



From the Principal's Pen

Kia ora te whanau

A very warm welcome back to Term 3. We hope you've all enjoyed some memorable moments with your children over the school holiday break. A special welcome to all new children and their families joining our school whanau this week and to **Clare Hubsher** joining our Learning Support Team. We'll be in touch when it's time for our next pōwhiri to formally welcome you all to our school.

It's great to see **Renata Balfour** return to Room 11 supported by a supernumerary teacher while she transitions back to full classroom responsibilities. We're delighted also that **Julie Lear** is continuing in our school supporting the Junior School as release teacher.

Property work carried out over the holidays:

Some lovely fine days helped the many tradespeople on site over the holidays to make good progress. We've undertaken

- Interior painting of Rooms 7, 8, 9 and 10,
- Trenching around the school for fire/security cabling
- Fire and security system upgrade across the school
- Remarkable progress on the new building and surrounds
- Preparation works for special needs access to the library and hall.



Photo of our new building

Special Needs Access:

We are delighted that the Ministry of Education has approved funding to allow for ramping and wheelchair access to the hall and library from the south side of the school. This work will be completed by Naylor Love as an extension of the significant Kaukau Project currently underway.

Exciting Term Ahead

We have a very exciting term of learning ahead as we prepare to celebrate "**Khandallah School's Story – the past, present and future**". All children will be involved and each syndicate will share with you the focus of their integrated inquiry. What's clear is that there'll be lots of creativity and self-expression as we prepare to share our talents with our parents and wider community at our 125th celebrations on Saturday, 20th October from 1pm-4pm.



Action: Save the date! Saturday 20th October 2018

3-way Learning Conferences will be held this term for children in their 1st, 2nd and 3rd year of school celebrating milestones and all children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Y4-6 conferences will take place on 21 / 22 August.

All Kowhai children will participate in MoveMprove while Matai and Kauri children have their syndicate swimming sports to look forward to. Matai children are also visiting ASB Arena to participate in gymnastic and futsal lessons over the first 6 weeks of term. St Brigid's Kapahaka Festival and Artsplash also feature on this term's calendar.

Lunchtime Activities

During the week there are many activities our children can enjoy besides playing outside with their friends. There's the library, Garden Gang, Choir, Pokemon Club and a Dance Group. This term we've extended the activities on offer as we manage with reduced court and field space due to construction work and weather. If they wish, Matai and Kauri children will be able to opt into one of a number of other activities offered by parents, Easyswim and teachers during lunchtime on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Teacher Learning

Teachers are ongoing learners focused on working together to nurture and inspire the learning of students. Besides working on personal goals as part of the appraisal process, we meet each week after school to develop our skills and expertise across a number of areas so that we are continually reflecting on, and improving, our practice. This term we will continue our work on collaboration to meet the needs of our children as well as develop our understanding of, and confidence in, using the new Digital Technology Curriculum. All teachers are working towards achieving their Digital Passport.

Congratulations to **Beccy Haley** who has recently completed her Hapara Certified Educator course

Working Bee – can you help?

Many thanks to families who've offered their time on Sunday 19 August to help with planting out 100 plants along the entrance to the car-park / drop off zone. We'll be working under the guidance of **Matt Robinson**, from Wellington City Council Parks and Reserves, who will provide the health & safety information, gloves, plants and the mulch!

Action:

Email reception@khandallah.school.nz to register your interest in helping with the planting!

Message from the Board of Trustees

Please watch out for next week's Board Update. The update will

- Notify you of the duration of the teacher strike on 15 August. NZEI are currently balloting members after calls for the 3 hour stoppage to be extended to a full day.
- Outline the high level results from the survey and what is planned for engagement in August.

Congratulations

- **Annabel Wilton** winner of the \$50 KTC voucher for participating in the Board's recent survey. Sarah

Children's safety – School Gates:

Please keep school gates closed at all times children are on-site between 7:30am and 6:00pm. DO NOT hook or block gates open. The fences and gates are important for the safety of some of our vulnerable children.

Children's safety – Travelling to and from school:

We strongly encourage children to walk or wheel to school to/from home or a point well away from school entry points to promote health and wellbeing as well as relieve traffic congestion. For those who choose to drive, please ...

- Drive cautiously as children's behaviour can be very unpredictable
- Do not turn into driveways on Woodmancote Road, Clark Street and Simla Crescent where pedestrian traffic is heavy before and after school
- Do not park over driveways as this inconveniences our patient neighbours
- Show gratitude to our parent and student volunteers keeping our children safe on the crossings
- Follow the simple drop off / pick up zone rules
 1. Children must be able to *independently* get in and out of the vehicle via the *footpath side* only
 2. The driver must *stay in the car* and *move on* if children are not waiting at the end of the day, *turning LEFT* only.
 3. *Do not park* along the pathway or in the staff car parking areas. Thank you.

