



Poipoia te kākano kia puawai – *Nurture the seed and it will thrive*

NEWSLETTER FIVE, TERM FOUR

Thursday 13th November 2025

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WHAT'S COMING UP IN TERM 4

Week 7

- Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st November – Year 6 camp at Makahika OPC
- Friday 21st November: School Assembly – Kauri Team leading

Week 8

- Monday 24th November: Solomon Islands language week
- Wednesday 26th November – Board of Trustees meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom

Week 9

- Monday 1st December: School Christmas Carols Gathering 4.00pm
- Saturday 6th December: Stokes Valley Christmas Parade – Koraunui School Float

Week 10

- Wednesday 10th December: Year 6 Graduation in the hall
- Thursday 11th December: Year 6 Mystery Bus tour
- Friday 12th December – Last day of term School finishes at 12.00pm

CHRISTMAS CAROL PARTY

Come and join us for a Christmas celebration on Monday 1st December at 4.00pm. This is a chance for our school community to come together, have a sing-a-long and share some kai and get into the festive spirit. See the poster towards the end of this newsletter and on our Facebook page.



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates for last week against the Ministry of Education headings. It makes such a positive difference to learning and friendships if tamariki are at school every day.

Ministry Headings	Attendance at school	Percentage students attend school
Regularly attending	90%+	59% of students attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	4% of students attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	17% of students attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	20% of students attended school less than 7/10 days a fortnight

For tamariki who have been chronically absent they will miss 2 ½ weeks of school each term if they continue with this pattern of attendance.

If your child can be at school, please get them here. If you need help of any type, please reach out and ask. We are here to help.

INTERZONE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Aubree, Hope, Jaxon, Belle, Ariki, Hazel, Kyra, Declan, Meci and Aria who all represented our school at the Lower Hutt Interzone Athletics. We are really proud of their achievements and will publish their results once we receive them.

CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY

Last Friday we held a cultural day to celebrate the many different cultures that make up our Kura. It was fantastic to see so many tamariki come to school proudly wearing clothing that represented their country. We are grateful for the many parents, grandparents and whānau who came along to take part in the day.



KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Information about the KCC holiday programme for the December / January holiday break is available on our school Facebook page, has been emailed to parents and is outlined below. Please contact the office for an Expression of Interest form or [complete it here](#). **All bookings need to be into the office by Tuesday 16 September so we can confirm programmes and staffing.**

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday programme will be operating from Monday 15th December to Friday 19th December and then Monday 19 January to Friday 30th January. **There is the possibility we can be open from the 12th of January if we have enough interest. A decision will be made on Friday 28 November** – so make sure you get your forms back early if you are wanting your child/ren to attend the programme the week of 12-16 January

Please see the request to enrol form at the end of this newsletter or collect one from the the Koraunui School office. **All forms need to be returned by Monday 1st December.** We will then send you an enrolment form confirming your child(ren's) place. If you require financial assistance, please contact WINZ for information on a subsidy, or a form may be requested from the school office.

Once we have your request to enrol form, you are liable for the charges whether your child attends or not, unless notification of cancellation is received by Thursday 4 December 2025.

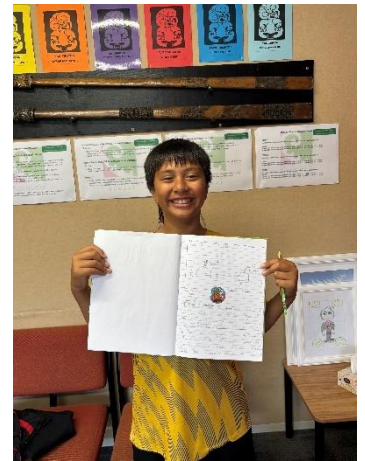
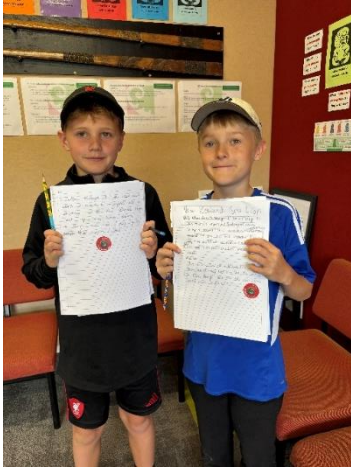
For further information on programme details please contact Janice at Koraunui School office.

