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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

STAFF CHANGES FOR 2021

The Board of Trustees would like to inform our school community that Mrs Roberts will be finishing at Koraunui School at the end of this year. The Board would like to thank Mrs Roberts for her service to our school and wish her well for her future.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

Can all school library books that are currently issued to students please be returned to school by this Friday so we can store them back in the library for the holiday break. Please check around the house, under beds, in wardrobes, in bags, wherever you can think a book might be hiding.



KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME BOOKINGS

For KCC to operate for the week before Christmas and during the January break, we need confirmed bookings so we can organize staff for these times. All confirmed bookings need to be provided to Janice in the office by this Friday 11 December. If we do not have enough confirmed bookings, we will not be operating the KCC holiday programme. If you have any questions, please contact Janice in the office.

SCHOOL INVOICES

Last week invoices were sent home for outstanding amounts due for 2020. If you have received an invoice can you please arrange for payments to be made before the end of this school year. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

STOKES VALLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE

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We had a fantastic time at the Stokes Valley Christmas Parade again this year and were proud of the way our float turned out. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the parade and to the tamariki for representing our school so well while on the float. We will have to put our thinking caps on for a design for next year's float now.



JUNIOR SPORTS FESTIVAL (Years 1-3)

Last Wednesday the Junior School - Rooms 1, 23, 4, 5, 8, and 9 were lucky enough to get a fine day to hold their Athletics Festival. All the children did 6 rotations: vortex throwing, sprints and relays, obstacle courses and bean bag tossing, standing jump and hurdles. Everyone displayed the KORAU values and a wonderful morning was had by all.



KAURI TEAM TRIP TO THE BUDDHIST MONASTERY

Last Thursday the sun shone brightly on the Kauri team's walk up to the Buddhist Monastery at the top of Stokes Valley Road. At the monastery, also known as *Bodhinyanarama* or *Garden of Enlightened Knowing*, the children were welcomed by an abbot and told about the life of a monk and also what the various statues and symbols represented. The children later walked up to the beautiful *stupa* or pagoda for a photo shoot. After morning tea at a nearby park, it was a downhill walk back to school. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



VOLUNTEER AND HELPERS THANK YOU CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who came along to our celebration on Monday evening and to those who put in their apologies. We had a wonderful celebration and were pleased to be able to acknowledge our many volunteers who have helped out during the year. Our school is lucky to have such strong community support.



SICK CHILDREN – If you are keeping children home, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Our Year 6s had a fantastic time away at camp last week and it was great to see them tackling new challenges head on and giving everything 100%. We would like to thank staff and parent helpers who joined the children on camp and did such a fantastic job of encouraging them during the week. There are plenty of photos of the activities they are involved in on our school Facebook page.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB – only online orders are being taken. No cash will be accepted at school. **All orders need to be in by this Friday 4 December. This is the last chance to order for 2020.**



ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any 5 year-old children who are starting school this year or next? New student enrolment forms are available at the office or on our website under “About us”. If you require further information, please contact the office on 939 9707 or message us on our school website or Facebook page.

HUTT CITY COUNCIL – THE BIG READ 2021

It is that time of year again! From the 1st of December Hutt City Libraries is giving the opportunity for children to read for fun over the summer holidays.



How our summer reading challenge works:

- It is free! Tamariki aged 5-12 years can sign up at any Hutt City Library, they don't need to have a library card.
- There are four levels, starting out with bronze moving onto, silver, gold, and pounamu. The number of books and activities increases with each level.
- They keep a reading log and are encouraged to talk about what they are reading with library staff.
- There are fun tasks to complete such as: Have a board game tournament with your whānau!
- Tamariki can win activity-based prizes for reading.

Keep up to date with photos and information of what is happening around the school and in the classrooms on our Facebook page.



WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week 9

- Wednesday 9 December: Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom

Week 10

- Monday 14 December: Year 5 Road Patrol Training
- Monday 14 December: Year 6 Graduation at Taita College. **6pm start**, doors open at 5.45pm. Year 6 students need to be at the college at 5.30pm.
- Tuesday 15 December: Year 6 Mystery Bus Trip
- Wednesday 16 December: Final Assembly and **END OF TERM 4** finishes at noon.

