



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

NEWSLETTER ONE, TERM FOUR

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to Kairah and her whānau who joined our school this week.

Welcome back to the new term. We hope that everyone had a good break and managed to recharge for the term ahead. We have another fun filled and busy term ahead with a wide variety of learning experiences planned for the children during the term. As we focus on the learning needs of tamariki, we encourage parents/whānau to be actively involved in their learning and strengthen the home/school communication. It sounds like COVID-19 might make another appearance in the coming months with an increase in cases around the Wellington region. We will continue with our health and safety processes to ensure our school is well ventilated and safe. Having some good weather certainly helps as we can all get outside in the fresh air. 😊



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.

NIUE LANGUAGE WEEK

This week is Niue Language Week. This year's theme for Faahi Tapu he Vagahau Niue – Niue Language Week is - Fakatūleva e Vagahau Niue mo e Tau Aga Fakamotu ma e Tau Atuhau, which means - Sustain Niue Language and Culture for Future Generations. Information and resources to support learning about Niue can be found [HERE](#)



HUTTFEST 2022

What a great way to end the term with the Pasifika group opening and our Kapa haka closing out Huttfest for 2022 and celebrating Whaea Luana and Barbara Hay on the 10th anniversary of Huttfest, as without them tamariki from around the Hutt Valley would not be able to take part in such a vibrant cultural celebration.

We are so very proud of our tamariki who performed at Huttfest this year. Every one of them shone on the stage and it was wonderful to see them performing on a big stage. Our junior students also had the opportunity to perform at Huttfest during the ECE/school session during the day on Thursday of Huttfest week as well as taking part in the different activities that were organised for this day.

Thank you to our staff, tutors the many helpers and school whanau for preparing and supporting our Kura and tamariki in the lead up to Huttfest.



SCHOOL POOL

Our pool is almost ready to go for Term 4. We are just waiting on a repair to the pool cover then we will be swimming for the rest of the term. The changing shed is now completed and looking great. It is such a good resource us to have to help build water safety and confidence skills.



PADDER TENNIS

We are delighted to have the instructors from Padder Tennis NZ at school again this term running sessions for all students over the coming weeks.

The instructors teach the basic skills required for tennis, in an easy to learn, fun progressive style suited for the school playground.

Padder Tennis NZ is supported by the NZ Sport Tu Manawa Fund, with the goal of introducing new and innovative ways to keep our tamariki active in the school.



BASKETBALL 2022

Well, Basketball has wound up for 2022 after two very busy and enjoyable terms. In Term 2 we had 4 teams entered, then in Term 3 we managed to enter another Year 5/6 team making a total of 5. A great response. While sickness affected the attendance of some players, all teams did their best on the court; – sometimes playing with just 4 or 5. Hard work!



Congratulations to the players who turned up for every or nearly every game.

In the last week of the term, we had a party and prizegiving which was very well attended! All players received a certificate of participation and special mentions were awarded to some deserving candidates. Hopefully this will encourage them to further pursue the game of basketball.

The special awards were as follows:

Most Improved Players: Year 1/2 = Alexis, Year 3/4 = Lincoln, Year 5/6 = Maico

Team MVPs: Tahi = Jaxon, Rua = Charlee, Toru = Robbie, Wha = Tamihana, Rima = Oli

Most Promising Overall = Hunter D (Room 7)

A big thank you to all the parents and families who came along and supported the children. Your enthusiasm was certainly appreciated. And a special big thank you to the parents who offered their services as coaches and managers; - the season could not have gone ahead without you. Of special mention Zane, Rosie, Michelle, Spencer and Bevan.

Looking ahead to 2023 – if anyone can assist with getting a grant for new uniforms, we would appreciate it and of course, we will need coaches and managers at all levels.

Nga mihi

Dale Ritossa

NEW ZEALAND SHAKEOUT 2022

We will be taking part in the New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill on Wednesday 27 October 2022 at 9.30am. ShakeOut is held across the New Zealand to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake, Drop, Cover and

Hold. Information for families can be accessed at

this link <https://www.shakeout.govt.nz/how/individuals/>



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.

SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS

School athletics for our Year 4-6 students will be held at school on Tuesday 1st November from 9.00am. Postponement date will be Thursday 3rd November.



TOYS AT SCHOOL

Just a reminder that we ask that children do not bring their toys or precious belongings to school as these can be damaged or be a distraction to them and others. This includes rubiks cubes, trading cards e.g. Pokemon, NBA cards etc



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Spencer Hiess, I'm the Chair (or the Presiding Member) of the Board of Trustees (BoT). I'm just wanting to drop by and introduce myself and let you know about a couple of upcoming things from the BoT.

We first started our journey with Koraunui kura about 8 years ago with our son Max, who's now at Fergusson Intermediate. We also have Oli who is in with Whaea Ana and Mabel who is in with Whaea Ruiha. We joined the Stokes Valley community about the same time Max started at Koraunui School, moving back up from Christchurch and we're really happy and settled here in the community.



I've been involved with the BoT for about 5 years now and have been the Chair for the past two years.

Part of us, as a BoT, getting to know our community and the community getting to know us will be short little introductions like this from all of our members. It will help put faces to names and set up a connection for some community engagement we're going to do in Term 4. That might be through Facebook posts, face to face chats at school drop offs and pickups, surveys and things like that. What we're hoping to achieve from this is getting a good, well rounded view of what parents and whanau want from Koraunui school during their child's time at our school. Your views will help shape the plan the BoT set. These are what Dave and our staff can use as guides each year when making their plans for in the classroom and around the school.

If you see these posts come up – please interact with them, having your say is important to help us make sure Koraunui is the best school for our children and families during their time here.

Ngā mihi
Spencer

START OF 2023 DATE

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



CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2023

We will soon begin 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.

STUDY CENTRE

Study Centre will resume next week.



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 1

- Monday 17 October: Niuean Language Week
- Monday 17 October: Padder tennis lessons begin

Week 2

- Monday 24 October: **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LABOUR DAY**
- Tuesday 25 October: Tokelauan Language week
- Tuesday 25 October: Kauri Team Zealandia Trip
- Thursday 27 October: National Shakeout Earthquake Drill
- Thursday 27 October: Year 6 camp meeting for parents – 5.30pm in the staffroom

Week 3

- Tuesday 1 November: Senior athletics (Year 4, 5 & 6)
- Thursday 3 November: Senior athletics (Year 4, 5 & 6) postponement date
- Friday 4 November: Kapa Haka & Pasifika pool party SV Pools TBC

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

- Friday 25 November: Umu Festival

Week 7

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

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

Dave Lamont
Principal