



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME BACK EVERYONE.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year break, enjoyed family time together and made the most of the time away from school. We are looking forward to the year ahead and have planned some very exciting learning opportunities for the children and staff this year. We welcome a number of new tamariki and their whanau to our school this year and look forward to them becoming a part of our school community.

We also welcome new staff members Sarah McLeod, Sarah Hutchison who are taking up full time teaching positions and Jenny Ratana-Koia who is returning as a teacher after being away from Koraunui School for several years

We will begin the year with the following class make up.

Kauri Team	Year Group	Teacher
Room 23	Year 1	Whaea Maria
Room 4	Year 1 & 2	Whaea Dale
Te Puawātanga o te Kākano Team	Year Group	Teacher
Room 8	Year 3, 4 & 5	Whaea Jenny
Room 9	Year 4, 5 & 6	Whaea Liz
Room 10	Year 1, 2 & 3	Whaea Ruiha & Whaea Naomi
Fetu o le Moana Team	Year Group	Teacher
Room 12	Year 3 & 4	Mrs McLeod
Room 13	Year 5 & 6	Mr G
Room 14	Year 5 & 6	Miss Hutchison
Room 15	Year 3 & 4	Matua Tim

We start school on Wednesday 29th January at 8:30am, Mihi Whakatau for new students and whanau at 8.45am

MIHI WHAKATAU/WELCOME

We begin our school year with a mihi whakatau at 8.45am on Wednesday 29th January to welcome new staff, students and their whanau to our Kura.

New tamariki and whanau will meet outside the front gate at 8.30am and be brought on as a group. After the mihi whakatau. At this point the children will be collected by their teacher and taken to their class, whanau are welcome to stay for a cuppa and a chat

STAFFING FOR 2025

We are currently fully staffed for the start of the new school year and look forward to continuing to work together with our school community to provide our tamariki with exciting and rich learning experiences across the school. With the increase in release time to 5 days a term for each teacher provided to teacher by the government, all classes will have additional teachers working with tamariki during the year. As much as possible, we will work to have the same release teachers working in the classes so there is as little disruption as possible for tamariki.

CLASS PLACEMENT

Your child's class placement for 2025 was with their report in 2024. If you are unsure what class your child is in for 2025 or did not receive the end of year report, please contact the school office.

TEACHER/STAFF ONLY DAYS

At this stage we have planned for two Ministry of Education teacher-only days during term time for 2025. These will be as follows.

- Term 2 - Friday 30th May – Curriculum and assessment day for teachers.
- Term 4 - Friday 24th October – Curriculum and assessment day for teachers.

