



NEWSLETTER FIVE, TERM ONE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

MEET THE TEACHER/GOAL-SETTING MEETINGS

These meetings will be held next Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th of March. 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.school interviews - Password code zcz8c** or contact the school office for a time.



TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 6th MARCH

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY - KCC will also be closed

On Friday 6th March we will be joining with the staff from Taita, Stokes Valley and Naenae schools for a day of professional learning and sharing at Naenae College. This is the first of 3 teacher only days we will be holding this year.

HEAD LICE

We have been informed by some parents that their children have headlice. We ask that you please check your children's hair, especially if you notice them scratching. Information about preventing the spread of headlice can be found at the following website <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice>. We have some treatment products available at school. Please contact the school office for advice and support.

SCHOOL PICNIC/BEACH CLEAN UP (SCHOOL DAY)



We were all disappointed not to be able to go to the beach last Friday, but the children all managed this very well and we had a fun day at school instead. We were impressed by the way the children all got involved in the activities and supported each other, especially our Year 6 students taking on leadership roles during the day.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DROP OFF/PICK UP

In last week's newsletter we highlighted unsafe driving practices that we have observed already this year. These are continuing so we have asked for Police and Hutt City Council assistance with issuing tickets for those who are demonstrating a blatant disregard for the safety of others.



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.

March is Coming – Let's Get Movin'!



We're a Movin'March school and we can't wait to make the most of this beautiful weather and encourage your child/ren to walk or wheel to and from school. Explore the [website](#) for tips and check

out the [parents](#) page on how to build active travel into your daily routine. This year we'll be encouraging whānau to take part in the [Parent Facebook](#) competition (daily prizes plus one scooter to give away every week!) and the [Share your Story](#) competition which has weekly prizes (plus a family pass on Bluebridge Ferries!)

Why Movin'March?

Not only does walking or wheeling to school reduce congestion and chaos at the school gate, we also get to slow down and get some quality time with our tamariki. Walking or wheeling to school solo or with friends can be a real [confidence boost](#) and families get to do their bit for the environment!

How to make it work for your whānau

- Instead of driving right up to the school gate, why not [Park and Stride](#)? Walk the last 500m or so to school and get your passport stamped at the school gate!
- Think about how you might get to and from school over March (and the rest of Term 1!) Check out Micro scooter's [safety tips](#) or [NZTA's Hike it Bike it](#) safety suggestions.
- [Walking School Buses](#) build community and teach children important road safety skills ready for walking independently as they get older.

YEAR 6 PARENT/CHILDREN MEETING – TONIGHT AT 5.00PM

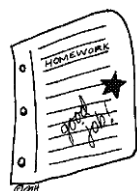
We are planning to hold a meeting for Year 6 parents and children to go over expectations and responsibilities of Year 6 students, KORAU Values, fundraisers, trips & camps this evening at 5.00pm in the staffroom. It would be great to have as many parents of our Year 6 children attend this as possible.

YEAR 4-6 SNORKELING WITH MOUNTAINS TO SEA

Rooms 10 & 15 will be going to the Marine Reserve for their first snorkeling experience on Wednesday 26th February. Rooms 11 & 14 and 12/13 will be going on Thursday 27 February. **The bus will be leaving at 8.15am and returning to school by 4.00pm for all groups.**



STUDY CENTRE



Study Centre has begun this 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.

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 every day. 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.

PASIFIKA AIGA FONONO



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.

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.



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.

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.



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.

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week Four

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

Week Five

- Monday 2 Mar: Swimming lessons begin at Stokes Valley Pool
- Monday 2 March: Seaweek begins
- Monday 2 March: Taita College students working with Rooms 10 & 11
- Tuesday 3 March: Kids Planet Visiting school
- Tuesday 3 March: Meet the Teacher/Goal Setting Meetings 3.15-7.00pm
- Wednesday 4 March: Meet the Teacher/Goal Setting Meetings 2.15-6.00pm
- Friday 6 March: Taita/Stokes Valley/Naenae Teacher Only Day – **SCHOOL CLOSED - NO KCC AVAILABLE THIS DAY**
- Sunday 8 March: Horoeka Reserve Family day

Week Six

- Monday 9 March: swimming lessons conclude this Thursday at Stokes Valley Pool
- Monday 9 March: Taita College students working with Rooms 10 & 11
- Tuesday 10 March: Pasifika Fono beginning at 5.30
- Tuesday 10 March: 2nd snorkel for Rms 10 & 15 12/13
- Wednesday 11 March: 2nd snorkel for Rms 11, 14
- Thursday 12 Mar: Weetbix Tryathlon (all entries have been received for this event)

Week Seven and beyond

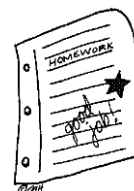
- Thursday 19 March: Year 5 & 6 Sports Festival for selected students
- Thursday 9 Apr: Last day of Term One
- Mon 27 April: **ANZAC Day observed – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 28 April: Term Two starts

RETURN FORM

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 before your child starts at Study Centre.



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: _____