



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

NEWSLETTER FOUR, TERM ONE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to Laycie, Micah, Toetu’u, Talanoa, Rocky and their whānau who started at school this week. We look forward to watching them blossom into wonderful KORAU tamariki.



KPG MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Get you tickets for a great movie and great fundraiser for our Kura.

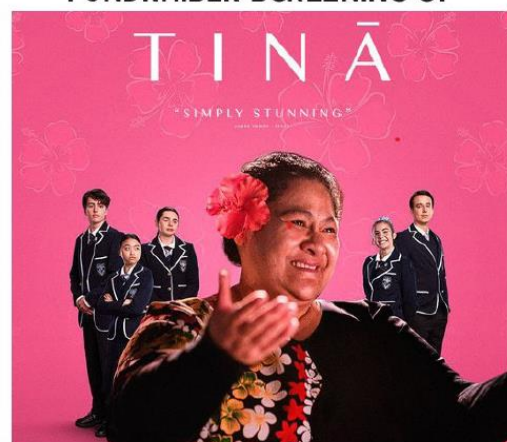
Fond memories of our much missed teacher, Luana Leulua’i, who shockingly died in 2018, aged 37. Luana was hugely loved and respected by her colleagues, the children, their families and the wider community. She was instrumental in creating the Hutt Valley Polyfest (now called HuttFest) and her influence is still evident in our school.

A group of staff movie-goers saw the trailer for this movie a few weeks ago....and we were looking at Luana...her style, her grace, her mischief!

This movie has an M rating

Please support our fundraiser and enjoy sharing ‘Luana’ stories with past and present staff members and families. Tickets can be purchased from the school office (payment with order) with cash, eftpos or bank transfer to Koraunui School Board of Trustees
(your name, ref MOVIE, your phone number)

FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF



(M) VIOLENCE, OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE & SUICIDE REFERENCES

**LIGHT HOUSE PETONE
52 BEACH STREET**

**MONDAY 10TH MARCH 5.45PM
TICKETS \$20**

**A Koraunui School Parents Group fundraiser
to support our tamariki.
Snack pack provided on entry.**



WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week Six

- Monday 3rd March: Movin March begins
- Friday 7th March: School Assembly led by Te Puāwaitanga o te Kākano

Week Eight

- Wednesday 19th March: Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom at 7.00pm

Week Nine

- Tuesday 25th March: RIPPA Rugby SV Tournament Delaney Park – Timings TBC
- Friday 28th March: School Assembly led by Kauri Team
- Friday 28th March: Te Puāwaitanga o te Kākano whānau hui

Week Ten

- Tuesday 1st April: Year 4-6 Te Puāwaitanga o te Kākano Medialab haerenga TBC

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates at school for this week against the Ministry of Education headings. It has been great to see most tamariki at school every day so far this year. It makes such a positive difference to their learning and friendships if they are at school every day.

Ministry Headings	Attendance at school	Percentage students attend school
Regularly attending	90%+	63% of students attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	14% of students attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	2% of students attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	21% of students attended school less than 7/10 days a fortnight

For tamariki who have been chronically absent they will miss 2 ½ weeks of school each term if they continue with this pattern of attendance.

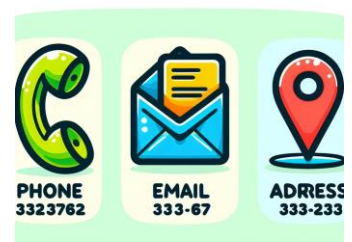
If your child can be at school, please get them here. If you need help of any type, please reach out and ask. We are here to help.

PHOTO PERMISSIONS

We are updating our information about who's photos and work we can publish. Teachers may be in contact about children who we have no information regarding this. Publishing photos and work relates to information we put in our newsletter, on our Facebook page and website.

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.



ROOM 23 GARDENING

Tamariki in Room 23 have been making the most of the great weather, rolling up their sleeves to do some weeding in the gardens at the front of the library so they are ready for planting. It was all hands-on deck! - Ka Pai Room 23!



FETU O LE MOANA NEWS

Tamariki in Room 13 have been using the House of Science kit over the past 2 weeks, learning about tectonic plates and how these impact the Earth. One of the activities was to pull apart 3D globes and work out where each plate goes on a 2D map. There has been lots of learning about New Zealand geology and geography.

Did you know Wellington sits on an active fault line?



FOLM continued their rotations this week. The sports group learnt the art of batting and it looks like we have some aspiring Black Caps amongst them. Thanks again to Jason and Brendan from SV Cricket for helping on these days. Ka rawe!

50 Cent Stalls



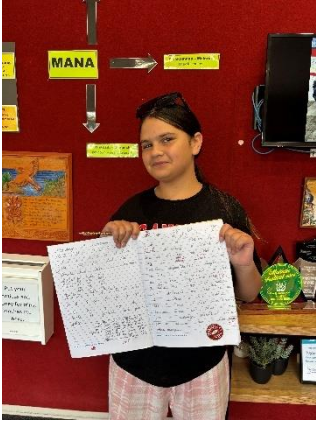
50 cent stalls are run by our Year 6 students as a part of their camp fundraising This will every Friday at morning teatime outside Room 12 and 13. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.



