



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

NEWSLETTER EIGHT TERM FOUR

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER 2023

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

STOKES VALLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE



We had a fantastic time at the Stokes Valley Christmas Parade again this year and were proud of the way our float turned out. It was great to see so many people out and supporting the parade and taking part in the activities at Speldhurst Park. We would like to say a massive thank you to Barbara Hay for creating our float, and Jim and Belinda Juno for again providing the truck. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the parade and to the tamariki for representing our school so well while on the float. We will have to put our thinking caps on for a design for next year's float now.

END OF YEAR REPORTS and 2023 CLASS LISTS

We are aiming to send home end of year reports with tamariki by Wednesday 13 December. The reports will be given to tamariki at the end of the day. Next years class and teacher will also be included with the report on a separate slip of paper. If children are not at school these will be held at school.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

Our school library is now closed. Can all school library books that are currently issued to students please be returned to school so we can store them back in the library for the holiday break. Please check around the house, under beds, in wardrobes, in bags, wherever you can think a book might be hiding.

SCHOOL SPORTS AND PERFORMANCE UNIFORMS

Can all school performance and sports uniforms please be returned to school as soon as possible so they can be prepared for 2024.

Unfortunately, our sport uniforms have dwindled down - which is such a pity because they are only quite new. Even if your child hasn't done any school sports - **PLEASE CHECK.**

We really would love to have back: our school netball dresses, basketball singlets, touch singlets, sport t-shirts. Once found please return directly to the school office - we just need them back.



KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DATES (2023/2024)

KCC will be running between **Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 December 2023** and again from **Monday 8 to Friday 26 January 2024 inclusive**. All bookings for these sessions are due by Monday 4 December 2023. Please contact the office to book your children into the holiday programme. See the back of the newsletter for the holiday programme.

PASIFIKA PERFORMANCE GROUP

It was an honour to be part of this National Fono Initiative. What a spectacular performance by our Pasifika performers! They displayed their amazing talents and skills. They represented our kura with pride and enthusiasm. They worked hard to prepare for this event, and their dedication and commitment shone through. It was an honour to be part of this National Fono Initiative. They were outstanding, and we are so grateful for their contribution. 🍌



CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2024

Classes for 2024 are now set and we will not be changing them as a lot of work goes into balancing up the different needs and dynamics we have across our classes and how we can best support these with teachers and teacher aides. Your child's class for 2024 will be included in their end of year report that will go home in the last week of school.

HEAD LICE



We have been informed by some parents that their children have headlice. We ask that you please check your children's hair, especially if you notice them scratching. Information about preventing the spread of headlice can be found at the following website <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice>. We have some treatment products and combs available at school. Please contact the school office for advice and support.

STATIONERY

Next year we will be allocating some of the Ministry of Education donation scheme funding to school stationery. This will pay for stationery the children require to begin the school year. There will be no cost to parents/whanau for start of year stationery.

Again, all we will be asking is that parents/caregivers/whānau make a \$5 per child contribution that will be used for classroom tissues and paper resources.



HURRICUANES VISIT

We were lucky to be involved with the blessing and launch of the Community Maara. Nei re ki a koe [Debbie Kelly](#) for the opportunity to participate and contribute to this. Some of our tamariki, who have been involved with Enviroschools were given the chance to work alongside the Hurricanes both at the new community maara and the maara at kura. Thanks also to He Puawai Trust and everyone else who was involved in coordinating this day.

There is a wonderful write up in The Post about this initiative.

<https://www.thepost.co.nz/nz-news/350124754/brad-shields-digs-deep-stokes-valley-foodbank>



FOOTBALL SKILLS AND FOOTBALLS

We have been lucky enough to have Alistair from Capital Football at kura this week. The kids got to have a go, learn and practise new skills and show them off during the week. Thanks to Mr G for organizing Alistair to be at kura with us.

Thank you to the Stokes Valley Football Club for donating footballs to kura. The kids are looking forward to having a kick around





SCHOOL INVOICES

The last invoices for 2023 have been sent out. 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.

We rely on invoices being paid to help with providing the many sporting opportunities along with KCC and 2 PM Club we provide for your children.

BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for items, event or sports fees during the year. If you would like to do this, please come and talk to Maree and she 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

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora, Koraunui whānau.

COMMUNITY USE OF THE SCHOOL POOL

The school board has agreed to hiring keys to parents from our school community over summer break and in Term 1 next year. This is an opportunity for students from our school and their families to make use of our pool outside school hours- during the summer. We are now taking expressions of interest from our parent community who would like to hire a pool key. We have 20 keys to hire out this summer. Preference will be given to families who do not have outstanding debt with our school. If you are interested in hiring a key, please contact the school office or email office@koraunui.school.nz



The cut off for hiring a key for the summer is next **Tuesday 12 December.**

CLASSROOM SWIMMING

Classes are now swimming regularly in the school pool. It is fantastic to see it being used so much. Please remember to send togs to school **every day** with your children. We have no spare togs and towels in the office so if they don't bring their own, they won't be swimming.

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.

COVID

Please keep an eye out for COVID symptoms in your family. We are aware that there is an increase in COVID cases around the country at the moment. If you have any questions please contact the school office.



KORAU VALUES

We are encouraging tamariki to show how KORAU values can be demonstrated through words and actions around the school. These are the basis on how we build relationships and work together. Our KORAU values are

- Kind/Manaakitanga** We show Kindness to people and the environment.
Own/Rangatiratanga We Own our own behaviour.
Respect/Whakaute We Respect the rules, people, and the school.
Aspire/Wawata We do quality work and strive for excellence.
Unite/Whanaungatanga We work as a team / whanau. We are inclusive.



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.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We have noticed that we do not have email addresses for some parents. Please make sure we have all your details and these are up to date, especially if you have changed your phone number.

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KORAUNUI SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any 5-year-old children who are starting school 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 Kura and show them round so they can get a feel for how wonderful our Kura is.



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

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Term 4

Week 9 onwards

- Monday 11 December: Year 6 Road Patroller Pool Party
- Wednesday 13 December: Year 6 Graduation in the school hall 6.00pm
- Wednesday 13 December: End of Year reports go home
- Thursday 14 December: Year 6 Mystery Bus Tour starting at 3.30pm
- Friday 15 December: Last day of the year. Assembly in the hall at 11.00am. **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12.00PM. ALL CHILDREN TO GO HOME AT 12.00PM. NO KCC ON THIS DAY**

Dave Lamont, Principal

Koraunui Care Centre
 Holiday Programme
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Parents / Caregivers

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday programme will be operating from **Monday 18 December to Thursday 21 December 2023 and then Monday 8 January to Friday 26 January 2024**. See below for session times and programme details.

We have planned lots of fun activities based at the programme centre. There will be swimming, cooking, art activities and more. Check out details on the programme listing below; if you like the look of things that will be happening, fill in and return the request to enrol form to the Koraunui School office by Monday 4 December. We will then send you an enrolment form confirming your child(ren's) place. If you require financial assistance, please contact WINZ for information on a subsidy, or a form may be requested from the school office.

Once we have your request to enrol form, you are liable for the charges whether your child attends or not, unless notification of cancellation is received by Friday 8 December 2023.

For further information on programme details please contact Janice at Koraunui School office.

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| Monday 18 December Bead Stars  | Tuesday 19 December Make your own travel tic tac toe.  | Wednesday 20 December Picnic and pool day fun  | Thursday 21 December Closed | Friday 22 December Closed |
| Monday 8 January Ice block stick weaving  | Tuesday 9 January Balloon lantern  | Wednesday 10 January Shadow Theatre  | Thursday 11 January Fimo modelling  | Friday 12 January Driftwood art  |
| Monday 15 January Rock animals  | Tuesday 16 January Cooking with Deb Kelly  | Wednesday 17 January Trip to the Hub  | Thursday 18 January Sock puppets  | Friday 19 January Calendar making with Naomi  |
| Monday 22 January Closed Wellington Anniversary | Tuesday 23 January Make and decorate cupcakes  | Wednesday 24 January Swin at SV Pool and pizza lunch  | Thursday 25 January Kite making  | Friday 26 January Waterplay day  |

As well as the listed activities there will be various arts and crafts and games offered each day as well as cooking activities on some days.