STATIONERY

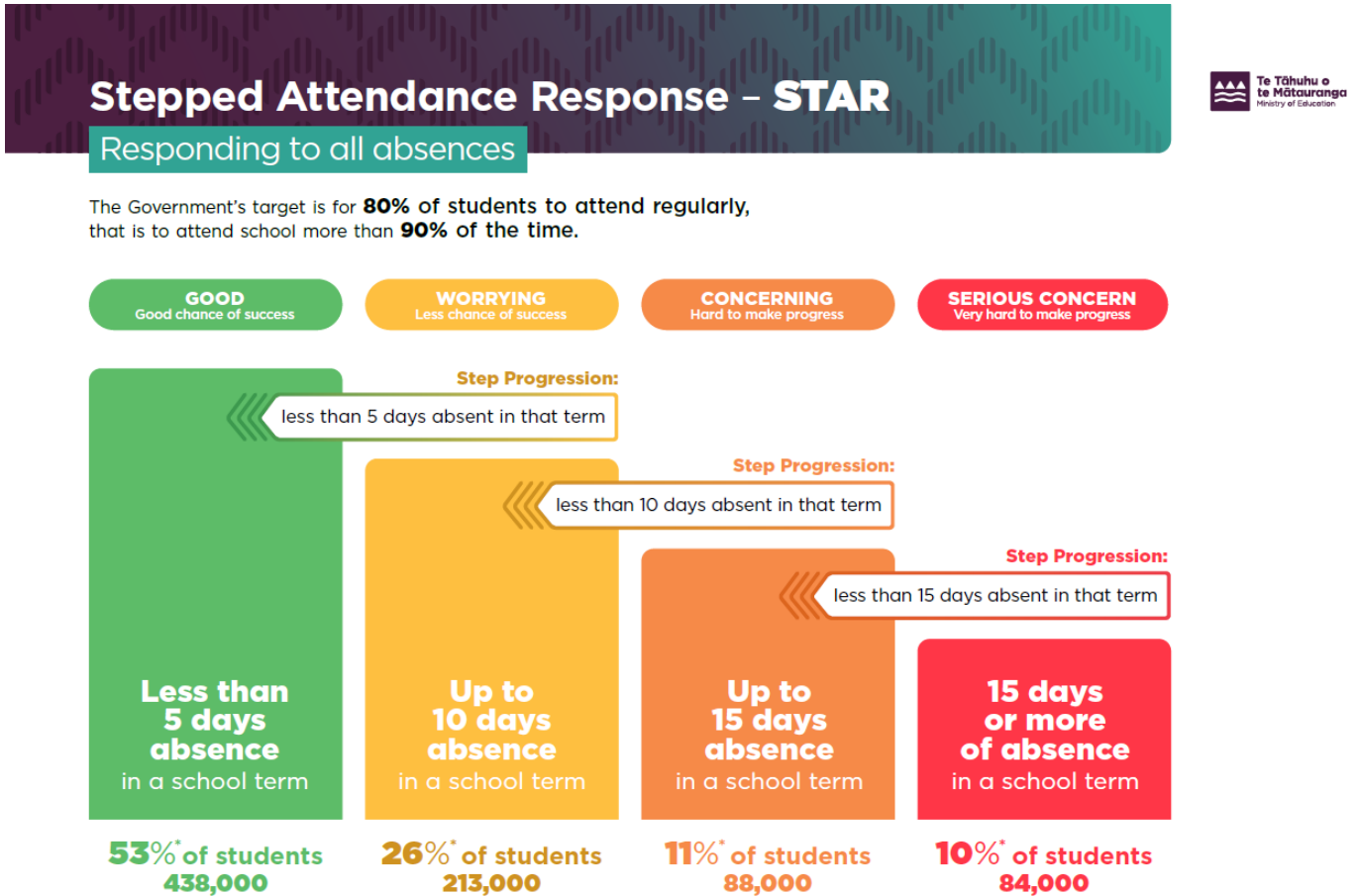
This year we have been able to allocate some of the Ministry of Education donation scheme funding to school stationery. This will pay for stationery the children require to begin the school year. There will be no cost to parents/whanau for start of year stationery.

- All we are asking is that parents/caregivers/whānau make a \$5 per child contribution that will be used for classroom tissues and paper resources. By keeping on top of hygiene, we anticipate we will go through a lot of tissues and products this year as we continue working to keep everyone safe.
- If your child needs a book bag this can be purchased at the school office for \$4.50.
- We **DO** have eftpos at school! Our preference is to make a direct deposit into our bank account. The school account number is 12-3478-0015483-00. If this is not possible for you, eftpos and cash will be fine.
- We are happy to organise drip-feed payments for families as long as we haven't had to chase payments in the past.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2025

Every school must record attendance data and provide it to the Ministry of Education daily from Term 1 2025.

We will be contacting parents as attendance moves through the categories (it doesn't take long to get to the WORRYING stage) to help support whānau to achieve the attendance target.



The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend school regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time. The graphic below shows the attendance categories.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

This year the Board of Trustees has again opted into the Government Donation Scheme. This has been done in an effort to minimize the cost to parents/caregivers/whanau for their children attending school. We will not be asking for parents to contribute financially for school trips that are part of the curriculum programme. There will be occasions where a cost will be required to be paid by parents/whanau (i.e. summer and winter sports teams that are outside the core school curriculum).

SWIMMING LESSONS – STOKES VALLEY POOL

Swimming lessons at Stokes Valley Pool begin from Monday 17th February for children in Years 3-6. The children walk to the pool so will need comfortable walking shoes and will go wet or fine. Please make sure the children come to school with named togs and towels the weeks their class is due to go to the pool. Lessons will be between Monday and Thursday. Please feel free to walk with your child's class to and from the pool if you wish. Swimming times will be published in the next 2 weeks.



