



Poipoia te kākano kia puawai – *Nurture the seed and it will thrive*

NEWSLETTER ONE, TERM THREE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to the new children and their whanau who joined our school this week: Agatha, Reremoana and Zion.

Welcome back to the new term. We hope that everyone had a good break and managed to avoid many of the bugs and illnesses going around at the moment. It has been great to see the tamariki back, full of enthusiasm, and ready to get into their learning this term. Our senior students have adapted well to the reintroduction of mask wearing inside and as we have done in the past, we will continue to adapt to the changes with COVID and the flu as they arise. As we focus on the learning needs of tamariki, we encourage parents/whanau to be actively involved in their learning and strengthen the home/school communication.

Room 1 have settled into their new learning space and Whaea Naomi has had a wonderful week getting to know her new class and settling into Room 9.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos that were ordered have been sent home this week. If your child has been at school and has not brought their photos home please contact the school office.



50 cent STALLS



50 cent stalls are held every Friday at morning teatime in the school hall. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.

As a part of our COVID processes all Year 6 students selling, teachers supervising and parents/whanau coming to help must wear masks. 50 cent stalls will be in the hall at morning teatime. We will make sure the hall is well ventilated during this time.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

The Triennial Board of Trustee elections are planned for September this year. Nomination forms have been posted to our parents and whanau. We are looking for parents/caregivers of tamariki from our school community to put their hand up to make a positive contribution to our school. School boards need to represent the diversity of our school community to ensure a bright future for all our tamariki.



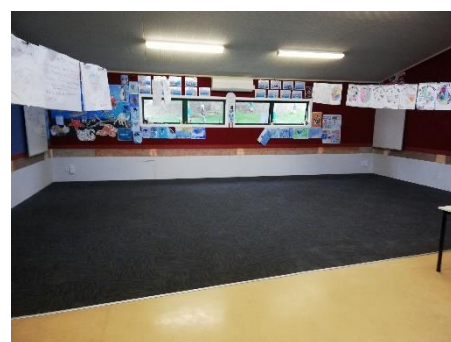
Spencer Heiss our current Board Presiding Member, emailed a message out to parents last night with information about how school boards operate and the election. Please have a read of this and feel free to ask any questions if you have them.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a trustee you can talk to any of the current trustees or go to the School Trustee Elections website for more information

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/>

FLOOD DAMAGE UPDATE

It was great to see the earth bund along the scooter track did its job with all the rain we had over the break and diverted the water away from the classrooms. Work will continue to ensure the bund is stable so it is fit for purpose into the future. Work has begun to reinstate Rooms 14 & 15s insulation and Gib has been fitted and planning is underway to replace the carpet tiles that were damaged by the flood. We are looking forward to getting these spaces fully repaired so we can use them again.



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.

SCHOOL LIBRARY (TE WHARE MĀTAURANGA)

We would like to thank Ms Hay for all the work she does for us in our library and promoting reading with our students. We are lucky to have her ongoing support. There are some wonderful displays of popular books in the library and Ms Hay is coming up with a plan where parents/whānau can issue a bag of books to take home to read to their children. Parents and whanau reading to and with their children is one of the best ways to encourage children to read and it is wonderful to get lost in a story together.



We are seeing some awesome results from the Structured Literacy approach we are using for reading. If you would like to find out about this so you can support this at home contact Denise Silk-Martelli at school, she is more than happy to talk with you about this.

COMMUNITY TUTOR READING



We are in desperate need of some more people to help take Community Tutor Reading again this term. All it requires is that tutors wear a mask. If you can spare an hour and a quarter a week to listen to children read, you will read with five individuals for 15 minutes each, please leave a message for Denise Silk-Martelli and she will get back to you.

YEAR 6 INFORMATION

Year 6 Runathon fundraiser – next Friday after morning tea, our Year 6 students will be taking part in a runathon fundraiser for their end of year camp. Sponsorship forms have been sent home with the children. It is up to them and their parents if they wish to get sponsors.

WORLD OF WASTE TRIP

On Thursday next week and in week 6, our Year 6 students will be taking part in a World of Waste trip. This supports the EnviroSchool work that we do. Information and permission slips have been sent home with students about this and need to be sent back to school as soon as possible.

RUBBISH AND PACKAGING



As a part of the work we do as an EnviroSchool, working to take care of our school and local environment, we are asking that all packaging that comes into school with children is returned home each day unless a class is doing a specific task around packaging. It would be fantastic to see no rubbish blowing around our school grounds.

STOKES VALLEY NEW WORLD

We were delighted to be working in partnership with Stokes Valley New World, as we provide the best resources and opportunities for our students. It is wonderful to see this business give back to the community.



STUDENT ABSENCES

It is important for parents/whanau to contact the school if their children are absent and 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, school website <https://koraunui.school.nz/contact-us/absence-notification/>

BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for stationery and sports fees. If you would like to do this, bring in some cash and talk to Melva or Maree 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 12 3478-0015483-00

COVID Orange Light Processes – **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- This week we have seen some positive cases of COVID pop up at school. Thank you to those affected by this for notifying us so quickly, this has enabled us to inform our school community. It is important that we all work together to help keep everyone safe.
- Along with COVID, there is the flu and other bugs and illnesses in the community now winter has set in.
- If your children are unwell or displaying any cold or flu symptoms, we ask that you please keep them at home.
- One of the difficulties we are having at the moment is distinguishing between asthma, winter ailments, colds and COVID as these all have many similar symptoms. If a child is at school and displaying symptoms or seems unwell, we will contact parents/caregivers about this. With COVID still in the community and now with evidence that some people have tested positive for a second time, we need to be cautious and work to protect everyone.
- Our Board has reintroduced mask wearing for staff and students in Year 4-6 classes. We have a good supply of masks, and we encourage them to wear them while in class. This is a way everyone can help keep themselves safe.
- We ask that parents, whānau and visitors to school wear masks while on the school grounds.
- Our current COVID Orange Light processes can be found on our school website. These are being updated as more information is shared with schools. Please click here to access the information on our school website <https://koraunui.school.nz/this-is-us/covid-19/>



If anyone needs RATs, please contact the school office as we have been provided a good supply by Te Awakairangi Health and the Ministry of Education that we can distribute to school whanau who need to carry out COVID tests.

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Term 3

Week 2

- Monday 1 August: COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK
- Tuesday 2 August: Year 5 & 6 STEMM Challenge for selected students
- Thursday 4 August: WoW Year 6 Trip (Group 1)
- Friday 5 August: Year 6 Runathon fundraiser for camp

Week 3

- Thursday 11 August: Cricket workshops at school
- Friday 12 August: Cricket workshops at school

Week 5

- Thursday 25 August: Cultural Day celebration

Week 6

- Thursday 1 September: WoW Year 6 Trip (Group 2)

Week 7

- Monday 5 September: Tongan Language Week

Week 8

- Monday 12 September: Te Wiki o te reo Māori begins

Week 9

- Monday 19 September: Clean up New Zealand Week begins

Week 10

- Monday 26 September: Hutfest week begins

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