

Principal's Newsletter



Dear Parents

This is the final newsletter for Term 3.

Senior Examinations

In my last letter to parents, I reminded everyone that senior examination leave means that students should be at home studying or at school either sitting exams or studying. Thank you for supporting this. Most students were focussed on attending their exams and doing their best. A very small group of girls were not so focussed and their parents have been advised.

Senior reports will be posted home early next week.

Rugby World Cup

Both staff and students have got into the swing of this event. The staff came to school in a variety of versions of rugby gear and held a competition at lunchtime to see who could kick the ball the greatest distance; scrums and lineouts were other activities. As you can imagine, this was much enjoyed by our students.

We held a Rugby World Cup mufti day which raised close to \$800.

This week, the Sports Committee, led by our Sports Captain Louise Letoga, are holding a World Cup competition. As well as rugby related competitions, there is also a competition to see which House does the best chant!

A raffle for a World Cup Rugby Ball and All Black Jersey will be drawn on Wednesday.

Senior Preparation For Term 4 External Exams

It is very important that your daughter has the opportunity to study in the holidays. If she has any outstanding assignments, she must also complete them. In Term 4, she will have two weeks of classes. In week 3 **Tuesday 8 November at 7pm** we have senior prizegiving. After that, all seniors are on study leave for external exams.

Some students who do not have external exams will have the opportunity to attend school to complete internal assessments. In that case, the teacher concerned will send a letter home seeking signed permission from the parent.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school or the Year Level Dean, if you are unsure of what your daughter should be doing.

Farewells

I wish to acknowledge Carla Gordon and Liz Morris who are leaving. Both ladies have been hard working and focussed on the career needs of our young women.

Carla is moving into Polyfest administration and Liz has been appointed Deputy Principal at Zayed College for Girls. Our best wishes go to both ladies.

I wish both staff and students a restful break and thank them for their endeavours this term.

I am attending the Principals' Conference in Australia and will be back in my office from Monday 17 October.

Linda Fox
Principal



From the Kelston Girls' College Board of Trustees

Dear Parents,

Term 4 is the time of prizegivings. On Sunday 2 October, we enjoyed a well attended inaugural Auhia prizegiving. This was a double celebration: to recognise academic achievements of the Auhia Kia Mohio Kia Rangitira students and to celebrate the first group from the class to complete Year 13 in significant numbers. Well done girls and a big thank you to Whaea Parehuia Nepe.

On Tuesday 8 November at 7pm, we celebrate Senior Prizegiving. All parents of senior students are invited.

On the weekend of 29 and 30 October, we have ArtWest 2011. A fine selection of artwork will be on display and for sale. We urge you all to join us. I wish to acknowledge the hard work of Assistant Principal Trish Martin, and administrator Ginny Knight-Williams, who have organised the event.

Finally, congratulations to our Principal Mrs Fox, who has successfully won, on behalf of the school, the opportunity to establish an Information Technology and Business Centre for senior students with Trade Academy funding. An information promotion will be available early Term 4.

Kind regards,
Dr James Prescott
Kelston Girls' College
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Text book/Library book Returns

Please ask your daughters to check for any text books or library books that should be returned to school. The Office is open in Week 1 of the holidays if you wish to return them then. Otherwise, please bring in the books as soon as possible in Term 4.

Congratulations!

- To all the participants of the 40 Hour Famine. The grand total raised \$1430.

Top classes were:

1. 13JS \$450
2. 12WY \$298
3. 13MN \$223

Top students were:

1. Fatemeh Jiba 13JS \$246
2. Sadaf Safdari 12WY \$217
3. Thoraya Abdul-Rassol 13JS \$153

Thanks to all participants and sponsors.

- Senior B was runner up in the Netball competition. Team 9A was runner up in the WASSC competition. Our thanks to the coaches for their support and dedication to our students.
- Congratulations to Lilian Lim and Joshna Nand from 10HM, for being selected to take part in the second round of the Brain Bee Challenge that happened at the end of June. This is a competition about Neurosciences, run by the University of Auckland. Lilian was part of the composite team that came first. Well done Lilian!!

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 25 October	Start of Term 4
Friday 28-Sunday 30 October	ArtWest Festival
Monday 31 October	Technology NCEA exams begin
Tuesday 1 November, 6:30pm	Prefects' Dinner
Wednesday 2 November	Sports Prizegiving
Monday 8 November	Senior Prizegiving Book clearance for Seniors
Thursday 10 November	NCEA starts
Wednesday 16 November	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 17 November	Junior Examinations start
Wednesday 30 November	Last day of NCEA exams
Friday 2 December, 7pm	Year 13 Graduation
Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 December	Student Leadership Training
Friday 9 December	Junior Prizegiving Last day of Term 4

THE HOMEWORK CENTRE

Who is it for?

ALL Kelston Girls' College students are welcome-Juniors and Seniors

Why Go?

