



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

NEWSLETTER TWO, TERM FOUR

Thursday ~~10th~~ 17th October 2025

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, MĀLŌ E LELEI, AND WELCOME

Welcome to Muhriz who joined his sister at our Kura this week.

NZEI SCHOOL STRIKE



A nationwide school strike is planned for Thursday 23 October.

If this strike days is confirmed, our board will make a decision about whether the school will be closed on this day. We will receive formal notification about whether the strike is taking place next Monday 20th October and share the information we have with everyone then.

Educators from across Aotearoa have decided to strike and are calling for the Government to provide teacher aides in every classroom, to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and to invest in the education workforce. Being able to attract and retain great teachers, principals and support staff is necessary so School Boards can make sure all students can achieve their educational potential.

TERM 4 STAFF ONLY DAY - Friday 24th October.

School and KCC will be closed on this day so we can take part in whole staff curriculum professional development. This is the second of the Ministry of Education teacher only days provided to us this year so we can spend time focusing on the changes to the curriculum and do some work around what these changes mean for us at our Kura.

MATHS AND LITERACY "HAVE A GO" EVENING

We would like to thank everyone who made it along to our maths and literacy evening for joining in the evening so enthusiastically. It was great to see so many come of our school whānau getting involved and learning a bit about how we teach maths and literacy at school. We will be sending out a short survey next week to get some feedback about how everyone found the sessions and if there is anything that we can do to make these better in the future. We would like to thank our wonderful teachers for all the work they put into making this evening happen.



TUVALU LANGUAGE WEEK

This week we are celebrating Tuvalu Language Week. The 2025 theme for Tuvalu Language Week is 'Faipati mo te mautinoa kae amanaia tou fakavae – Speak confidently and respect your foundation'.

We started our new term raising the Tuvaluan flag. Tamariki have been celebrating Tuvalu Language Week with a range of activities to help everyone learn more about Tuvaluan culture.



SENIOR ATHLETICS

It was great to see our senior tamariki so enthusiastic about taking part in the senior school athletics today. We were really impressed with the way they competed and supported each other during the events. Tamariki even got to challenge themselves in races against some of our staff. Letters will be sent home with tamariki who have qualified for the Northern Zone Athletics competition next week.



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.

WHATS COMING UP IN TERM 4

Week 3

- Monday 21st October: Niuean Language Week
- Wednesday 22nd October – Board of Trustees meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom
- Thursday 23rd October: NZEI Strike Day: **More information to come**
- Friday 24th October – **STAFF ONLY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**

Week 4

- Monday 27th October – **LABOUR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 28th October: Tokelauan Language Week
- Wednesday 29th October: Northern Zone Athletics Hutt Rec (for tamariki who qualified)
- Thursday 30th October: Kahui Ako Ki o Rahi Tournament – Year 5-6
- Thursday 30th October: Northern Zone Athletics – Hutt Rec PP

Week 5

- Wednesday 5th November – Junior Athletics Day 10.30am to 12.30pm
- Thursday 6th November – Junior Athletics Day 10.30am to 12.30pm (postponement)
- Friday 7th November – Cultural Day – celebration of cultures at our school

Week 7

- Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st November – Year 6 camp at Makahika OPC

Week 8

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

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

START OF 2026 DATE

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS



We are confirming names and checking the photos that were taken at the end of last term. We will let everyone know when the photos are

ready to be taken home.



COMMUNITY USE OF THE SCHOOL POOL



The school board has agreed to hiring keys to parents in our school community over Term 4, the summer break and in Term 1 next year. This is an opportunity for students from our school and their families to make use of our pool outside school hours - during the summer. We are now taking expressions of interest from our parent community about who would like to hire a pool key.

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.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates for Term 2 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%+	45% of students attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	27% of students attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	14% of students attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	15% 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.

KORAUNUI PARENTS GROUP (KPG)

KPG have launched their next fundraiser! 2026 calendars. Please see their Facebook post on the Koraunui School page for an example of what they will look like. Calendars will include the school name and logo on the front, your child/ren's photo and/or artwork on the first page and tearaway months with the school contact details on each page!

Please note for group photos there is no artwork option.

\$20 each and \$10 for a duplicate. Order by this link and payment in all the normal ways - if paying online, please use your name and calendar as the reference.

<https://forms.office.com/r/mFgx8pv0SY>

Orders and payment must be received by TODAY Friday 17th October.

Some children would like a calendar photo with their friends. If you do NOT want your child/ren in a photo for another child's calendar, please email us with your child's name and room number to kpg@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 FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

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

facebook

SCHOOL INVOICES

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.

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
- 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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