



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

NEWSLETTER FOUR, TERM FOUR

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to Indiana and Sanderian and their whānau who joined our school this week.

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. We do not provide sunblock in classes as some children have had reactions in the past. Please put sunblock on your children before they leave home in the morning.



TERM 4 CALENDAR



There is a lot going on around the school this term and we encourage everyone to keep an eye on the term calendar as well as check emails, Facebook and your children's bags for notices and information from class teachers. It can be easy to miss events and activities. If anyone is unsure about what is happening for their child/children, please contact the classroom teacher.

JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Junior school athletics (Years 1-3) will be held next Wednesday 16th November between 10.30am-12.30pm. Parents and whanau are welcome to come along and support the children as they take part in the different events.



START OF 2023 DATE

Our start date for 2023 is Tuesday 31 January. Staff only days will be in the days before this.





SCHOOL INVOICES

Thank you to all families who have made some payments or contacted us about outstanding payments for school and sporting activities. If you haven't done so already, we ask that these are either paid in full or regular part payments are made to clear debts before the end of the school year. During the year we are often required to pay for activities and fees in advance and the school carries this debt until payments are made by parents. If you would like to discuss your invoice, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL POOL



We are delighted to be swimming in our school pool again this term. The water is really warm and with the weather settled and sunny this week, it makes for good swimming conditions.

The new pool shed is working well and with a timetable set up for the term, there are plenty of opportunities for students to get plenty of time in the water, building their confidence and skills.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next on the BoT introductions is Kris Dando

Kris joins the Koraunui BoT for the first time this year. He brings to our school BoT his experience on the committee for the Stokes Valley Football Club, where he is the Vice-President, amongst his other roles and skills.

Thanks for joining the team Kris.

Kris says:

Kia ora, my name is Kris Dando and I'm one of the parent representatives for Koraunui School.

I've been a part of the school community since 2014 when our eldest (Harry) began attending – he's now a Year 9 at HIBS. Our daughter Elliot is currently in Year 4 with Whaea Ceri.

My wife Sharon and I have been in Stokes Valley since 2006 and live a block away from the school. The proximity to school is fantastic and has allowed me to do the school crossing on Stokes Valley Road on Monday and Tuesday mornings during term time for the past six or so years. I'm happy to don my yellow high-viz and stand there no matter what the weather because while I work full time, believe this is a small thing I can do to help our pupils. Sharon also helped out with school breakfasts before Covid came along but intends to resume this soon.

We've watched our kids flourish and mature during their time at Koraunui and standing for the board gives me a chance to give something back. I'm also on the Stokes Valley Football Club committee (have been for three years) and captain of the mighty SV Mentors masters football team, so I'm engaged with school and sport in Stokes Valley. I'll never be a 'proper' local, but this is our home and has been an amazing place to have a family and make a tight-knit circle of friends.

Standing for the board is my chance to give some of my time to a place that has benefited my children for so long. A former journalist, I now work in communications for Porirua City Council, so am fully aware of rules, regulations and what makes an organisation succeed. I have an open mind and am willing to listen, contribute and put in the mahi to help Koraunui School thrive in the challenging times we now live in.



ROAD PATROL TRAINING

Today we had Constable Blue from the NZ Police at school training some of our Year 5 students for road patrol. This will begin next week for some of the students while our Year 6 students are at camp and will continue in 2023 for all Year 6 students. For those who missed the training today, we will provide extra training sessions.



CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2023

We have now begun the process of setting classes for 2023. If you have any information you would like to share about your child/children that we could consider when deciding on classes for next year please discuss this with your child's teacher in the first instance, and as soon as possible (you may wish to do this face-to-face or email office@koraunui.school.nz). While it may not always be possible to meet everyone's needs, it is good for us to know about your thoughts as we work through this process.

KORAUNUI SCHOOL 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, email office@koraunui.school.nz. We are happy to talk with parents about our school and show them round so they can get a feel for how we operate.

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.



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.

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.

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

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Term 4

Week 4

- Tuesday 8 November: Year 5 road patrol training
- Tuesday 8 November: Northern Zone Athletics for students who qualify
- Wednesday 9 November: Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom

Week 5

- Tuesday 15-18 November: Year 6 Camp – Makahika Levin

Week 6

- Thursday 24 November: Te Puawaitanga o te Kakano – Staglands trip

Week 7

- Tuesday 29 November: Year 6 Surf Life Saving day at Worser Bay
- Friday 2 December: Community Tutor Reading thank you morning tea
- Friday 2 December: Umu Festival

Week 8

- Wednesday 7 December: Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom
- Friday 9 December: Road Patrollers Pool Party

Week 9

- Tuesday 13 December: Year 6 Graduation
- Wednesday 14 December: Year 6 Mystery Bus Trip
- Thursday 15 December: Last day of Term 4 – school finishes at 12.00pm

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