Monday 15th December Decorate a Mug 	Tuesday 16th December Decorate cookies 	Wednesday 17th December Stokes Valley pool & BBQ 	Thursday 18th December Fish Tanks 	Friday 19th December Carnival Day 
Monday 12th January Decorate swim bags and Fairy Houses 	Tuesday 13th January Amazing race Around School 	Wednesday 14th January Stokes valley fire House 	Thursday 15th January Wet play Day 	Friday 16th January Hip Hop Class 
Monday 19th January Closed Wellington Anniversary day	Tuesday 20th January Treasure hunt 	Wednesday 21st January Horoeoka Scenic Reserve 	Thursday 22nd January Build an Obstacle course 	Friday 23 January Foam boats out of pool noodles 
Monday 26th January My Kitchen Rules 	Tuesday 27th January Buddhist Monastery 	Wednesday 28th January Horse racing and make your own board game 	Thursday 29th January Avalon Park & mini golf 	Friday 30th January Minecraft & Movie Day 

As well as the listed activities there will be various arts and crafts and games offered each day as well as cooking activities on some days.

STAR WRITERS

It has been fantastic to see tamariki bringing their writing to me to share this week. It is wonderful to see that they are so confident and enthusiastic about writing.



POEMS FROM ROOM 13

I live in New Zealand, wild and free, but there aren't many left like me. I'm not a fish, though I love the sea, can you guess what I might be?

By Louis

I flutter through twilight, silent and small, a creature of night with a whispering call. My tail stretches long past my furry brown frame, in forests and caves, I play my shy game. Who might I be?

By Bodhi

ROAD PATROL TRAINING

Our Year 5 tamariki had a session learning about road patrol and having a go with Constable Blue this week so they can take over next week while our Year 6 tamariki are at camp. This will be a great practice run for next year too. We were delighted to hear how they took their role so seriously and enjoyed learning about the road patroller rules.



STOKES VALLEY SCOUTS FUNDRAISER

Stokes Valley Scouts are running a raffle to raise money to help their scout troop get to the National Scout Jamboree next year. We have some tickets at the school office if you would like to buy some. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information.



SUN HATS



All children are required to wear sunhats at school during Term 4. Please make sure that all children bring named hats to wear at school to help protect them from the summer sun. We do not provide sunblock in classes as some children have had reactions in the past. Please put sunblock on your children before they leave home in the morning.

START OF 2026 DATE

Our start date for 2026 is Wednesday 4 February. We will have staff only days on the days before this.

COMMUNITY USE OF THE SCHOOL POOL



We have keys to hire out this summer. Preference will be given to families who do not have outstanding debt with our school.

KPG are taking on the hiring of the pool keys for us. If you are interested in hiring a key, please email Leigh Te Puia at leigh.tepuia@koraunui.school.nz.

50 Cent Stalls



Only Year 5 tamariki will be selling at 50 cent stalls in Term 4.

This will help them get a head start on fundraising for their Year 6 camp in 2026. 50 cent stalls will be every Friday at morning teatime outside Room 12 and 13. If wet this will be on the Kowhai Block deck. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.



SCHOOL INVOICES

School invoices have been sent home. We would like these to be cleared before the end of this year. Thank you to all families who make regular payments and who contact us about outstanding payments for school and sporting activities.

If you haven't done so already, we ask that outstanding debts are either paid in full or regular part payments are made to clear amounts owing as soon as possible.



If invoices go unpaid, even the \$5.00 that we ask for stationery and tissues, we will find it difficult to continue providing stationery, entering sports teams and providing KCC and 2 PM Club.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

Remember to keep up to date with what we are up to via our [school Facebook group](#) and [website](#).

