



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

## **NEWSLETTER SIX, TERM FOUR**

**Kawerongo rima, wāhanga wha**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2024**

**Ko te Tāite-28- Noema**

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**KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, MĀLŌ E LELEI, AND WELCOME**

## **WHATS COMING UP IN TERM/WĀHANGA 4**

Week 7

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Te Puāwaitanga o te Kākano Zoo Trip
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November Kauri Team walk to Horoeka Reserve 10am- 12.30pm

Week 8

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Board of Trustees meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Kauri Team Teddy Bears Picnic & BBQ - lunchtime
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Hutt Fest Pasifika/Kapa Haka performers celebration TBC

Week 9

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Surf Life Saving Day Worser Bay
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Kauri Team Year 3 Graduation Assembly 11am - 12.30
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Graduation
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – End of Year reports go home

Week 10

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Mystery Bus Tour
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Kauri Team trip to new Te Ngaengae Pool - 12 noon
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term. Assembly at 11.00am. School finishes at noon. No KCC.



## **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 BASKETBALL UNIFORMS

Can all school basketball uniforms please be returned to school as soon as possible so they can be used this term and prepared for 2025. We are missing a lot of the small school uniforms - PLEASE CHECK.

Once found please return directly to the school office - we just need them back.



## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates at school for last week against the Ministry of Education headings. **It is fantastic to see the number of tamariki regularly attending nearly at the Ministry of Education Target of 70%.**

Ministry Headings	Attendance at school	Percentage students attend school
Regularly attending	90%+	<b>62% of students</b> attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	<b>0% of students</b> attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	<b>17% of students</b> attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	<b>21% of students</b> attended school less than 7/10 days a fortnight

For the majority of tamariki who have been chronically absent we have had no contact with parents/whanau. For these tamariki they will miss 2 ½ weeks of school each term if they continue with this pattern of attendance.

**If your child can be at school, please get them here. If you need help of any type, please reach out and ask. We are here to help.**

## SUN HATS



It is fantastic to see so many children wearing sunhats this term. 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.

## KORAUNUI MARAE OPEN DAY PERFORMANCE

It was fantastic to see our tamariki perform at the Koraunui Marae open day yesterday. We are really proud of the way they performed and represented our Kura, themselves and whānau.

We were also really impressed with how they supported Shane from the Marae with a waiata when they were unexpectedly asked to sing for him. We need to say a massive thank you to Matua Nate, Whaea Liz and the team who have been working with and supporting our Kapa Haka group this year.



## **YEAR SIX CAMP AT MAKAHIKA – Report from Kris Dando and Whaea Ceri**

Makahika 2024 is an experience that our tamariki – and the accompanying parents and teachers – won't forget very quickly.

**Day 1** – After a few false starts on Tuesday, with our bus delayed three hours and then the driver needing to make a mandatory break (at Otaki), we arrived later than expected. The adults were immediately given a pleasant surprise, with a large cell tower looming over the main lodge.

Our young people were given bunk rooms to stay in the first night in the main lodge and naturally struggled to settle on night 1, after an afternoon of zip lining, high ropes and, after dark, some fast and furious games of spotlight. Zip lining and high ropes really put some out of their comfort zone, but everyone responded so well, with lots of encouragement and more than a few laughs. It was brilliant and satisfying to watch.

**Day 2** – was a looooong walk into the hinterland. It was a wet start and one of the parents (Kris) handed out lessons in gutterball as we waited our final instructions. Not long after 9am we were striding down a road, then into farmland, with the obligatory cow pats and electric fence shock (how many people can we get in a line to be shocked?) providing distractions.

The river walk in dense bush put our tamariki out of their comfort zone. The water was cold and shoes and socks got soaked but there was chatter and giggling during an experience shared. After climbing up a big hill, over roots and thinning trees, it was back to camp. More than 12km were put in and there were some weary bodies at Bush City – tasty burgers, toasted marshmallows and some scary stories were the order of the evening.

**Day 3** – and we were introduced to Al, the bushcraft/survival specialist who put the kids on notice early about listening and respect..... and they responded in kind. Building bivouacs, fires and then a chest-deep river crossing to finish, tested all their skills of leadership, teamwork and thinking outside the box. Al pushed them at every step and our year 6s stepped up.