Resignation

Dave Randall, our school caretaker, will be leaving us on 10 August to take up a caretaker/property manager role at Karori Normal School. We thank Dave for his service and wish him well.

We are now advertising for a new caretaker. The position would be ideally suited to someone local. Please share this information within your networks.



Tātai ki te rangi

School Caretaker

We are looking for a reliable, self-motivated person who takes pride in their work and can work unsupervised to maintain our school buildings and grounds.

If this sounds like you an application form and job description is available from our school website www.khandallah.school.nz or office@khandallah.school.nz.

For further information or to arrange a visit phone 479 6685.

Ngā mihi mahana

Louise Green

Important Dates for your Calendar

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

Date	Activity
31 August	ICAS English Exam
6 August	Home and School Meeting
7 August	Matai Swim Sports Year 3/4
8 August	3 Way Conferences Kowhai
9 August	Crazy for KidsCan Day
9 August	BOT Meeting
10 August	Kauri Swim Sports Year 5/6

Khandallah STARS

40 Hour Famine

Thank you to Zac Taylor, Kira Sharma, Phoebe Lucy, Ruben Teal, Alyssa Narayanan, Carter Hook-Jennings, Zoe Williams who led our school's 40 Hour Famine this year. With their leadership and planning, our school pulled together to raise \$6235.10. WOW! The funds raised provide support for refugee children affected by conflict, drought and famine in South Sudan. Thank you to all those who participated to make a difference! Ka pai!

Green Team

A few of our Khandallah School Green Team Members were featured in a recent edition of the Independent Herald after their discovery of the Banded Kokopu Fish.



Khandallah School is going
Crazy for KidsCan!
Thursday 9th August

Wear a crazy outfit
and bring a donation
to help Kiwi kids in need.

A colorful promotional graphic for the 'Crazy for KidsCan!' event. It features a large, stylized blue wig with a yellow face and red heart-shaped sunglasses. The background is light blue with a rainbow and a person surfing on a wave. The text is in white and red.

Home and School Notices

Kaukau Challenge update

Lock Sunday 18 November in your diaries for the 2018 Kid's Kaukau Challenge!

If you would like to be a part of ensuring this event is as successful as last year, we would love to have you on board. No experience is necessary!

The roles we are yet to fill include project coordination, sponsorship and managing track logistics:

- Project coordination – work alongside other parents to keep the project on track. Organise rosters for all helpers on the day.
- Sponsorship – contact businesses and organisations to secure grants and sponsorship.
- Track logistics – recruit marshalls and assign them a track position, brief marshalls on the day, liase with WCC, Rotary, WEMO, arrange track signage. Includes walking the track so get your steps in while helping out!

Please let us know by email HandS@khandallah.school.nz or come along to the next planning meeting on Monday 6 August in the school staffroom from 8-9pm. We look forward to having you be a part of this great community event.

Thanks to the great group of parents who have already put their hands up to help out. Your support is much appreciated.

If you are unable give your time, then donations in lieu of time are accepted! Payments can be made directly to the home and school committee bank account: 02-0500-0020091-000 (reference: Kaukau Challenge)

Fundraiser - Khandallah School Hoodies

Its a bit chilly outside and Home and School are delighted to offer Nike Hoodies for sale. The hoodies will have the Khandallah School logo on the front and your child's name printed on the back. These hoodies are excellent quality and will be sold for \$80 each. More information and order forms will be distributed shortly.

A vibrant poster for the 'Spring Fling' event. The background is light yellow with scattered green and orange flowers. At the top, it says 'JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUT OF FUN, DRINKS AND DANCING'. The title 'Spring Fling' is written in a large, black, cursive font. To the right of the title is a silhouette of a couple dancing. Below the title, the event details are listed: 'FRIDAY 17 AUG', '\$35 TICKET', and '7.00 PM TILL MIDNIGHT'. The venue is 'Khandallah Town Hall'. Below that, it says 'Licensed Bar. R18 only. Nibbles and supper provided. Auctions, spot prizes and raffles on the night. Tickets available on the Khandallah School website or via facebook.' At the bottom left is the Khandallah School logo, and at the bottom right is a small box that says 'ALL PROCEEDS GO TO REDEVELOPING THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND'.

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