



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

NEWSLETTER EIGHT, TERM THREE

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MAURI, KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

We welcome Travis and his whānau who joined us at school this week.



WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week 9

- Papua New Guinea Language Week
- Friday 12th September: Duffy Role Model Assembly. 11.00am in the hall

Week 10

- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
- Monday 15 September: Year 6 parent camp meeting 5.30pm in the staffroom
- Thursday 18 September: Assembly hosted by Te Puawaitanga o te Kakano at 9.00am
- Friday 19 September: School Photos in the hall from 8:45am
- Friday 19 September: End of Term 3. **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.00PM**

PAPUA NEW GUINEA LANGUAGE WEEK



The 2025 theme for Papua New Guinea Pidgin Language Week is 'Lukautim, strongim na kirapim tokples na pasin blo tubuna - Preserve, revitalise and promote our language and culture'.

This week we raised the flag for Papua New Guinea Language Week. Tamariki have been celebrating Papua New Guinea Language Week with a range of activities to help everyone learn more about Papua New Guinean culture.



SCHOOL PHOTOS



School photos will take place next **Friday 19 September.**

Order envelopes were sent home with all students to give to their parents/whānau earlier this term. The information for how to order photos is on the envelope.



Here is the link for pre-ordering photos on LC Scott's website, you have the option to pre-order photos online - <https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=E5GBBTCV>

Please note that family photos must be pre-ordered before photo day to ensure the photo is taken.

Please contact the school office if you have any difficulty with ordering photos or if you need more information about school photos.

KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Information about the KCC holiday programme for the September/October holiday break is available on our school Facebook page, has been emailed to parents and is outlined below. Please contact the office for an Expression of Interest form or [complete it here](#). **All bookings need to be into the office by Tuesday 16 September so we can confirm programmes and staffing.**

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday Programme September 2025

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday programme will be operating from Monday 22 September to Friday 3 October during the upcoming school holidays.

Check out details for the programme below and **if would like to make a booking fill in and return the request to enrol form to the Koraunui School office by Tuesday 16 September.** We will then send you an enrolment form confirming your child(ren's) place. If you require financial assistance, please contact WINZ for information on a subsidy, or a form may be requested from the school office.

Once we have your request to enrol form, you are liable for the charges whether your child attends or not, unless notification of cancellation is received by Thursday 18th September.

Monday 22 Sept Rice Art 	Tuesday 23 Sept Customised Bags 	Wed 24 Sept Cardboard Castles 	Thursday 25 Sept Sand Bottles/Mosaics 	Friday 26 Sept Sun Catchers
Monday 29 Sept Galaxy Jars 	Tuesday 30 Sept Night Lights 	Wed 1 Oct Canvas Art 	Thursday 2 Oct Design your own Mug 	Friday 3 Oct Movie/PJ Day

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.

POOL KEYS AND COMMITTEE

We are getting prepared to hire pool keys to members of our school community again in Term 4 this year. We need some parents to set up a committee to help spread the workload, carry out pool testing (training will be provided) and keep an eye on the condition of the pool and surrounding area.

WITHOUT A POOL COMMITTEE WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HIRE OUT KEYS.

This will involve weekend and holiday break checks.

Parents on the Pool Committee will be provided a pool key free of charge for the swimming season to acknowledge their service to the school. If you would like to find out more about the pool committee or would like to volunteer, please contact Dave Lamont at school or email on office@koraunui.school.nz



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates for last week against the Ministry of Education headings. It makes such a positive difference to learning and friendships if tamariki are at school every day.

Ministry Headings	Attendance at school	Percentage students attend school
Regularly attending	90%+	59% of students attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	6% of students attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	17% 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.

IMPORTANT: YEAR 6 CAMP HUI

We ask that Parents of our Year 6 tamariki please come along with your Year 6 child to our Makahika Camp Hui at 5.30pm in the staffroom on Monday 15th September. This is an important meeting to share details about the Year 6 Camp taking place in Term 4 from Tuesday 18th November to Friday 21st November.