**Day 4** – dawned at Tent City and our final day of camp wasn't any less busy. The tamariki were tasked with an adventure race that drew upon all the teamwork and new learning from the days before. Split into teams, the tamariki had to learn the skills of orienteering to find markers and earn "points" that bought them high-scoring challenges (IF they were able to complete them!). Then they were let loose into the bush around camp. They all worked cooperatively to score as many points as possible to win prizes like a Makahika limited edition rock or a special Makahika leaf.

Prizes or not, the way the tamariki worked together was an impressive testament to their KORAU values. With that, we loaded up onto the bus and made our way back to kura.

Makahika is a superb experience that Koraunui is fortunate to be invited to. Our tamariki had long days and early starts, they needed to constantly listen to instructors to be safe. They slept in bunks and tents, and were given tasks and responsibilities all four days, but the smiles were wide as this outstanding outdoor centre pushed them all the way. There were squeals and laughter, bumps and bruises – but they did it together.

What an incredible week for our seniors, something that will endure in their memories for some time. Thank you to the parents who attended and the patience of our Koraunui staff.

## SENIOR EOTC WEEK

While the Year 6 tamariki were at camp the remaining senior students took part in a range of different EOTC activities and finished the week with a fun water fight and water slide. Mr G was leading the way on the water slide. It was great to see the senior tamariki step up during the week, selling at 50 cent stalls and take on leadership roles and we are looking forward to them continuing this next year.



## KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DATES (2024/2025)

KCC will be running between **Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 December 2024** and again from **Monday 13 to Friday 24 January 2025 inclusive**. [All bookings for these sessions are due by Tuesday 10 December 2024](#). Please contact the office to book your children into the holiday programme. See the end of the newsletter for the holiday programme.

## STOKES VALLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE

We are getting organized for our Christmas float again this year. We will need a maximum of 20 students who can be a part of our float on **Saturday 7 December**. Christmas dress (green and red, elf hats if you have them would be great) 😊 Please let the office know if your child can be on the Korauui School float.



## KIDS MARKET

We have an opportunity for our Year 5 students to run a stall at the Kids Market at Speldhurst Park on Saturday 7 December and make some money for their camp in 2025. 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.



## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY USE OF THE SCHOOL POOL

The school board has agreed to hiring keys to parents in our school community over Term 4, the 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 of 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](mailto:office@koraunui.school.nz)



## START OF 2025 DATE

Our start date for 2025 is Wednesday 29 January. We will have staff only days on the days before this.

## 50 cent STALLS



**This term 50 cent stalls are run by our Year 5 students as a part of their fundraising for camp next year.** Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.

50 cent stalls will be outside Rooms 13 & 14 at morning teatime every Friday.

## 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.   |



## OVERDUE INVOICES

Thank you to those families that have paid or are continuing to pay their invoices. If you haven't and need to, please start doing so. **Outstanding fees need to be paid ASAP, especially sports.** If you have any questions or would like to discuss invoices and payments please contact the office.

## KORAUNUI SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any 5-year-old children who are starting school this year or next year? We are enrolling tamariki for both bi-lingual classes in Te Puāwaitanga o te Kākanō and our mainstream classes.

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.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Thank you to those that have already updated their 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.

## BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for items, events, 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

Ngā mihi,

Dave Lamont  
Principal

### Koraunui Care Centre Summer Holidays 2024/2025

Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18-20 December	KCC operating as normal	Closed	Christmas arts and craft and cooking	Christmas arts and craft and cooking	End of year celebrations
13-17 January	Ice Block craft stick day 	Tye Dye T-Shirts 	Balloon Art 	Bike Planter 	Letter collage 
20-24 January	Closed Wellington Anniversary	Spaceships 	Trinket holders 	Zen Garden 	Bubble/waterplay 

If you would like to your child to come to the above holiday programme, please fill in the attached request to enroll form and we will send you an enrollment form to fill out. All request to enroll forms need to be back to us by Tuesday 10 December.