SCHOOL POOL

Our school pool will be open for classes to use every day this term. This will supplement the swimming lessons the children receive at Stokes Valley Pool. Classroom teachers will let you know the days they are using the school pool.

SICK CHILDREN

If you are keeping children home, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. If children are feeling unwell, they need to remain at home and parents contact school.

If children display any signs of illness at school we will contact parents/caregivers to come and pick them up along with their siblings.

All children are expected to attend school unless they are unwell.

FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES

We will be taking part in the Ministry of Education Free Lunches in School Programme again this year. Each child will be provided lunch every day of the school year. With the changes the Government has made to how lunches are funded, the delivery model will be different this year. All children, whether they are having a school lunch or bringing their own will be eating lunch in the hall as the lunches will be served rather than packaged up. There are bound to be some changes as we sort out how this will work in practice, but we are pleased to be a part of the programme again. The lunches will be provided from our first day back on Wednesday 29th January.



CAN YOU HELP?

The mornings before school starts are really busy for staff. We have a **Kids Kitchen**, breakfast will be available to children from 8.00-8.30am each day. Help is needed to run this.

We also need people on the **school crossings** to see children over the busy roads safely each morning between 8.00-8.30am.

COMMUNITY TUTOR READING



We are in need of some people to help take Community Tutor Reading again this year. If you can spare an hour and a quarter a week to listen to children read, you will read with five individuals for 15 minutes each, please leave a message for Denise Silk-Martelli and she will get back to you.

Please fill in the form on page 6 of the newsletter if you are prepared to be rostered on to a regular session each week (or team up with another family and take turns).

KCC BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We will be operating KCC before and after school care programmes again this year. If you are interested in using this service on a permanent or casual basis, please contact the school office.

2PM CLUB

All children will need to be booked into 2PM Club by [clicking here](#)

Every Wednesday and Friday we run 2pm Club between 2.00-3.00pm for children whose parents book them in for this service. The cost of 2pm Club is \$2.00/session. This is to cover the cost of supervision during these times.



STUDY CENTRE



If you would like your child to attend Study Centre and they are **Year 4 upwards**, then please fill in the return form on the last page of the newsletter or contact the office for an enrolment form. Sessions run for 1 hour after school finishes Monday-Thursday. This is a free service for our students. We will be starting in week 3 or 4 depending on enrolments.

KORAU VALUES

We will be focusing on our KORAU Values again this year and how these 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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| 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. |



COMMUNICATION

For any questions, worries or concerns parents have about their children's behaviours, learning, social interactions or engagement in school, these need to be directed to the classroom teacher in the first instance. Our teachers are all very approachable and are happy to discuss children with their parents/caregivers/whanau. We have a very clear process that can be viewed on our school website at

<https://koraunui.school.nz/assets/Uploads/BoT/Policies-and-Procedures/Concerns-and-complaints-process-flowchart-v2.png>. This is also available to view in the school office.

HATS



Please make sure your child has a sunhat to keep at school, clearly named, on the hat, so any lost property or ownership disputes can be quickly resolved. Be aware that we will name hats with a marker pen if there is no name evident, so please, no expensive designer hats!



PERSONAL PROPERTY

One of our expectations of all children is that they look after their own belongings. Please help your children learn how to be responsible by checking they are bringing their clothing and lunch boxes etc home every day.

Named clothing really helps.

Regularly checking the abandoned clothing around the school is a good plan to reunite clothing with owners.

ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any children who are starting school this 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.

BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for school costs during the year. If you would like to do this, talk to Melva, Maree or Janice 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.

Keep up to date with photos and information of what is happening around the school and in the classrooms on our Facebook page.



CONTACT DETAILS

If your contact details have changed in the last year please complete the contact details at the bottom of the return form. It is really important that we have accurate and up-to-date contacts for safety and emergencies.

Kia pai te ra kia koutou – have a great week everyone.

Dave Lamont
Principal

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week One

- Monday 27th January: Kahui Ako Staff Only Day at Taita College
- Tuesday 28th January: Staff Only Day at Koraunui Marae
- Wednesday 29th January: SCHOOL STARTS FOR THE YEAR at 8:30am.