50 Cent Stalls



From Friday 12th September (this Friday) only Year 5 tamariki will be selling at 50 cent stalls.

This will help them get a head start on fundraising for their Year 6 camp in 2026. This will be every Friday at morning teatime outside Room 12 and 13. If wet this will be on the Kowhai Block deck. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.



BUDDY CLASSES LEARNING TOGETHER

Room 13 and 14 have been showing their KORAU values by buddying up with Room 1 and Room 23. Here are some photos of the tamariki working together and showing tuakana/Teina.



CRICKET SESSIONS

Rooms 12 and 15 had a wicked time playing cricket this week thanks to the Stokes Valley Cricket Club. They took part in some fun drills and played non-stop cricket. If your tamariki want to join in on the fun, sign-ups are this weekend, starting at 10.00am at 319 George Street. There's even a free sausage sizzle!



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SCHOOL KAPAHAKA

Kapahaka is in full swing Monday afternoons. Thanks to Whaea Jenny and Whaea Liz for getting this up and running. Even the kaiako are giving the rakau a go, ka rawe



LOCKY DOCK E-BIKE STATIONS

On Wednesday some of our Year 6 tamariki biked down to the Koraunui Community Hub with Patrick and Daniel from Pedal Ready to join in with the Mayor Campbell Barry to open up new charging stations for e-bikes. This is a wonderful initiative that supports e-bike riders in the valley. Ka rawe koutou.

If you are interested, more information about Locky Dock can be found [HERE](#)



ROOM 9 WRITING

HOW TO PLANT LIKE A NINJA

STEP 1: Introduce yourself to the plant.

STEP 2: Dig a hole big enough to put a plant in.

STEP 3: Tickle the roots around the dirt to loosen the roots.

STEP 4: Place the plant into the hole. An idea is to put water into the hole first.

STEP 5: Put all the dirt back around the plant and then flatten it so the plant is secure.

Nā Richie

MAKING PIKLETS

How Sweet!

I loved the piklets that needed eggs, sugar, miraka, 3 cups of flour, 3 teaspoons of B.P. and more miraka.

This is how I cooked my piklets. I made a M. It tasted like gold!

WHO IS RAHI OF KI-O-RAHI?

Rahi was a great warrior, and he save his wife from the ferries because they were trying to kidnap her.

The ferries tried a spell to make a forest, another sun and a giant lizard that dug a trench and threw boulders at him.

CHOP! CHOP!

Today, we planted like ninja's

STEP 1: Introduce yourself to the tree.

STEP 2: Tai-Chi.

STEP 3: Dig a hole.

STEP 4: Take the tree out of the pot and tickle the roots.

STEP 5: Karate chop hands.

STEP 6: Do the around the tree shuffle around the tree.

See, that is how to plant like a ninja!

By Matilda

Today, (2nd September 2025,) I planted like a ninja. I liked digging the holes because I like helping people.

Nā Abel

PLANTING LIKE A NINJA

Today, we planted like ninja's!

We dug a hole with a shovel, but before we did, we introduced ourselves to the tree. After digging the hole, we tickled the roots and then put the plant in the hole.

The kids put water onto the plant.

We stomped around the plant, but not on the plant because the plant won't grow at all!

It was fun and I got muddy. My shoes were dirty, but it was awesome!

I was buddies with Abel.

Nā Blais-Lee

DIDN'T PLANT LIKE A NINJA!

Today me and my class planted trees.

I went to the toilet, and I lost my class... I was sad... But I found them in time by the garden shed.

I didn't plant like a ninja because I didn't want to get my hands dirty. I did some ninja things... I tickled the tree (roots) and I did the dance around the tree.

I liked it when Zion helped me and Milaani dig.

Nā Audrey

Rahi was in love with a lady.

The lizard attacked Rahi.

Nā Ky-Mani

KORAUNUI's GOT TALENT SHOW – FINAL PERFORMANCES!

The finals of the talent show were held today, and this was another great success with a wide range of talent and skills on display. The judges had a tough time deciding on winners. It has been fantastic to see so many tamariki giving this a go and sharing their skills and talents with us.

