



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

NEWSLETTER NINE, TERM ONE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to Ruana and her whānau who joined our school community this week.



WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week Ten

- Friday 4th April: Duffy Role Model Assembly: whole school 9.30am

Week Eleven

- Tuesday 8th April: Pyjama Day – see poster at the end of the newsletter
- Friday 11th April: Final assembly for the term
- Friday 11th April: Term 1 ends today

Term 2

- Monday 28th April: Start of Term 2 – School starts at 8.30am

SCHOOL POOL

The good weather is continuing, and our school pool is still open for classes to use. We aim to keep it open until the end of the term. Please remind your tamariki to bring their named togs and towels every day.

Our pool is a great asset and we need to make the most of it while it is open.



SCHOOL POOL KEY HOLDERS

Can all parents/whānau who still have a school pool key please return these to the office before the end of next week as the pool will be closed for Term 2 & 3. We will issue keys to parents/whānau again in Term 4.



KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME APRIL 2025

Last chance to enroll – enrolments close tomorrow Friday 4th April

Due to Easter and ANZAC day falling during the school April holiday break, KCC will only be running in the first week between **Monday 14 to Thursday 17 April**. Check out details for the programme below and [if you would like to make a booking fill in and return the request to enrol form to the Koraunui School office by Friday 4th April.](#)

Please contact the office to book your children into the holiday programme. The [online form](#) is also available.

Once we have your request to enrol form, you are liable for the charges whether your child attends or not.

Monday 14 April
Collage Art



Tuesday 15 April
Straw Art



Wednesday 16 April
Pizza making/Sports Day



Thursday 17 April
Easter Activities



Friday 18 April

Closed

Please note: 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.

Koraunui Kids Care Holiday Programme – Request to Enrol

Please note enrolment confirmation will be sent home on receipt of this form or the [online version](#).

Parent Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

April	7am–8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5:45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 14	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Tuesday 15	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Wednesday 16	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Thursday 17	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Friday 18						
Total						

Please fill in spaces for sessions you would like your child to attend and return this booking form to the school office by Friday 4th April.

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%+	67% 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%	1% of students attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	18% 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.

THE RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT AWARD PRESENTATION

At assembly last Friday Jamie, Gina, Miri and Aaron from Rugby Code and Stokes Valley Rugby, presented tamariki who took part in the Rippa Rugby day last week the Pita Whānau Award for sportsmanship and attitude. Our tamariki were amazing during the day and displayed sportsmanship and exemplified the values of fairness, respect, and encouragement, both on and off the field.

We are the first recipients of this award and it is even more special with Jamie being a former Stokes Valley School student and Jamie and Gina being a part of our school community. Thank you to Tipene for accepting the award on behalf of our tamariki.



DUFFY BOOK ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

We are holding a Duffy Role Model Assembly at 9.30am tomorrow in the school hall. We are super lucky to have former Silver Fern and General Manager of Duffy Books, Linda Vagana coming into Kura tomorrow to share her story and love for reading with the tamariki. We are grateful to the support of the Juno family and other supporters who through their generosity we are able to be a part of the Duffy Books programme.



FANCY FEET DAY

As a way of celebrating the end of Movin' March, we held a **Fancy Feet Day** last Friday. It was fantastic to see so many tamariki and staff join in for a bit of fun. We have some very creative people at our Kura.



CAPITAL E - ONTV & MEDIA LAB EXPERIENCE

On Tuesday tamariki from Rooms 9 and 7 went to Capital E to learn about what goes into making a TV news show. They got to work with a fun script, "Once Upon a Crime" where they produced a show featuring crime stories, gossip, and scandal based on popular folktales. This was an amazing experience for them where they all got to learn about and take on roles to create a news show. The video they created can be viewed [HERE](#)



Pyjama Day



We are having a **Pyjama Day on Tuesday 8th April** as a bit of fun to celebrate a busy team where everyone has been working hard and putting their best effort into their mahi and friendships. We are asking everyone in PJ's to bring along a gold coin and we will add this to the fundraising our wonderful KPG group are doing for some new playground equipment for our tamariki.

ROOM 12 PERSUASIVE WRITING

This week tamariki in Room 12 have been learning about persuasive writing and I had 4 very keen writers visit me to share their thoughts about why we should keep the school pool open all year.

Below are their arguments for this.

To Mr Lamont

Can you please open the school pool for the whole year?

Because it is very hot outside and the pool is cold. The pool helps us learn to swim so when we go to the beach and sea we can go in the water.

The pool helps us to be brave.

The pool is safer than the sea.

I hope you consider opening the pool

By Tema

To Mr Lamont

Can you please open the school pool, because we need to be kind to children and we also need to learn to swim.

By Lucas

To Mr Lamont

Can you please open the school pool for the whole year from now on? I think the pool is really fun and other people do too. The pool also helps us kids learn to swim, we can learn to do things like backstroke, star float and freestyle.

It might help us improve our KORAU values as well.

Also, what's the point of the heater if we're not going to use the pool in winter.

So, I hope you can consider opening the school pool. Have a good day Mr. Lamont

By Hunter

To Mr Lamont

Can you please open the school pool for the whole year?

We will bring our swimming togs everyday.

The pool helps us swim.

We won't stay by the stairs in case someone gets hurt.

We will take care of the swimming equipment.

The swimming pool is fun and we would be grateful.

By Kayja



50 Cent Stalls



50 cent stalls are run by our Year 6 students as a part of their camp fundraising This will be 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.



●NETBALL 2025 ●Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Registrations for the 2025 netball season need to be completed by Wednesday 9th April. Games are Saturday mornings at Heretaunga College, starting May 10th and the last game is August 23rd. The cost is \$50 per player.

If your child is interested please complete the below form. As always, we will also need coaches and umpires so also comment if you can help with that. We will then send out a notice with more information by the end of the term.

[Kōraunui Netball Registration 2025](#)

If your child is Year 2 and interested please also complete the form, but Year 2s will be confirmed depending on numbers.

Any questions feel free to email me or Mr G.

Ngā mihi,

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PHOTO PERMISSIONS

We are updating our information about whose 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.

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.

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.



SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Remember to keep up to date with what we are up to via our school website.

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FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD



The triennial election for parent representatives for the school board is taking place again this September. This is an opportunity for parents to become involved in school life at 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.

PLAYGROUND MATTING

Over the April holiday break, we are having the matting under the playground outside Kowahi Block replaced. The current rubber tiles will be available to parents and whānau who would like to take some for their homes **from Wednesday 9th April.** We will close this playground during this time for health and safety. If you would like to take some of the rubber tiles please check in with the office first (**from Wednesday 9th April.**)

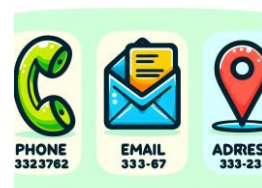
BANK ACCOUNTS

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

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.



Ngā mihi,
Dave Lamont, Principal

STOKES VALLEY SCOUT FUNDRAISER

The Stokes Valley Scouts are running a fundraising movie night to help the Scouts head away to Jamboree next year. For tickets, please email Rebecca Howard rebecca.howard2011@gmail.com