Week Two

- Monday 3rd February: Meet the Teacher family BBQ – 5.00pm
- Thursday 6th February: Waitangi Day. **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Week Three

- Wednesday 12th February: Board of Trustees Meeting

Week Four

- Monday 17-20th February: Stokes Valley Swimming lessons begin

Week Five

- Monday 24-27th February: Stokes Valley Pool Swimming lessons continue

RETURN FORMS

Please let the office know if you can help or if there are any changes we need to know about, even if you have filled in only one section.

YES, I CAN HELP!

School crossing: 8.00-8.30: Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

Name: _____ Phone: _____

YES, I CAN HELP!

KIDS KITCHEN BREAKFAST:

8.00-8.30: Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

Name _____ Phone: _____

YES, I CAN HELP!

Community Tutor Reading:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

CONTACT DETAILS

Childs/Children's Name:

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Emergency Contact and Relationship:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Study Support Centre - Registration Form

This form must be printed and completed for each student attending the Study Support Centre in 2025.

- Parent(s) / Caregivers are to complete Sections One, Two and Three.
- Study Support Centres are to complete Sections Four and Five.

SECTION ONE – PARENT / CAREGIVER CONTACT DETAILS

Parent / Caregiver / Other Name		Ethnicities ¹	Gender
			Male Female
Address			
Home Phone number		Mobile Number:	
How would you prefer to be contacted?		Email Address:	

SECTION TWO – STUDENT DETAILS

Name of Child / NSN ²	Male / Female	School Year	Name of School ³ (Primary & Intermediate)	School Report ⁴ [Please circle one for each subject]		
				Reading ⁵	Writing ⁶	Maths ⁷
				Above	Above	Above
				At	At	At
				Below	Below	Below
Student Attendance: [Please indicate which days your child will regularly attend the Study Support Centre during the school term(s).]				Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SECTION THREE – PARENT / CAREGIVER CONSENT

From the date that this form is signed, I:

- **confirm** that I am committed to my child attending the Study Support Centre to the end of the 2025 school year
- **give** permission for my child to be photographed, filmed and videoed or have their image recorded, and that the Ministry of Education may use such imagery on their website and in their publications. I understand I am entitled to request access to such images and to take copies of them at my own cost
- **agree** that the information provided in this document is accurate and correct.

Parent / Caregiver / Other Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	

SECTION FOUR – STUDY SUPPORT CENTRE DETAILS

¹ Ethnicity is the ethnic group or groups that students and their parents/family/whānau identify with or feel they belong to. Ethnicity is self perceived and someone can affiliate to more than one ethnic group.
² National Student's Number (NSN) is a unique identification number given to every student. The NSN makes it easier for the education sector to manage and share information about students in a way that protects their privacy.
³ The name of the school the student is currently enrolled at and attending.
⁴ This information is will be used by the Centre as a guide to see if the rating has improved by the end of the school year
⁵ This 'Reading' information can be found in the student's last school term report and refers to National Standards or Ngā Whanaketanga
⁶ This 'Writing' information can be found in the student's last school Term report and refers to National Standards or Ngā Whanaketanga
⁷ This 'Maths' information can be found in the student's last school Term report and refers to National Standards or Ngā Whanaketanga

Name of Centre:	Koraunui School
Address:	17 Kairimu St
	Stokes Valley 5019
Phone:	04 939 9707

SECTION FIVE – STUDY SUPPORT CENTRE CONSENT

By signing this form, I confirm that this student will be registered to attend this Study Support Centre in 2025 and will receive the educational support as outlined in the 2025 Annual Plan.

Study Support Centre Director Name:	Dave Lamont (Principal)
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Signature:	
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Date:	
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SECTION FIVE – PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information on this form is being collected for the purpose of enrolling your child in a Study Support Centre and providing Study Support Centre services to you and your child. It will also be used for statistical and research purposes. It will be used by the Study Support Centre Supplier and by the Ministry only for these purposes and will not be disclosed to any other person or agency except in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. The information collected will be held by the Study Support Centre listed in Section 4 of this form and you have the right under the Privacy Act to request access to and correction of this information.