



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

**NEWSLETTER THREE TERM FOUR**

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**KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.**

Welcome to Millie-Anne, Ozzy and their whanau who joined our school this week.

**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.

**POOL COMMITTEE**

The Board of Trustees is getting prepared to hire pool keys to members of our school community over the summer and in Term 1 next year. We need to set up a committee to help manage this, carry out pool testing (training will be provided) and keep an eye on the condition of the pool and surrounding area. We need 2 or 3 parents to join our committee to help spread the workload. This will involve weekend and holiday break checks. Parents on the Pool Committee will be provided

a pool key free of charge for the swimming season to acknowledge their service to the school. If you would like to find out more about the pool committee or would like to volunteer, please contact Dave Lamont at school or email on [principal@koraunui.school.nz](mailto:principal@koraunui.school.nz)



**ENERGY DRINKS**

Over the past week we have noticed some children are bringing energy drinks to school. We are a water only school and if we see energy drinks we will bring them to the office and contact parents. Please check your children are not bringing energy drinks to school.

## SOCIAL MEDIA AND CHILDREN

We have become aware that some tamariki have been active on social media sites at home and there has been talk amongst them about this at school. We encourage parents to monitor their children's online activity to make sure they are keeping safe in the ever changing and challenging world of social media.

Below is some information and a link from Netsafe for parents about how to help keep tamariki safe while on the internet.



### Netsafe Information about Staying Safe Online

- As our tamariki spend more time online, it's important parents and whānau help them stay safe. Now is a great time to talk to them about how we use the internet and digital technology.
- Netsafe has created an Online Safety Parent Toolkit so parents, families and whānau have all the information they need to talk about online safety.
- If you or anyone in your whānau needs support, you can contact Netsafe on the details below.

Link: <https://netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit>

## FUNDRAISER FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We are eagerly waiting for the hats and drink bottles to arrive. As soon as they do, we will distribute to those who made purchases. We will look to run this fundraiser again at the start of next year. Thanks to Mr G for his organisation. We raised \$426 for the school which we will be using for some new EzyRollers and replacement parts for our current EzyRollers.



Koraunui School Bottle



Koraunui School Hat

## JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Junior school athletics (Years 1-3) will be held next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



## NORTHERN ZONE ATHLETICS

On Tuesday, we had a group of our senior tamariki represent Koraunui School at the Northern Zone athletics held at the Hutt Rec. They had a great day competing against the other schools. The sun was shining and KORAU values were on full display. Well done everyone who competed and a big thank you to the parents who helped 😊





## 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.

## START OF 2024 DATE

Our start date for 2024 is Wednesday 31 January. We will have staff only days on the days before this.

## CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2024

We will soon begin the process of setting classes for 2024. 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](mailto: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.

## KOWHAI BLOCK UPGRADE

Work is progressing at a great rate and the rooms are really taking shape now. 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.

## 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

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| <b>Kind/Manaakitanga</b>    | We show Kindness to people and the environment. |
| <b>Own/Rangatiratanga</b>   | We Own our own behaviour.                       |
| <b>Respect/Whakaute</b>     | We Respect the rules, people, and the school.   |
| <b>Aspire/Wawata</b>        | We do quality work and strive for excellence.   |
| <b>Unite/Whanaungatanga</b> | 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## **WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?**

### **Term 4**

#### **Week 5**

- Tuesday 7-Friday 10 November: Year 6 camp at Makahika
- Thursday 8 November: EPro8 Challenge for selected teams

#### **Week 6 onwards**

- Monday 20 November: Pedal ready for Year 5 students
- Tuesday 21 November: Pedal Ready for Year 6 students (groups)
- Wednesday 22 November: Pedal Ready for Year 6 students (groups)
- Thursday 23 November: Pedal Ready for Year 6 students (groups)
- Friday 24 November: Pedal Ready for Year 6 students (groups)
- Tuesday 28 November: Year 6 Surf Life Saving day at Worser Bay
- Wednesday 29 November: Board of Trustees Meeting in the staffroom 7.00pm
- Wednesday 29 November: Pedal Ready for Year 6 students (groups)
- 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 10.30am. **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12.00PM. ALL CHILDREN TO GO HOME AT 12.00PM. NO KCC ON THIS DAY**

Dave Lamont  
Principal