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY DOCUMENTATION



Koraunui School

As a part of this term policy review, our Board of Trustees is seeking parent and school community input about **Bullying and Harassment, Behaviour Management, Searches, Surrender and Retention of Property, Minimising Physical Restraint, Stand-down, Suspension and Exclusion and Staff Wellbeing and Safety**

Instructions for parents to access policy review.

1. Visit the website <https://koraunui.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (koraunui) and password (koraunui).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form. **Please complete before Monday 17th November.**

ROAD SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL – DRIVE SAFELY

We have noticed a number of dangerous driving behaviours such as

- driving up onto the berm to do a U-turn or drop off children
- people doing U-turns on the road around the road patrols
- using driveways to park in to collect children
- driving fast around the road patrols and school



These are all **dangerous behaviours that are putting children and pedestrians at risk.**

Please drive responsibly around the school and if needed, park up the road or on Montgomery Street and walk up to school to collect your children.

TOYS

We ask that parents please remind their children that they are not to bring their toys to school. Toys coming to school can cause unneeded disruption both in class and in the playground. The only time it will be okay for toys to come to school will be if your child's teacher informs you this is okay.



2PM CLUB

All children will need to be booked into 2PM Club by [clicking here](#)

Every Wednesday and Friday we run 2pm Club between 2.00-3.00pm for children whose parents book them in for this service. The cost of 2pm Club is \$2.00/session. This is to cover the cost of supervision during these times. If your child is not coming to 2pm you need to contact the office for that specific day. If your child is on the casual list and are attending you also need to let the office know for that day.



BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for items, event or sports fees during the year. If you would like to do this, please come and talk to Maree and she will show you how it works.

Some families have set up a regular bank credit to do the same thing. If you wish to do this, the lovely office ladies will help with this. Our account is Koraunui School Board of Trustees 12 3478-0015483-00

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.



Ngā mihi,
Dave Lamont
Principal

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Koraunui Care Centre Holiday Programme – Request to EnrolPlease note enrolment details will be sent home on receipt of this form.

Childs Name(s): _____

Parent Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Please fill in spaces for sessions you would like your child to attend and return this booking form to the school office no later than Monday 2nd December.

If you want your child to attend the week 12-16 January your form needs to be returned by Friday 28 November as a decision to open for this week will be made dependent on the number of enrolments we receive.

No late bookings will be accepted!!!

December	7-8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5:45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 15	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Tuesday 16	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Wednesday 17	\$5.00	\$45.00		\$3.80	\$30.00	
Thursday 18	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Friday 19	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Total to pay						

January	7-8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5:45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 12	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Tuesday 13	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Wednesday 14	\$5.00	\$45.00		\$3.80	\$30.00	
Thursday 15	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Friday 16	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Total to pay						

January	7-8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5:45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 19	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Tuesday 20	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Wednesday 21	\$5.00	\$45.00		\$3.80	\$30.00	
Thursday 22	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Friday 23	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Total to pay						

January	7-8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5:45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 26*	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Tuesday 27	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Wednesday 28	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Thursday 29	\$5.00	\$45.00		\$3.80	\$30.00	
Friday 30	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Total to pay						

***As per our policy, fees will apply for any public holidays that fall on any of your child's regular days of care.**

As we will be using the school pool throughout the programme please send your child's togs with them every day

Kōraunui School
**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER

AT KŌRAUNUI SCHOOL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SINGING AND KAI.

BRING A PLATE OF AFTERNOON TEA TO SHARE

STARTS AT 4PM



Stokes Valley Scouts Jamboree Raffle

Win an NCM Aspen E-bike worth \$2,600!
(This would make a fantastic Christmas gift!)

\$15 per ticket

1st prize = NCM Aspen E-bike

2nd prize = BFS car groom voucher

3rd prize = BFS goody bag



Don't miss your chance to win amazing prizes and support Stokes Valley Scouts!

NCM Aspen Plus E-Bike, 48 volt 500W motor, 16 AMP hour battery, 21 speed gears, hydraulic brakes, thumb throttle, refurbished with 348km on speedo

Prizes drawn on 20th December 2025 provided the minimum number of tickets have been sold by this date, winners will be notified by phone