2021 START OF YEAR

Term 1 2021 will begin on Wednesday 3rd February.

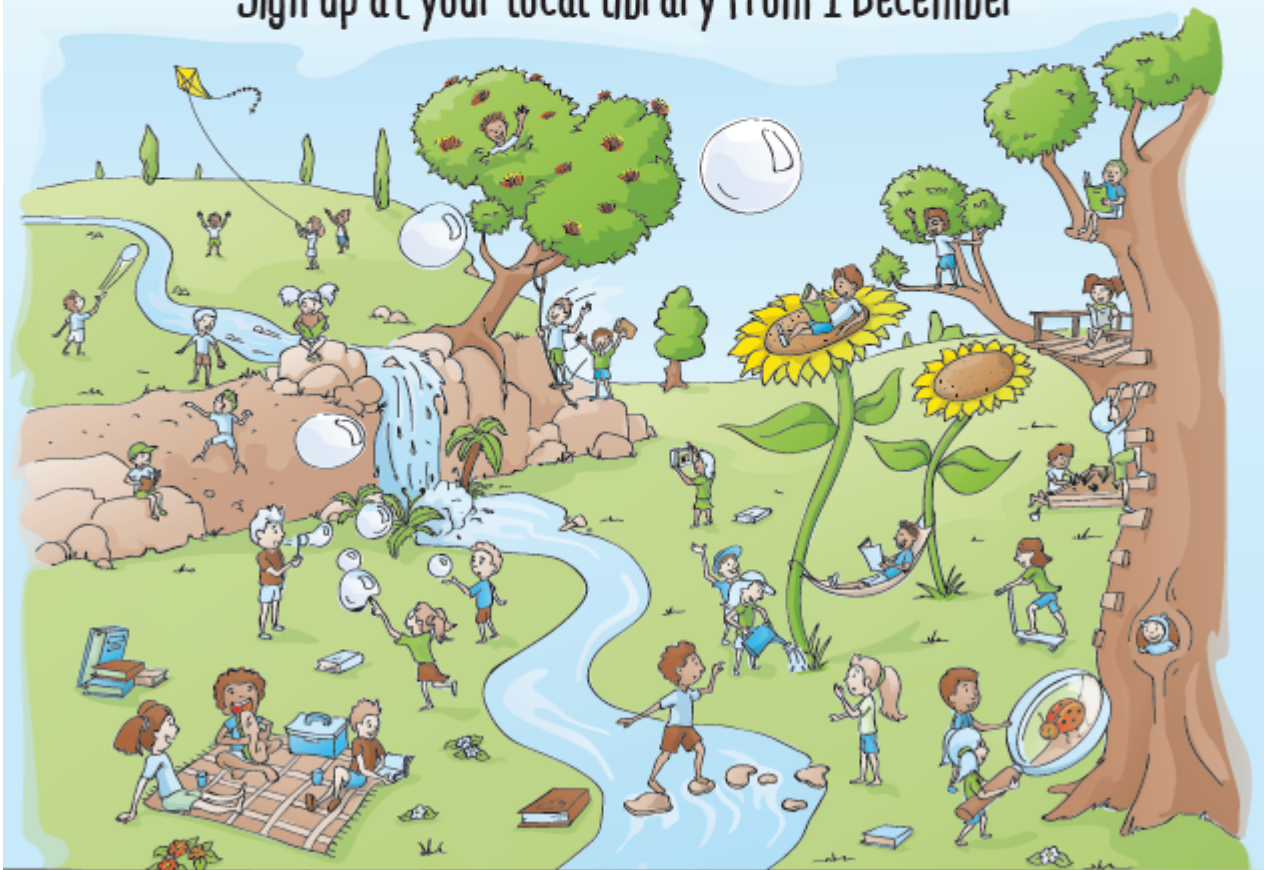
Kia pai te ra kia koutou – have a great week everyone
Dave Lamont, Principal

The BIG Read

and **The little Read**
Boost Your Summer Reading

Win great prizes 🎁 0-12 year olds

Sign up at your local library from 1 December



More details at library.huttcity.govt.nz

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