



NEWSLETTER FOUR, TERM ONE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

We ask that parents, dropping off and picking up children, drive safely and sensibly, aiming to keep all children safe. Unsafe driving practices we have seen this year include:



- people double parking on Kairimu Street
- parking over driveways of our neighbours
- parking and driving on the berm
- doing U-turns in the middle of the road during drop off and pick up times.

These dangerous driving behaviours will lead to someone being hurt. It is up to all of us to keep our children safe. There is parking on all of the streets around the school, not just on Kairimu Street.

GATES AROUND SCHOOL

We are working to make sure all gates are closed at all times during the school day as we work to keep all tamariki safe within the school grounds. We have been cable tying the gate at the Koraunui Kindy closed each day as this is often left open when people use it. We ask that EVERYONE take responsibility for closing the gates behind them.



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50 cent STALLS



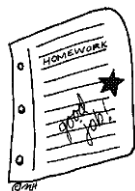
Our Year six students are running 50 cent stalls every Friday at morning tea time. Buying items, supports year six children to raise money to go to camp. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE MEMBERSHIP REVIEW



In the coming weeks we will be reviewing the membership of our Facebook page. Our page is intended for families and whanau with a direct connection to Koraunui School through children who currently attend our school. For those whose children have left, we will remove them from the page. We thank everyone who has supported our school over the years and used Facebook as a means of communicating, supporting our school and sharing stories about their children.

STUDY CENTRE



Study Centre will begin next week. This provides an opportunity for the tamariki to do a little extra work each day across areas of the curriculum. You can enroll your child/children in one or more of these sessions.

If you would like your child to attend Study Centre and they are **Year 4 upwards**, then please fill in the return form on the last page of the newsletter or contact the office for an enrolment form. Sessions run for 1 hour after school finishes.

STATIONERY

We are asking that parents/caregivers/whanau make a \$10 per child contribution that will be used for classroom tissues and paper resources. Thank you to those who have already made contributions.

Our account is Koraunui School Board of Trustees 123478-0015483-00



MEET THE TEACHER/GOAL-SETTING MEETINGS

These meetings will be held on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th of March (Week 5 of Term) to allow time to set goals for our classes. These will be held for every child and their whanau. Please put aside some time to come to this very important meeting **with your child**. Online booking – www.schoolinterviews.com - Password code **zcz8c** or contact the school office for a time.



YEAR 6 PARENT/CHILDREN MEETING

We are planning to hold a meeting for Year 6 parents and children to go over expectations and responsibilities of Year 6 students, KORAU Values, fundraisers, trips & camps on Tuesday 25th February at 5.00pm in the staffroom. It would be great to have as many parents of our Year 6 children attend this as possible.

SWIMMING LESSONS – STOKES VALLEY POOL

Swimming lessons at Stokes Valley Pool begin from Monday 2 March and go through until Thursday 12 March. **The children will all be swimming every day over this time.** The children walk to the pool so

will need comfortable walking shoes and will go wet or fine. Please make sure the children come to school with named togs and towels the weeks their class is due to go to the pool. Lessons will be between Monday and Thursday. Please feel free to walk with your child's class to and from the pool if you wish.



YEAR 4-6 SNORKELING WITH MOUNTAINS TO SEA

Rooms 12/13 will be going to the Marine Reserve for their first snorkeling experience on Thursday 27 February. **The bus will be leaving at 8.15am and returning to school by 4.00pm.**

Departure and return times for Rooms 10, 11, 14 & 15 are to be confirmed



SCHOOL PICNIC/BEACH CLEAN UP



We are planning a school picnic day at Williams Park and Days Bay this Friday 21st February to celebrate the beginning of the school year and to also help care for our environment by doing a beach clean-up as a part of our Seaweek learning. We will be traveling by bus leaving school at 9.15am and returning before 2.00pm. All parents and whanau will be invited to join us for this day.

A permission slip was sent home yesterday and is attached to this newsletter.

HATS & WATER BOTTLES



It is fantastic to see so many children with hats on as we begin the new school year. Please make sure your child has a sunhat to keep at school, clearly named on the hat so any ownership disputes can be quickly resolved. We encourage children to bring named water bottles with them to help keep them hydrated during the day.



