

## **NEWSLETTER TWO, TERM ONE**

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## KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to the new children and their whanau who are joining our school this week.Bodhi, Nixon, Siera, Tawan, Amber, Mya-Jane, Carter, Tipene, Lizzy, Rawiri, Unique, Roman, Anne-Maree, Nevaeh, Muhammad, Kiana, Marcel, Ayanna and Kirsty

#### **POWHIRI**

Thank you to the parents, children and whanau who came along to be a part of our pohwiri to welcome new members of our school community to Koraunui School. This is a great way to start our school year and help everyone become a part of our school community.

## START OF YEAR

We have had a fantastic first 2 days back at school and it has been good to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life. We look forward to this continuing as we get more into the learning programme.

## MEET THE TEACHER/GOAL-SETTING MEETINGS

These will be held for every child and their whanau on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of February (Week 3 of Term). Please put aside some time to come to this very important meeting with your child. It sets the year up for your child and allows you to talk specifically to their class teacher about goals for your child, programmes and any organisational things you may need



clarification on. We will send out booking details once we have these confirmed.

#### **STATIONERY**

With the very generous donation of start of year stationery for all children, we are asking that parents/caregivers/whanau make



<u>a \$10 per child contribution that will be used for classroom tissues and paper resources.</u>
Thank you to those who have already made contributions.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## YEAR 4-6 SNORKELING WITH MOUNTAINS TO SEA



This term our Year 4-6 students will be investigating life in the coastal areas around the Wellington region. This will involve snorkeling in a marine reserve. **Permission slips are on the school website and need to be returned to school by all children next Tuesday 11 February** as the snorkeling lessons begin later next week. We also require parents/adults to accompany the groups to the

beach to help with supervision. We need a ratio of 1:2 in the water and 1:6 on the beach. Timetable:

# **Introductory Snorkel**

Thursday 13 February 1.00-2.30pm, Rms 1213 introductory snorkel at Stokes Valley Pool Thursday 14 February 9.00-10.30pm, Rms 11 & 14 introductory snorkel at Stokes Valley Pool Thursday 14 February 11.00-12.30pm, Rms 10 & 15 introductory snorkel at Stokes Valley Pool **Field Trip One** 

Thursday 27 February, Rms 1213, 11 & 14, leave school at 8.15, return by 4.00pm **Field Trip Two** 

Tuesday 10 March, Rms 1213, 10 & 15, leave school at 8.15, return by 4.00pm

# SWIMMING LESSONS – STOKES VALLEY POOL

Swimming lessons at Stokes Valley Pool begin form Monday 17 February. We will publish days and times next week once these are confirmed. 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.

## SCHOOL PICNIC



We are planning a school picnic day at Days Bay on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 sending home information and permission slips for this trip next week. All parents and whanau will be invited to join us for this fun day.

#### 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

Sunie

disputes can be quickly resolved. We encourage children to bring named water bottles with them to help keep them hydrated during the day.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

We have a Kids Kitchen-Breakfast Club with breakfast that is available from 8.00-8.30am each day for our tamariki. We need volunteers to help organize and run the Breakfast Club each morning. If you want to find out more about this, please contact the school office.



## COMMUNITY TUTOR READING



Community Tutor Reading will be starting later this term. If you have an hour and a quarter free in your week, please consider supporting our students in their reading. You will read with five individuals for 15 minutes each. If you're interested or would like to know more, please leave a

message at school for Denise Silk-Martelli, who will get back to you.

## WEETBIX TRYATHLON



Now is the time for all children who have registered to get training for this fun event that is coming up on Thursday 12 March. This also ties in nicely with Movin March and getting active. Registrations for the Weetbix Tryathlon closed last year.

## **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.

#### VIOLIN LESSONS

Arohanui Strings is beginning after-school orchestra classes from next week. This is open to all our previous students and to potential new students who are interested in learning to play an instrument (for free). We welcome ALL children aged 6+. For more information or to register your child please contact <a href="mailto:admin@arohanuistrings.org">admin@arohanuistrings.org</a>.



## **BANK ACCOUNTS**

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for trips, lunches etc. If you would like to do this, bring in some cash and talk to Melva, Paula or Janice and they 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 123478-0015483-00

Dave Lamont Principal

Please complete the return forms on the last page.

# WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

#### Week One

Thursday 6th Feb: Waitangi Day. SCHOOL CLOSED

### **Week Two**

• Monday 10 Feb: Rms 10-15 introduction to the Marine Reserve topic for Term 1.

- Wednesday 12 Feb: Board of Trustees Meeting
- Thursday 13 Feb: Rms 10 & 11 introductory snorkel
- Friday 14 Feb: Rms 12-15 introductory snorkel

#### **Week Three**

Monday 17 Feb: Swimming lessons continue at Stokes Valley Pool

#### **Week Four**

- Monday 24 Feb: Swimming lessons continue at Stokes Valley Pool
- Wednesday 26 February: 1<sup>st</sup> snorkel for Rms 10 & 15
- Thursday 27 February: 1st snorkel for Rms 11, 14 & 1213

#### Week Five onwards:

- Monday 2 Mar: Swimming lessons continue 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 CLOSSED
- Tuesday 28 April: Term Two starts

#### **RETURN FORMS**

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

YES, I CAN HELP!
Breakfast Making: 8.00-8.30: Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri
Name:Phone:
CONTACT DETAILS Childs/Children's Name: Parent/Caregiver Name: Address: Phone: Mobile: Email:
Emergency Contact and Relationship: Address:
Phone:
Mobile: Email: