



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

NEWSLETTER THREE, TERM ONE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to Isreal, Zaqoiya and their whānau who started at school last. We look forward to watching them blossom into wonderful KORAU tamariki. We are delighted to welcome Whaea Jenny to our staff and school community and it was nice to welcome her and new whānau with a mihi whakatau on Monday. Whaea Jenny is teaching Room 7 and it has been great to see how tamariki have been helping her settle into the classroom space our school this week



KPG MOVING NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Please see the last page of the newsletter for details.

WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week Four

- Monday 17-20th February: Stokes Valley Swimming lessons begin – Class timetables are on the next page

Week Five

- Monday 24-27th February: Stokes Valley Pool Swimming lessons – Class timetables are below

Week Six

- Monday 3rd March: Movin March begins
- Wednesday 5th March: Taka Trust Bike Day at Avalon Park – TBC
- Friday 7th March: School Assembly led by Te Puāwaitanga o te Kākano

Week Eight

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

Week Nine

- Tuesday 25 March: RIPPAs Rugby SV Tournament Delaney Park – Timings TBC

SWIMMING LESSONS AT STOKES VALLEY POOL (this week and next week)

This week we began swimming lessons at Stokes Valley Pool, these take place from Monday to Thursday. Please make sure tamariki bring their togs every day and have suitable footwear, hats and clothing as they will be walking to and from the pool each day.

The daily timetable is below

10am - Room 23 & Room 7	10.30am - Room 10 & Room 14
11.00am - Room 9 & Room 15	11.30am - Room 13 & Room 12
12.00pm - Room 4	



KIDSCAN JACKETS

As the weather has taken a turn, this week we are handing out rain jackets that we have received from KidsCan. Every child will receive a jacket and will be responsible for it. Jackets will be named for easy identification.

These are really good, lined and warm jackets. Please help your children look after theirs as they will be really useful during the autumn and winter months.

We have had to order some more small jackets for tamariki in Rooms 23 & 4. We are hoping these will arrive in about 2 weeks.



ROOM 9 MANA POTENTIAL

Through the Mana Potential approach, we aim to uplift the mana of tamariki and each other, focus of the strengths each other have, incorporating our KORAU values building positive relationships. Part of the process is for everyone within Kōraunui School to complete a Tuku Iho diagram. This shows our connections to whānau/family, those who have come before us, groups we have a belonging to and our school.

Tamariki in Room 9 have been working on their Tuku Iho and sharing these.



FETU O LE MOANA NEWS

This week tamariki have continued learning new skills during their learning options. On Tuesday afternoon we were fortunate enough to have Jason Scanlon (a former student) and Brendan Wood from Stokes Valley Cricket to teach cricket fundamental skills to a group of tamariki.

The FOLM band is forming and the tamariki are starting to get going with their instruments.

The visual art group are experimenting with different art styles and using different equipment to create some interesting art works.



ROOM 12 SWIMMING LESSONS

Room 12 along with the rest of the school have been having a great time taking part in the swimming lessons at Stokes Valley Pool this week. They are challenging themselves to become better swimmers and practice the new skills they are learning from the instructors.



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%+	66% of students attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	2% of students attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	16% of students attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	16% 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.

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.



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.



HEALTHY ACTIVE LEARNING SURVEY



An active Wellington region

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.

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

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.

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.

MOVIN' MARCH



We're proud to be a Movin' March Kura and next month 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

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.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

facebook

In the coming weeks we will be reviewing the membership of our Facebook page. Our page is intended for families and whānau 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

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.**

**LIGHT
HOUSE
CINEMA**