WRITING SUPERSTARS - A Day in the Life of a Volcano

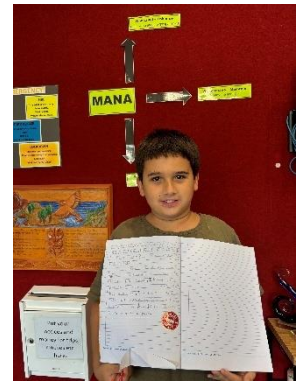
My life is pretty boring, all day I just sit here and talk to myself. I haven't felt happy since I erupted but that was over 6 million years ago. I'm tired of these humans, they build houses on me. I'm a volcano, not a pathetic piece of land. So yeah, that's a day in the life of a volcano.

By Mason



I woke up at 9.30am with tourists walking all around me and on me. Not only that, but they were taking pictures of my lava and magma. "Great" I thought to myself, I just woke up and I'm already angry and annoyed. I haven't felt happy since scientists have discovered me and put me on the news. When the sun started to set, I started to feel sick because someone dropped their phone in me and then suddenly BOOM! Lava exploded out of me and then I fell straight to sleep.

By Aubree

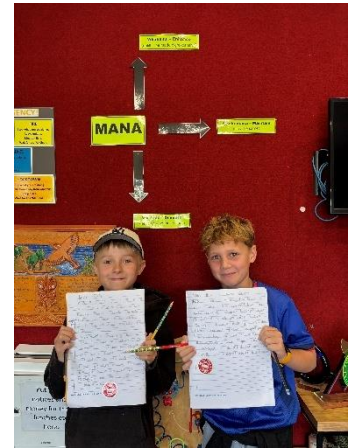


Hello, I'm a volcano, I'm located in a lake called Taupo. I have been waiting thousands of years to explode again. Oh, I forgot to tell you, I'm a super volcano, so I'm a lot bigger and stronger than most volcanoes. I'm powerful enough to destroy my land of Aotearoa. I have erupted before, I destroyed a lot of land and caused chaos. I really hope it doesn't happen again.

By Bodhi

Hi, I'm a volcano. I'm sleeping right now. When it's winter, I'm a ski field. It is winter now so it's very hard to get to sleep because I can feel the people's feet and it is ticklish. Sometimes I get very angry and my head explodes with molten lava, it is very hot. It is very dangerous, and you can die from me. Skiers beware!

By Louis



My Superhero Identity



My Superhero name is The Māori Master.

My costume looks like a kapa haka outfit with a taonga.

My special powers are that I can summon a tiaha or patū out of nowhere. How I became a superhero and got my powers. I went to Waitangi and I discovered a cave where the Māori chiefs hid after signing the Treaty. I found a tiaha that one of the Māori chiefs owned. When I touched it, that was the day I got my powers.

By Tipene

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. If your child is not coming to 2pm you need to contact the office for that specific day. If your child is on the casual list and are attending you also need to let the office know for that day.



MOVIN' MARCH



We're proud to be a Movin' March Kura and from next Monday we're looking forward to seeing whānau and students walking or wheeling to or from school. Walking, biking, and scooting is a great way to improve well-being, kick start learning for the day, and it's also great for the planet!

If your family lives too far away, why not park a short distance away from the school gate and walk or wheel the rest of the way? Park & Stride, try parking by the school crossing, next to the pou on Kennedy Grove or the pou on Stokes Valley Road then walk or wheel the rest of the way to Kura.



Stokes Valley Road Pou



Kennedy Grove Pou



Tamariki in Room 9 have been making some posters to promote Movin' March around the school



HEALTHY ACTIVE LEARNING SURVEY



An active Wellington region

The survey is for whānau members of all learners and can be accessed [HERE](#)

Below is a survey from Massey University and Nuku Ora Sports Wellington. This survey has been developed to identify how important being active and healthy is to you and your whānau. Lots of prizes and giveaways are up for grabs if you complete this, including a \$100.00 New World voucher.

HATS & WATER BOTTLES



It is fantastic to see so many children with hats on as we begin the new school year. Please make sure your child has a **sunhat to keep at school, clearly named** on the hat so any ownership disputes can be quickly resolved. We encourage children to bring **named water bottles** with them to help keep them hydrated during the day.

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD



The triennial election for parent representatives for the school board is taking pace again this September. This is an opportunity for parents to become involved in school life as a governance level. Our board needs 5 parent representatives to work alongside 1 staff representative and Dave as Principal. If you are interested in finding out more about what is involved with being on our school board please contact Dave, Spencer (our Presiding Member) or any board members, our email addresses are at the top of the newsletter.

You can also visit the school trustee election website [HERE](#) and watch a video that was made in 2022 for the last election <https://vimeo.com/722037996> that features Rachel our former board chairperson.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY DOCUMENTATION



Koraunui School

As a part of this term policy review, our Board of Trustees is seeking parent and school community input about **Health, Safety, and**

Welfare Policy, Safety Management System, Risk Management, Worker Engagement, Participation, and Representation, Healthcare, Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness.

Instructions for parents to access policy review.

1. Visit the website <https://koraunui.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (koraunui) and password (koraunui).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

In the coming weeks we will be reviewing the membership of our Facebook page. Our page is intended for families and whanau with a direct connection to Koraunui School through children who currently attend our school. For whānau of children who have left, we will remove them from the page. We thank everyone who has supported our school over the years and used Facebook as a means of communicating, supporting our school and sharing stories about their children. Remember to keep up to date with what we are up to via our school website.

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

Ngā mihi,

Dave Lamont
Principal