Term 3 is a critical term for all students. Term 4 is VERY SHORT. You will need this term to:

- Complete internal assessments for NCEA credits.
- Start revision for external Achievement Standards.
- Organise notes and folders.
- Complete assessments/homework/class work.
- Prepare for senior practice examinations and Junior examinations.
- Get extra help from teacher and students.
- Read to improve literacy.

Senior Students, Teachers and Members of the Academic Committee will be there to help you.

NEWSFLASH!!!

**The Homework Centre will be open at the following times:
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 3.30pm – 5.30pm. ALL TERM**

FINAL PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENING (FREE) FOR 2011 AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand, a not-for-profit organisation registered with registered with the New Zealand Ministry of Education, is pleased to extend an invitation for Kelston Girls' College students to attend a free information evening in Auckland on Thursday 27th October at the Copthorne Hotel HarbourCity, 196-200 Quay Street, Auckland. The session starts at 7:30pm and will be the last session held in Auckland for 2011.

The evening gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available. Further details are available in the newsletter notice which can be downloaded in either Word format, as a JPG or in PDF format.

SCHOLARSHIPS ON OFFER - DEADLINE 31ST OCTOBER

Each year we also offer 12 scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800. Students don't need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn't necessarily win.

- Your career advisor and/or language teachers may be interested to promote our 5x Language, 2x International Affairs and 2x Indigenous scholarship opportunities valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800 each.
- Creative Arts teachers may like to be aware of our 3 Creative Arts Scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$3,500 each.

The deadline for scholarship submissions for all programs departing between April 2012 -September 2012 is 31st October 2011.

A Message from NZ Transport Agency

On 29 August, the Transport Minister Steven Joyce signed the Road User Rule Amendment 2011. Changes to the Road User Rule affect all drivers, riders, walkers and cyclists in New Zealand.

Below are three amendments which are specifically related to schools that you, your staff, and parents of your students, may wish to know about.

- From 1 October 2011, drivers approaching a pedestrian crossing controlled by a school patrol will only be required to stop when the school patrol sign is extended. As you may know, school children are only permitted to cross when the school patrol sign is extended so it's unnecessary and confusing to require drivers to stop when the patrol sign is not extended. This is consistent with school patrol training.
- As you will know, there is an existing requirement of a 20km/h speed limit when passing a stationary school bus (in either direction) displaying a fixed school bus sign. From 1 October 2011, drivers passing a stationary school bus with an optional "flashing school bus sign" will also need to reduce their speed to 20km/h. The bus driver will also be able to operate the flashing lights for 20 seconds before and after the school bus has stopped. This will help warn motorists that they'll need to take care and slow down as they are approaching an area where children are likely to be crossing the road.
- Another change to the legislation may affect you if you hire buses for school trips. Currently, drivers of school buses who are travelling on a school trip are required to display a school bus sign and are not able to exceed 80km/h on the open road. From 1 October 2011, buses travelling on school trips, where all passengers are seated, will be exempt from having to display a "school bus" sign and be permitted to travel at 90km/h, in line with other buses on the road.

This will improve traffic flow and also means that schools will be able to hire newer, safer buses and coaches for these school trips. Currently many newer buses and coaches aren't equipped with school bus signs so schools can't use them for school trips. For 1 October, the Rule allows these buses to now be used as long as everyone is seated. Normal day-to-day school bus services are not affected by this change.

Give-way changes

The Road User Amendment 2011 also includes the changes to the give-way rules which come into force (separately) on 25 March 2012. We've created a website page below which will be updated with more information as we move closer to the implementation date. For more information about these changes, please go to www.nzta.govt.nz/road-user-rule.

Calling All Animal Lovers This Holidays!

Animal Care Holiday Programme. Surround yourself with hundreds of pets and exotic animals these holidays with Oracle Animal Care Workshops. Classes range from exotic pet care through to animal keeper opportunities and all are totally hands on! Workshops for all ages at our North Shore venue and now out west. From super cute chinchillas and puppies to exotic reptiles we provide the ultimate interactive animal experience! Early bookings advised—give us a call today!

Visit www.hippo.co.nz for a full list of workshops plus After School Pet Club and Pet Party info. Phone: 376 2024 or email sally@oracle.ac.nz

Does your child or someone you know need help?

Do they:

- Find it difficult to spell?
- Find it difficult to read?
- Appear not to listen to you?
- Have difficulty with comprehension?
- Find it difficult to transfer thoughts onto paper?
- Have difficulty remembering instructions?

They may be Dyslexic

The Danks Davis method of tutoring can help overcome such problems. Funding may be available for more information contact Debbie (09)836 8321.

ELECTIONS 2011—STAFF REQUIRED

Are you available to assist your community for one day only (26th November)?

The New Lynn Electorate is looking for Polling Place staff to issue votes. Your day is likely to start at 8.00am, finishing by 9.30pm. You will need to attend one training session of between 2 and 5½ hours at our headquarters office at 131 Lincoln Road. You will be paid for both the training and work on Election Day. Please complete an application form on the website (www.elections.org.nz), putting 'New Lynn' as your first choice. If you need further information please call the HR Manager on 822 5641."

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