We would like to say a huge thanks to Mrs McLeod for organising this event for our tamariki.



Congratulations to Tiaki, Meci, Cobain, Helaina, Eyt, Tema, Bella, Mabel, Orlenzo and his backup dancers, Hope, Ariya and Koha for their performances. The judges had such a difficult time choosing on overall winner.

Congratulations to Cobain who was awarded overall winner of this years Talent Show. Everyone was blown away by his dance.

We were all treated to a couple of songs from Matua Tim, Tina and Blair while the judges were making their decisions.

This was a great celebration of talent and we look forward to next year's event.



SCHOOL INVOICES

Thank you to all families who make regular payments and who contact us about outstanding payments for school and sporting activities. If you haven't done so already, we ask that outstanding debts are either paid in full or regular part payments are made to clear amounts owing as soon as possible.



If invoices go unpaid, even the \$5.00 that we ask for stationery and tissues, we will find it difficult to continue providing stationery, entering sports teams and providing KCC and 2 PM Club.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL – DRIVE SAFELY

We have noticed a number of dangerous driving behaviours such as

- Driving up onto the berm to do a U-turn or drop
- people doing U-turns on the road around the road patrols,
- using driveways to park in to collect children
- driving fast around the road patrols and school



These are all **dangerous behaviours that are putting children and pedestrians at risk.**

Please drive responsibly around the school and if needed, park up the road or on Montgomery Street and walk up to school to collect your children.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

Remember to keep up to date with what we are up to via our [school facebook group](#) and [website](#).

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LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be laid out at the school entrance through until the end of term. We are amazed at how much lost property there is collected up each week from around the school. Please have a look and see if any of the clothing belongs to your tamariki.

PARENT CAREGIVER APP

The caregiver app is coming to our school soon. Please email the school on

office@koraunui.school.nz to let us know **if you do not** wish your child's information to be available on the caregiver app for your family or if you have more questions.

We are planning on the app being a one stop shop where we can share information about our school, and to make communication between home and school easier for everyone using the app.

We will let you know when the app is ready for school use.



Designed to make communication between home and school easier for families, the @school Caregiver App is part of your school's student management system, eTAP. What you see reflects real-time, secure data on your child and school, ad-free, connected and easy to use.

@school Caregiver App

SIMPLE, SECURE AND DIRECT CONNECTION WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL AND LEARNING



ALL YOU NEED IN ONE APP

@school gives you a private, real-time view of your child's school information.

- Easy to access
- Free to use
- No ads
- Only see what you need about your own child and school
- Password protected and secure
- Customised by your school to suit your community

FEATURES FOR FAMILIES

Your school chooses which features to enable. Common features include:

- Notify school of lateness or absences and see attendance info
- Read and sign Permission slips
- Get notified of sickbay entries when they happen
- Book interview times
- Update personal information
- Read notices and newsletters
- Message the teacher or office directly
- Access reports,
- View financial transactions and receipts
- See all your children in one app without switching accounts, even from multiple eTAP schools.

HOW TO GET STARTED:

After you receive your username and password: Download **eTAP @school** from your app store or use securely on any device through your browser on <https://www.atschool.co.nz/app/login>. Follow the login instructions provided by your school.

TOYS

We ask that parents please remind their children that they are not to bring their toys to school. Toys coming to school can cause unneeded disruption both in class and in the playground. The only time it will be okay for toys to come to school will be if your child's teacher informs you this is okay.



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.



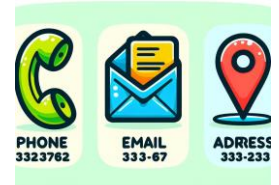
BANK ACCOUNTS

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

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ORGANIC COMPOST

St Joseph's Scout Group Fundraiser

\$10.00 - 40L bags

Delivered from 12/10/25

Back by popular demand - we've done a deal with a "top shelf" supplier of certified organic garden compost to give you a great product at a great price this spring.

We are getting it delivered in bulk, the scouts are adding their labour to fill 40L bags and we'll deliver to your door.

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