



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

NEWSLETTER TEN, TERM THREE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

END OF TERM THREE

As Term 3 draws to a close we would like to congratulate all of the children who have consistently displayed the school KORAU values. We have an amazing school and it takes everyone, working together, to create a culture where we can learn and grow individually and collectively. This is not always an easy or straight forward process but with perseverance and keeping our KORAU values at the front of our thinking, we can help the children be the best they can be. With the changes in COVID-19 Alert Levels this term, we have all been challenged to maintain health and safety practices as well as to help manage our emotions and well-being. We would like to thank our school community for the support that has been provided to our school over this term as we have all grappled with another round of COVID-19 lockdown and conditions. We wish everyone a safe and happy term break and look forward to seeing everyone back again next term.



TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER

We will be holding a Teacher Only Day next term on Friday 22 October (this is at the end of Week 1). This will be a professional day for teachers to focus on reporting and achievement of students before the end of the year. **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY but KCC will be open for whanau who wish to enrol their children for this day. Standard daily fees will apply for this day.**

STUDY CENTRE – there will be no study centre in the first week of Term 4. Study Centre will resume on Tuesday 26 October.



START OF 2022 DATE

Our start date for 2022 is Wednesday 2 February. We will have staff only days on the Monday and Tuesday.

PARENT FEEDBACK ABOUT LEARNING AT HOME

Thank you to everyone who completed the learning at home feedback sheet. We had 45 responses and the information we have gathered will help us with our response should we go into another COVID-19 lockdown. Below are the results of the feedback.



Communication sent from the school

About right 93% Too much 0% Not enough 7%

Communication sent from the class teacher

About right 82% Too much 0% Not enough 18%

The amount of online resources and learning activities

About right 76% Too much 11% Not enough 13%

The amount of paper learning packs

About right 78% Too much 7% Not enough 16%

The content of online and paper learning pack activities was suitable for my child/children

Yes 89% No 11%

The amount of craft pack materials and activities (if you used these)

About right 93% Too much 2% Not enough 5%

Ability to connect to the internet and access online learning options

Easy 84% Difficult 9% Didn't access online learning 7%

For those who indicated they would like to learn more about Microsoft TEAMS, we will organize a session where we can walk you through how we use this at school and for learning at home.

We will add the comments made to the reflections of staff so we can provide the appropriate level of support and learning opportunities for tamariki should we enter lockdown again.

TOUCH RUGBY

The six-week season kicks off on Thursday 28 October. All children, Years 1 – 6 are able to register to play. If your tamariki have not brought a notice home, you can get one from the school office. Registrations are required before 2pm on Friday 1 October – teams will be organized over the term break.



SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS

School athletics for our Year 4-6 students will be held at school on Thursday 28th October. With the term break coming up, this could be a good time for the tamariki to start training and practicing their running, jumping and throwing.



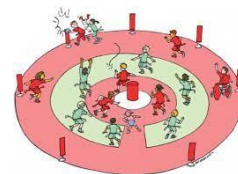
SUN HATS



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.

KI-O-RAHI TOURNAMENT – 27 OCTOBER

An interschool Ki-O-Rahi tournament has been organized by the Lower Hutt Primary School Sports Association. The tournament is open only to Year 5 and 6 children. Teachers have been asked to provide details of tamariki who are interested in participating – please contact your child’s teacher directly if you want them to be included. The tournament will be a full day event held at Fraser Park in Taita.



ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any 5-year old children who are starting school this year or next year? 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.

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.

YUMMY STICKERS

Until the end of Term 3 we are collecting Yummy stickers that we will be able to exchange for sports equipment. Yummy apples can be purchased from New World, Pak n Save and Four Square stores. Sticker sheets will be sent home with children this week. If you buy these apples, please collect the stickers and help us get some free equipment for our school.



Check out our Facebook page for information and photos from all of the events happening around the school.

Dave Lamont
Principal

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

We have planned one more teacher-only day during term time for 2021. This will be as follows.

- Friday 22 October – Reporting and assessment (Term 4)

Term 3

Week 10

- Monday 27 September: Tuvalu Language Week
- Friday 1 October: Year 6 Work Club books handed in.
- Friday 1 October: End of Term

Term 4

- Monday 18 October: Start of Term 4
- Friday 22 October: Teacher Only Day – **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED THIS DAY**
- Monday 25 October: Labour Day – **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED THIS DAY**
- Wednesday 27 October: Shakeout Earthquake Drill

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2 GUIDELINES



Below are key points for everyone to remember about Alert Level 2.

- All children are expected to attend school unless they are unwell. Sick children must stay home.
- Everyone coming on site must check in via the COVID Tracer App or paper register.
- All children are to come in through the front gate in the morning. All other gates will be locked during the day.
- Parents/whanau are welcome on site, but we ask that you do not enter the classrooms or corridors outside the classrooms.
- At the end of the day, we will have three pick-up points to avoid congestion and to help us manage distancing at school. Pick up for family groupings - the oldest child is to collect siblings and then go to the youngest child's collection point or meet parents outside the youngest sibling's classroom.
Pick up points are as follows.
- Main School Gate – Rooms 8, 9, 10 & 11
- Montgomery Street school gate – Rooms 12, 13 & 15
- Hall Entrance Gate – Rooms 23, 4 & 5

ALL OTHER GATES AROUND SCHOOL WILL BE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.

- **Classrooms** – will be set up to provide physical distancing and classrooms will be ventilated as much as possible.
- **Free School Lunches** – These will continue at Alert Level 2.
- **Breakfast Club** – this will not happen under Alert Level 2. We will have staff who will provide breakfast for children who require this in the mornings.
- **Drinking fountains** – These will remain closed while we are in Alert Level 2. Children are to bring named water bottles to school.
- **50-cent Stalls** – no 50 cent stalls under Alert Level 2.
- **No school assemblies** or whole school gatherings at this point. Syndicate assemblies/hui/singing can take place outside or in well ventilated areas only.
- **School Trips** – we will make decisions about school trips and events based on gathering rules and the location of the trips. Any event or activity that brings people together, including parents, whanau and other students will need to follow the rules for Alert Level 2.
- **NO toys** – to be brought to school. Children can bring their bikes and scooters to school.
- **KCC Before and After School Care** – this will be operating again under Alert Level 2 conditions beginning this Thursday.
- **2PM Club** - this will be operating again under Alert Level 2 conditions beginning this Friday.
- **THERE IS TO BE NO SHARING OF FOOD OR DRINKS AT SCHOOL**