PASIFIKA AIGA FONO



There will be a fono for all families of children who are current performers in our Pasifika group and also our Pasifika families. This will take place on Tuesday 10 March at 5.30pm, shared food, 6.00pm in the staffroom.

LUNCHTIME KNITTING CLUB

Old clean socks wanted for making “sockies” in knitting club. If you can help please leave them at the office for Whaea Denise.



CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that we have accurate and up-to-date contacts for safety and emergencies. If any details have changed for you, please contact the office and let them know.

Dave Lamont
Principal

Please complete the return forms on the last page.

WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week Three

- Friday 21 Feb: Whole school picnic at Days Bay

Week Four

- Wednesday 26 Feb: 1st snorkel for Rms 10 & 15
- Thursday 27 Feb: 1st snorkel for Rms 11, 14 & 1213

Week Five onwards:

- Monday 2 Mar: Swimming lessons begin at Stokes Valley Pool
- Monday 2 March: Seaweek begins
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- Friday 6 March: Taita/Stokes Valley/Naenae Teacher Only Day – **SCHOOL CLOSED - NO KCC AVAILABLE THIS DAY**
- Monday 9 March: swimming lessons conclude this week at Stokes Valley Pool
- Thursday 12 Mar: Weetbix Tryathlon (all entries have been received for this event)
- Thursday 9 Apr: Last day of Term One
- Mon 27 April: **ANZAC Day observed – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 28 April: Term Two starts

RETURN FORMS

Please send back the whole sheet, even if you have filled in only one section.

Williams Park & Days Bay Beach Trip – Friday 21st February 2020



I give permission for my child to attend the trip to Days Bay yes/no

Child's Name: _____ Room :

I can help out on the day yes/no

I am happy to get wet and help supervise with swimming yes/no

I can carpool with other parents - Number: _____

I will need to travel on the bus.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

CONTACT DETAILS

Childs/Children's Name:

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Emergency Contact and Relationship:

Address:

Phone:

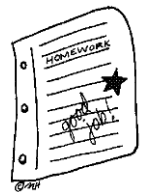
Mobile:

Email:

STUDY CENTRE

I would like my child to attend study centre this year. There are guidelines that will need to be complied with for attendance in study centre.

You will be contacted and provided with the guidelines which need to be agreed to by a parent or caregiver.



I am interested in my child, _____ in Room/te Ruma _____
attending Study Centre on the following days

Monday Yes / No

Tuesday Yes / No

Wednesday Yes / No

Thursday Yes / No

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

February 2020 Board of Trustees meeting

The Board of Trustees resumed its work for the year at our first meeting on 12 February. We heard that pupils and staff have returned rested and energised after their break. We discussed school finances, 2019 achievement results, the [Developing Mathematics Inquiry Communities](#) initiative (DMIC), and the move to level 2 te reo Māori immersion in Te Puawaitanga o Te Kākano.



We ended 2019 with a bigger deficit than budgeted. This means we will be vigorously managing costs in 2020, especially staffing costs. Our discussion focused on the continuing short-fall between central funding and the level of support staff assistance required to support student learning and safety in our classrooms. The Board has asked for detailed, ongoing reporting about staffing costs.

The 2019 achievement results were mixed, and we discussed the related relevance of our achievement goals. The results reinforce that many of our tamariki need accelerated learning during their time at our kura. We agreed that the targets remain relevant. They reflect the level of learning achievement we should aim for. While DMIC will be the main intervention for the next three years, the Board and staff are committed to using DMIC as a platform for improving outcomes across all areas of learning.

The Board heard about the positive early stages of level 2 te reo Māori immersion in Te Puawaitanga o Te Kākano. Kaiako and Kaiāwhina are working hard to deliver increased use of te reo Māori in the classroom and Te Puawaitanga o Te Kākano whānau are supporting this work. The Board also discussed opportunities to improve its own practice including all members taking turns to deliver all karakia at our hui.

We discussed the positive impact of the new government donation scheme. The new source of funding is making a real difference for our kura. It is providing greater certainty about what out-of-school curriculum activities are directly funded. As a first example, it has been really great to have this term's swimming lessons paid for.

Lastly, the Board also noted its gratitude for the very generous donation that has been received for our tamariki's stationery. This has meant that our whānau have had one less cost at a very pressured time of the year. We are very lucky to have such support.

Ngā mihi nui

Craig Press