



Poipoa te kākano kia puāwai – *Nurture the seed and it will thrive*

NEWSLETTER FOUR, TERM ONE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to the new children and their whanau who are joined our school last week and this week Riley.

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 1 INFORMATION

It is fantastic that life is back to “normal” again now that we are back at Alert Level 1. We will work to maintain good hygiene practices around the school, especially as we head towards autumn. We ask that everyone coming on the school grounds continues to use the COVID Tracer app to sign in.



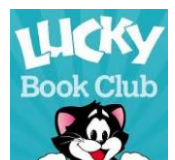
SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL



It has been great to have the pool open this week and the tamariki have been making the most of this and the great weather. We are looking forward to lots of swimming at school in the coming weeks. We are currently finalizing plans for the new changing sheds and look forward to construction beginning in the near future.



LUCKY BOOK CLUB – only online orders are being taken. No cash will be accepted at school. **All orders for Term 1 need to be in by Friday 26 March.**



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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE

We have a parent representative vacancy on the Board and we are initially seeking expressions of interest to gauge if a bi-election or co-opting would work best to fill this gap. If you have any questions about the Board in general or the school's governance, please let me know. You can reach me on BoT.chair@koraunui.school.nz.

The NZ School Trustees Association website has some good information too: <https://www.nzsta.org.nz/> and this [video](#) is a good short intro.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY DOCUMENTATION



Koraunui School



This site contains

Koraunui School's

Policies and Procedures

along with useful checklists and forms.

As a part of this term policy review, our Board of Trustees is seeking parent and school community input about the **Home Learning Policy**.

Instructions are below for how to access the review section of the Schooldocs site.

The close off date for comments and input is Monday 8th March.

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 Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

UNDER REVIEW
Term 1, 2021

TAITA/STOKES VALLEY KAHUI AKO COMPETITION TIME

Do you have a flare for design? Do you have a creative edge? The Taita/Stokes Valley Kahui Ako is looking to change its name and logo. We are looking for something that encompasses our area and the schools that reside in it. If you have an idea of what this could be, we want to hear from you.

Entries close by the end of Term One, 2021 and need to be emailed craig.gilmour@koraunui.school.nz

As of Term 2, 2021, the chosen name and logo will be the face of our Kahui Ako. For more information about our Kahui ako please click on this link <https://www.tsyka.school.nz/>

2pm CLUB

Every Wednesday and Friday we run 2pm club between 2.00-3.00pm for children whose parents book them in for this service. This year we are increasing the cost of 2pm Club to \$2.00/ session. This is to cover the cost of supervision during these times. If you wish to book your child/ren into 2pm Club, please contact the school office.

50 cent STALLS



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

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

We have planned four teacher-only days during term time for 2021. These will be as follows.

- April 7 – Taita/Stokes Valley combined staff development day
- May 14 – Writing professional development
- June 4 – DMIC professional development
- 22 October – Reporting and assessment

STATIONERY/DONATIONS



Thank you to all those who have generously made donations/contributions this year. We have had some parents give more than we have asked for and others who have paid for another family. We have a wonderful school community 😊

- We are asking that parents/caregivers/whanau make a \$6 per child contribution that will be used for classroom tissues and paper resources.
- If your child needs a book bag this can be purchased at the school office for \$3.
- We **DO** have eftpos at school, but Cash, cheque or direct deposit into our bank account are all fine: The school account number is **12-3478-0015483-00**

MARCH IS COMING – LET’S GET MOVIN’!

We’re a Movin’March school and we can’t wait to make the most of this beautiful weather and encourage your child/ren to walk or wheel to and

from school. Explore the [website](#) for tips and check out the [parents](#) page on how to build active travel into your daily routine. This year we’ll be encouraging whānau to take part in the [Parent Facebook](#) competition (daily prizes plus one scooter to give away every week!) and the [Share your Story](#) competition which has weekly prizes (plus a family pass on Bluebridge Ferries!)

Why Movin’March?

Not only does walking or wheeling to school reduce congestion and chaos at the school gate, we also get to slow down and get some quality time with our tamariki. Walking or wheeling to school solo or with friends can be a real [confidence boost](#) and families get to do their bit for the environment!

How to make it work for your whānau

- Instead of driving right up to the school gate, why not [Park and Stride](#)? Walk the last 500m or so to school and get your passport stamped at the school gate!
- Think about how you might get to and from school over March (and the rest of Term 1!) Check out Micro scooter’s [safety tips](#).
- [Walking School Buses](#) build community and teach children important road safety skills ready for walking independently as they get older.



CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

We are already finding lost property appearing around the school, again, mostly un-named. Please make sure all clothing is named and check your children are bringing their clothing home with them each day. Please check the lost property for any of your children's clothing. This is being stored in a blue wheelie bin on the deck outside room 7 and the clothes will be placed on the koru outside the main gates at the end of each week.



