00pm