



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

NEWSLETTER SEVEN TERM FOUR

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

STOKES VALLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE

We are almost ready for the Christmas Parade on Saturday and looking forward to a fun day. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to be on our float. Barbara Hay will email all families with information for the day, but everyone going on the float needs to be at school in front of the hall by 10.45am dressed as elves, fairies or in an animal onesie if they have these items. If not something festive will do. We are



hoping to have Alina to do some face painting before we leave for the parade. **The truck will not be returning to school after the parade, all children will need to be collected from the back of the Koraunui Hub after the parade.**

KIDS MARKET



We still have an opportunity for any whānau and their tamariki to run a stall at the Kids Market at Speldhurst Park on Saturday 2 December and make some money for their Year 6 camp or other needs in 2024. This job can be shared between whānau. We have boxes full of books they can sell. Set up is at 9.00am with a start time of 10.00am. Please contact the office if you would like to take up this opportunity.

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.

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.

YEAR 6 SURF LIFE SAVING

On Tuesday our Year 6 students spent the day learning about water safety at the Worser Bay Surf Life Saving Club. It was great to see our tamariki so involved with the lessons and being so confident in the water. While the weather wasn't ideal, it didn't stop everyone giving all of the activities a go and spending a good amount of time in the water.

We would like to thank Jim, Belinda and Rachael Juno for their generous support of this trip. As well as providing funding for this trip they provided some hot chips for everyone 😊. This day provided valuable lessons in water safety that we hope our tamariki will take with them into the future.



SAND SAUCERS

Last Wednesday the Kauri Junior Team held their annual Sand Saucer Day. The weather was stunning - just right for creating beautiful and colourful sand saucers. All of the children participated with enthusiasm, and all took great pride in displaying their creations. It was a lovely morning, enjoyed by all.



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 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



STAFFING NEWS FOR 2024

Next year will see some changes around our kura as our Principal Dave takes a well-earned sabbatical for the first two terms. This is important for his own development as he will complete some study into Pasifika achievement and education strategies – as a school and a Board, we wish Dave well with this fantastic opportunity.

Our Deputy Principal, Gillian, will be stepping in to act as principal in Dave’s absence and we will have a few other staff stepping up as well, including Emma Saul and Craig Gilmour. Emma will take on some of the Special Needs Coordinator role (SENCO) and Craig Gilmour will have the chance to hone his skills in the leadership and operational area of Koraunui, taking on Deputy Principal duties.

We will be working on ensuring there is continuity in Craig’s classroom while he is occupied with the Deputy Principal responsibilities.

In other changes around the kura, we’re happy to report all Te Puāwaitanga o Te Kākanō classes will be back into the refurbished Kowhai block for Term 1 – this is an exciting result for everyone who gets to work and learn in these updated spaces.

All up, there will be three junior mainstream classes and two senior mainstream classes along with two junior and two senior classes in Te Puāwaitanga o Te Kākanō syndicate.

At the end of this year, we will be saying hei konā mai (bye for now) to Whaea Louisa who next year will be working at St Brendan’s School in Upper Hutt. We are pleased to announce that Whaea Lily will be returning in 2024. We are also pleased to share that Whaea Liz will be joining the Te Puāwaitanga o Te Kākanō syndicate next year and taking on the Team Leader role. Her knowledge and experience will strengthen this team and the work they do with tamariki.

Change can bring uncertainty, but there are firm plans in place to make sure there is little disruption for our tamariki. We – the Board of Trustees and staff – are working hard behind the scenes to formulate a plan that provides consistency, clarity and surety, all within the budget we have from the Ministry of Education. We are working with Ministry representatives to ensure that, where available, we are receiving all additional support we can for our pupils and school.

Please get in touch with Dave or Board Presiding Member Spencer Hiess if you have any questions. We can be contacted on principal@koraunui.school.nz or BoT.Chair@koraunui.school.nz

Thank you and happy holidays!

Spencer Hiess on behalf of the Board of Trustees



SCHOOL INVOICES

The last invoices for 2023 will be sent out next week. 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.

KOWHAI BLOCK UPGRADE

The fences are down around Kowahi Block and we are now seeing the final jobs being completed for the upgrade project. It is wonderful everyone can now get on the deck and have a look through the windows to see what has been happening. Some new photos have been added to our blog and can be accessed [HERE](#) and on our school website under the **This is Us** tab.



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.

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.

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.

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.



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.



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.

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

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 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 8 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
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 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.

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 Swim 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.