



## NEWSLETTER EIGHT, TERM ONE

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**KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.**

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE (COVID 19)**

Below is the latest update for you about the coronavirus (COVID19).



- **There is no indication at this point that school will be closing because of the virus. Schools and the Ministry of Education are planning for a variety of possible outcomes, depending on what happens with the spread of the virus.**
- We are following the best advice from the Ministry of Education and the DHB and this is updated daily.
- All rooms have soap and hand sanitizer in them to help with good hygiene practices.
- Cleaners disinfecting door handles/handrails etc on a daily basis
- Children have been taught and are reminded daily about hygiene and washing hands. Soap and water still the best.
- Classrooms have soap and hand sanitizer available in them along with posters about good hygiene in them.
- If your child has a cough or sniffle, keep them at home until it goes, NOT because its Coronavirus, but children with coughs and sniffles and running noses should not be at school anyway!
- Please ensure we are aware if your child has any respiratory problems(normally) such as Asthma so we are aware of these.
- **Be informed** - keep checking the information on the Health website <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>
- Most of all at this point in time we all need to be vigilant but remain calm and make sensible choices as we see how the country reacts to the virus.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

It is important to state the reason for any absences of children away from school. We are asking that specific information is provided (i.e. sore throat, cold, flu, type of injury etc).

Absences can be notified by calling the office on 04 939 9707, texting on 027 3710 947, emailing [office@koraunui.school.nz](mailto:office@koraunui.school.nz), school website <https://koraunui.school.nz/contact-us/absence-notification/>



## SCHOOL LIBRARY ACCESS FOR PARENTS



We would like to open our school library up to parents so they can issue books to read with their children at home. If you would like a login so you can issue books, please fill in the slip on the last page of the newsletter and return to the school office.

## CANCELLATIONS

### HUTTFEST CANCELLATION

We have reluctantly made the decision to cancel HuttFest for this year. We have weighed up the need to do this and the risks, both health and financial, make it obvious this is our only choice.

We have now run this event for eight years without a break. We will be back in 2021!

All the best and keep washing those hands!

Regards

Barbara Hay

Organiser

## RIPPA RUGBY AND TOUCH RUGBY – THESE SPORTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR TERM 1

## YEAR 5 & 6 PITA PIT SPORTS FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR THIS THURSDAY 19 March 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

### March is Here – Let's Get Movin'!

We will hold a fancy feet day next Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

March to celebrate Movin' March, all the active



Māehe Manawa Ora  
Movin' March

2-31 March 2020 | [movinmarch.com](http://movinmarch.com)

greater WELLINGTON  
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Te Pare Matua Teāroa



Stokes  
Valley Road

movement and celebrate the involvement of our tamariki in this wonderful initiative. We are also asking that everyone brings a gold coin which will be donated to Common Unity to support the good work they do. They have been supplying fresh vegetable to our Kura over the past few weeks, that have benefited our community. **Remember we have Pou located on Stokes Valley Road and Kennedy Grove.** Explore the [website](#) for tips and check out the [parents](#) page on how to build active travel into your



Kennedy  
Grove

daily routine.

## ROTARY DICTIONARIES

Thank you to Constable Stu and Mr McKinnon who came and presented dictionaries to our Year 4 students recently. We are grateful for the on-going support of Rotary with the gifting of these dictionaries each year. Our students are very lucky!



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARY



“March 2020 Koraunui School Board of Trustees meeting

Our March meeting focused on our vision statement and annual plan, which set our goals and way of working, and on pandemic planning.

We need to urgently complete our vision statement and annual plan for 2020. These documents provide clear goals and principles for how our kura will operate this year and into the future. We discussed a proposed whakatauki and seeking feedback in time for this to be incorporated in a completed vision statement by mid April. We also discussed the goals associated with the four elements in our strategic plan: confidence, inclusion, innovation and achievement.

We spent time thinking ahead to what our kura may need to do if the COVID-19 virus begins to be transmitted in the wider Wellington community. We discussed refreshing the school’s pandemic plan, and practical aspects such as ensuring staff members know what to do if a child is sick with possible symptoms. The refresh of the pandemic plan is being worked on as a priority and a report back is due to the Board shortly.