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.

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.

NATHAN WALLIS SEMINARS

There are 2 seminars "Understanding the Brain" and "Teen Brain" coming up in March. Please see the end of this newsletter for more information

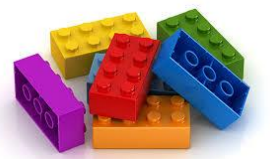


HOREKA RESERVE

Family Day at Horoeka Scenic Reserve, Stokes Valley Sunday March 14th 2021, 11 am – 3 pm. There will be lots to do and see, bring a picnic come along and join in the day. Postponement for weather or COVID changes will be 21st March. For more information see the flyer on the next page of the newsletter.

LEGO SHOW

Lower Hutt will be hosting Wellington's only Lego show on the 13th & 14th March at the Lower Hutt Events Centre. This will be a large event with over 70 Lego displays, there also will be interactive activities for everyone to enjoy.



This show will be raising money for the Back to Schools charity, that supports children in low decile schools return to school with essential items they need for the new school year.

For more information see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Dave Lamont
Principal

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week Four

- Monday-Thursday 22-25 Feb: Swimming lessons continue at Stokes Valley Pool

Week Five onwards:

- Monday 1 March: Movin March begins
- Tuesday 2 March: Te Puawaitanga o Te Kaakano: Whakawhanaungatanga day ki Harcourt park
- Friday 5 March: Yr 3-6 girls futsal tournament, Walter Nash for registered students
- Friday 12 March: Assembly in the Hall at 9.00am led by Kauri Team
- Wednesday 17 March: Weetbix Tryathlon
- Friday 2 April: Good Friday – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Monday 5 April: Easter Monday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 6 Apr: Easter Tuesday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Wednesday 7 April: Taita/Stokes Valley combined staff day **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Friday 9 April: Assembly in the Hall at 9.00am led by Te Puawaitanga o te kākano
- Friday 16 April: End of Term 1
- Monday 3 May: Term Two starts



Family Day at Horoeka Scenic Reserve, Stokes Valley

Sunday March 14^h 2021, 11 am – 3 pm
Come along!

The Hutt City Council and the Friends of Horoeka Scenic Reserve are hosting a Family Day

When: Sunday 14th March, 11 am until 3 pm. If wet or due to change Covid levels postponed till Sunday 21st March

Where: In the Entrance Area, at 17 Horoeka Street

What to bring: A picnic, walking shoes, sun hat and sunblock, and money for the stalls

What to do: Come and check out the changes in the Entrance Area and walk the Loop Track

What is on: There will be a free sausage sizzle, stalls run by local primary schools and the Friends Group, displays and a quiz for anyone walking the Loop Track (25-45 minutes return)

Bring your family and friends along!

Past Family Days:





Community Seminar

Understand Your Brain

Tuesday 23rd March 2021, 7:30 pm - 9.00 pm
Eastern Hutt School - Wellington

Eastern Hutt School is proud to announce that Nathan Wallis, host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls", is coming to our community with his foundation talk - Understand Your Brain (First 1000 days).

Nathan Wallis provides an informative and engaging narrative on how our loving day-to-day interactions with children, significantly the first 1000 days, plays a critical role in defining later outcomes for our children and for their future. Come along and find out more!



Tickets are available at www.eventfinda.co.nz
<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2021/teen-brain-wellington/lower-hutt>
Get in quick as tickets will sell out.



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Community Seminar

Teen Brain

Wednesday 24th March 2021, 7:30pm - 9.00pm
Eastern Hutt School - Wellington

Eastern Hutt School is proud to announce that host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls", Nathan Wallis, Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, is coming to our community with his talk - Teen Brain.

There are 6000-year-old hieroglyphics carved into the pyramids depicting the teenagers of the time as being self-obsessed, defiant and unmotivated - that's sounding pretty familiar don't you think?

During adolescence, part of your teenage brain "shuts for renovations". This is the part of the brain responsible for controlling your teenager's moods, for understanding consequences and for thinking about the well-being of others. So, whilst you can't expect lots of those behaviours during adolescence, there are ways that you can enhance and maximise the times when they can. Understanding the changes that are taking place for your teen will help you to navigate successfully these important and formative years.

Tickets are available at www.eventfinda.co.nz
<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2021/teen-brain-wellington/lower-hutt>
Get in quick as tickets will sell out.



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WELLINGTON BRICK SHOW

13th - 14th March

Lower Hutt Events Centre
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington

AMAZING LEGO® CREATIONS

9am-5pm
Saturday and Sunday

\$10 entry per person
Under 3s FREE
\$30 family pass
(2 adults, 3 children)

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