



## From the Principal's Pen

Kia ora te whanau

### Teacher Strike – Tomorrow 16 November – School is closed

Teachers and principals in the Wellington and Wellington North area will be joining together tomorrow. During the strike, they will discuss the latest offers from the Secretary for Education received last Thursday afternoon as a result of facilitation. Following an 11am meeting at the Opera House teachers and principals will march to, and rally at, Civic Square at around midday. There will also be meetings at Lower Hutt, Porirua and Paparaumu.

You can find the latest offers to teachers and principals [here](https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/nov-offer-ptca-ppca/)  
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The latest offers address some pay issues over time. There have been no offers in relation to time. Teachers and principals will consider whether the offers are sufficient to address the issues they have raised during negotiations – recruitment, retention and workload. Voting on the offers will take place by secret ballot in a few weeks' time when teachers and principals have had time to reflect and discuss further with their colleagues back at their schools.

We do not take strike action lightly. Besides losing a day's pay we know there's an impact on our children and their whānau. We sincerely thank you for your understanding and support.

YMCA is offering a full day programme for those who have registered.

## Invitation

In our last newsletter, we invited parents to share with us information they would like us to consider when making homegroup placements for 2019. Each homegroup works within a learning hub with one or two others so children have a wider group of children and adults to interact with and learn from.

In sharing your thoughts, please do not ask for a particular teacher. Rather, be specific about your views. For example

- My child is sensitive and works best with a gentle and affirming teacher.
- My child likes to be challenged academically / physically, etc.
- I would prefer my child not to be placed with his/her cousin/neighbour/sporting rival, etc.

You can email us at [placements2019@khandallah.school.nz](mailto:placements2019@khandallah.school.nz) by **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Staff Update

We have advised the families of children in Rooms 7 and 8 homegroups that **Karen Grant** will be taking leave for the remainder of the term to have further treatment for cancer.

We have advised the families of children in Kākā that **Jude Hampton** is currently working with health professionals to find a diagnosis and provide guidance around her ability to continue teaching the children she loves.

In both cases we have put in support to ensure children continue to receive quality learning experiences. We are pleased that **Kevin Pegg** is available to teach Room 8 Homegroup until the end of Term 4. We are grateful to **Shelley Strand** and **Julie Lear**, release teachers, for pooling their available time to provide extra support and work alongside Jude, Lucy and Elise in Kākā.

We give Karen and Jude our love and support during these challenging times.

### Halloween Disco

A very big thank you to members of the Home & School and helpers for the great work planning for and staging the Halloween Disco. Our children are fortunate to have opportunities like this to develop their social skills in a safe environment.

### Kaukau Challenge – we'd love your help

An amazing amount of work has gone in by the organisers to make this another brilliant event for our children to enjoy.

We absolutely count on parental support to ensure its success. If you haven't already done so, please put your hand up to help! Supporting this fundraiser will benefit all our children. Please email [KSreception@khandallah.school.nz](mailto:KSreception@khandallah.school.nz) to volunteer.

We look forward to seeing many of our children and their whānau participating in the Challenge up Mt Kaukau and then enjoying the fun and food at school afterwards.

### Playground

The first stage of the new playground will be built over the next few months once Block D demolition is complete. We have plans to add to that as funds become available!

You know that this is important to our students when some of our children donate cash from their own fundraising efforts and pocket money.

### Traffic Movement

On Tuesday, Mathew Kenny, Wellington City Council's Acting On Street Team Leader visited with a couple of officers to look at the persistent safety issues we have raised with them. They have given us some recommendations for improving traffic and crossing issues around the school.

### Policies for review

Please take the time to review and provide feedback on the following policies

- Improving Educational Outcomes for Maori
- Behaviour Management
- Complaints procedure

To read the policies go to <http://khandallah.schooldocs.co.nz> and login with the username: khandallah and password: kaukau

To place feedback click the "Complete feedback form" button, or use this link: <https://feedback.streamliners.co.nz/Schooldocs/feedback.aspx?id=12727&to=principal@khandallah.school.nz&cc=&Subject=Khandallah%20School%20Feedback%20re:%20Complaints>

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
16 November	No School
18 November	Kaukau Challenge
21 November	Powhiri – New Families
27 November	Interzone Athletics
28 November	Year 6 Raroa Visit
29/30 November	RNZ Ballet – Matai Students
3 December	Home & School Meeting
4 December	Regional Athletics
4 December	Parent Thank you Morning Tea



### Northern Zone Athletics Event

Congratulations to all the Khandallah Stars who represented our school in the Northern Zone Athletics Event. We are so proud of you!

A special congratulations to the following students who came in the top 2 of their event and will be representing our Northern Zone at the Interzone Athletics Event on 27th November:

Child's Name	Year	Event
Sophie Paku	4	Short Sprints, long sprints, relay
Jack McPhail	4	Sprints, long jump
Emily Clarke	4	Relays
Zena Cato	4	Relays
Indy Malone	4	Relays
Lucy Thompson	4	Relays
Alex Thompson	4	Quoits
Jett Allan	4	Vortex
Ollie Jenkins	4	High jump
Zach Benson	5	Vortex
Maia Holden	5	800m
Abbie Sutherland	6	800m, long jump
David Cook	6	800m (RESERVE)
Keara GW	6	High jump, Quoits (RESERVE)
Jesiah Moon	6	Short Sprints, long sprints
Connor Kemp	6	Short Sprints, long sprints
Carter Hook Jennings	6	Long jump
Miles Woodhall	6	Long jump
Phoebe Paku	6	Sprints (RESERVE)

## 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.

**Christmas Collective Market -  
BLOOD DRIVE AT  
THE Johnsonville  
Community Centre!  
3 Frankmoore Ave**

**Monday the  
29<sup>th</sup> November  
9.00am – 2.00pm**

**PLEASE CALL 0800 448 325 TO MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT TODAY!  
YOU MUST BRING SUITABLE ID**

**Please make sure you have had plenty to drink and  
have had something  
substantial to eat in the four hours prior to donating.**

**PLEASE CHECK OUR DONOR CRITERIA CHECKLIST  
FIRST**

**Wednesday 21 November 7-10pm at St  
Mary's Church Karori.**

**Christmas Collective is back! We are  
bring top Wellington designers and  
makers to Karori for one night of  
Christmas shopping. A raffle running  
all night to support 'The Key To Life'  
organisation. Delicious drinks and  
treats with all money raised going to  
Karori Bellyful. Get your friends  
together now and mark it on the  
calendar so you don't miss out.**



## KHANDALLAH TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB (KTSC)

### "Summer Pass"

(valid for use between 17 December 2018 to 4 February 2019)

Give the gift of family fun and activity this Christmas

Available right now, the "Summer Pass" and play unlimited\* tennis and squash throughout the summer school holidays at a fraction of the normal membership.

**Prices start at \$100 for families, \$50 adults and \$25 children (plus \$20 access card)**

KTSC - 7 tennis courts, 4 squash courts, Sauna, members lounge

**Thump Sports** -best on-site Pro Shop in Wellington

**Evolve Tennis** – Professional tennis coaching

For an application form – phone 939-6210 or email [ktsenz@outlook.com](mailto:ktsenz@outlook.com)

To purchase your pass, come down to 55 Delhi Crescent with your completed application form between 9.30am and 1.30pm Mon-Fri and you/your family can be on the court on the 17 December for a whole 7 weeks BARGAIN

**Numbers strictly Limited – Enquire NOW**

*\*Some conditions apply*

**International Christmas Fair  
at Homewood**

British High Commission Wellington

Save the Children

**When:** 24 November 2018 from 11.00am to 3.00pm  
**Where:** 50 Homewood Avenue, Karori | Wellington 6021  
**What:** Stalls, Devonshire Teas, Sausage Sizzle, Family Entertainment and the chance to meet Peppa Pig  
**How:** EFTPOS available, Admission by Gold Coin Donation at the gate.

Peppa Pig is joining Charlie's Challenge, you can too! Meet Peppa at the Homewood Fair

[www.savethechildren.org.nz](http://www.savethechildren.org.nz)

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**Help a child in foster care have a happy Christmas this year**  
by being part of Foster Hope's annual new Christmas Gift Drive

Many children enter into emergency service facilities during the Christmas period and we would love your support.

Our aim is to bring a little bit of sunshine and hope to our most vulnerable children.

**Foster Hope is collecting new, unwrapped gifts for children aged 1-18 years.**

We would appreciate all donations by 10 December.

Please check out our website for further information regarding our Christmas Gift Drive, and drop off locations: [www.fosterhope.org.nz](http://www.fosterhope.org.nz)

Thank you for your support!