The importance of the following points was also reiterated:

- any pupil or staff member who feels unwell should stay at home;
- personal hygiene, hand washing, is vitally important;
- the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education are providing reputable guidance which the school will continue to forward to parents and caregivers.

Planning for how we will communicate with our school community if the situation deteriorates was also discussed.

Lastly, we discussed the need to ensure that a number of long-term maintenance jobs, and one-off jobs, are progressed while funding under the current five year property plan remains available. Current priorities include fixing a major leak around the water meter, painting, removing known areas of asbestos, and fitting some high visibility markings to reduce trip and collision hazards for health and safety reasons .

While the COVID-19 virus means we are living with greater uncertainty than previously, the Board will continue to act in a responsible manner drawing on reputable guidance about how to protect pupil and staff safety, and providing our school community with reliable and timely information.

We all need to support each other drawing on our KORAU values of mutual support and respect at a challenging time.

Craig Press, Chair

### 50 cent STALLS



Our Year six students are running 50 cent stalls every Friday at morning teatime. 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.

## TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

This event is back on again. It will be held on the 20th of May at Wainuiomata, Coast Road. This is an awesome muddy event. If you don't know what this event is about check out the Junior Tough Guy and Gal website. <https://eventpromotions.co.nz/tough-guy-gal-ch.../wellington/...>

This event is \$25 per student. (We will try and get enough parents to transport- otherwise there will be another cost for buses, which are very expensive at the moment.)

If your child (year 3-6) is interested in participating please fill in the reply slip on this newsletter and I'll send a registration form home. Last registrations and money will be due on 9th of April.

Ngāa mihi Kataraina

## TERM 2 BASKETBALL

Kia Ora,

The time has come to gather interest for basketball for Term 2.

Basketball is for years 1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

Year 1-2 is played on **Fridays** (8 May – 26<sup>th</sup> June)

Year 3-4 is played **Mondays** (4 May – 22<sup>nd</sup> June)

Year 5-6 is played **Thursday** (7 May- 25 June)

The cost for basketball is \$25 per student or free if you coach. In order to have teams we need 10 committed players per team, a coach and manager. If you need help with transport let me know and I can see if something can be arranged.

Ngā mihi

Kataraina



## 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 are waiting for more treatment product to be delivered. Please contact the school office for advice and support.

## COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Last week Rooms 11 & 14 decided to do a cleanup around Speldhurst Park and the shops. It was disturbing to discover the amount of rubbish they picked up. We are proud of our tamariki and the way they look after our school and the local environment.

## HATS & WATER BOTTLES



It is fantastic to see so many children with hats. 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.



Dave Lamont, Principal

Please complete the return forms on this page.

**KCC Holiday Programme April 2020** – details attached. Please return booking form to the school office by **Monday 30 March** at the latest.

# WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

## Week Seven and beyond

- Tuesday 24 March: Room 13 at Te Papa
- Friday 27 March: Movin' March Fancy Feet Day
- Thursday 9 Apr: Last day of Term One
- Mon 27 April: **ANZAC Day observed – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 28 April: Term Two starts
- Friday 15 May: **TEACHER ONLY DAY – LITERACY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – KCC WILL BE OPEN THIS DAY**

## RETURN FORM

### KORAUNUI SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS -TERM 2



My child: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
would like to play basketball.

I can/can't coach a team

I can/can't manage a team

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

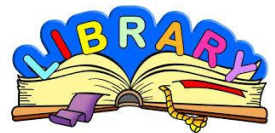
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### TOUGH GUY AND GIRL CHALLENGE

I am interested in my child ..... In Room/te Ruma ..... taking part in the Tough Guy and Girl Challenge this year and would like a registration form. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHOOL LIBRARY – ACCESS FOR PARENTS



I would like a login to issue books from the school library.

Parent Name: ..... Phone: .....

My child/children .....

are in Room/te Ruma .....