



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

NEWSLETTER SIX, TERM THREE

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MAURI, KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

We welcome Benjamin, Zane, Meaaroa, Oscar, Mose, Pahi and their whānau who have joined our school over the past two weeks.



WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week 7

- Friday 29 August: Daffodil Day Fun Run fundraiser

Week 8

- New Zealand Chinese Language Week
- Wednesday 3 September: School Board meeting 7.00pm in the staffroom

Week 9

- Papua New Guinea Language Week

Week 10

- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori Week
- Monday 15 September: Year 6 parent camp meeting 5.30pm in the staffroom
- Friday 19 September: Assembly hosted by Te Puawaitanga o te Kakano at 9.00am
- Friday 19 September: End of Term 3

PAID UNION TEACHER MEETING

We would like to thank everyone for supporting our staff to attend the paid union meeting last week along with union members from other schools around Lower Hutt last Wednesday. Following on from the paid union meetings around the country last week, support staff, teachers and principals are now deciding on next steps for the negotiations for collective agreements.

As we receive more information we will share this with everyone.

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 you 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



Due to a lot of illness recently we postponed the school photos until **Friday 19 September**. 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.

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%+	51% of students attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	9% of students attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	18% 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.

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



NUKU ORA SESSIONS

We have been lucky enough to have Georgia and Te Rua from Nuku ora in over the last few weeks teaching our juniors fundamental skills and seniors Ki - o - Rahi. Ka rawe koutou.



KAURI TRIP TO TEPAPA

Recently, the Kauri team ventured into Te Papa to learn all about the early Pacific Voyagers and explore Te Papa. Below is some information about what Room 23 got up to at Te Papa.

The Squid

Room 23 saw the Colossal Squid during our recent visits to Te Papa. We were intrigued by the sheer size of it and had many questions. This prompted us to learn more about this amazing creature.

Room 23 dissected a squid in class. It was by no means the size of Colossal Squid at Te Papa, but the class were engaged and enjoyed the experience.

Here are a couple of fun facts that we found out:

- **They're Masters of Disguise**

Squid can change their skin colour to hide from other animals.

- **They Have Many Arms**

Squid have ten arms – eight short arms and two longer ones with suckers that help them grab their food.

- **They Have Big Eyes**

Many squid have huge eyes, some of the largest in the whole animal kingdom, to help them see in the deep, dark ocean.

- **They Make Ink**

- If a squid feels scared, it can spray a cloud of ink to hide and get away from a predator.



FETU O LE MOANA VISIT TE PAPA

On Monday 25th August, Fetu o le Moana (Rooms 12, 13, 14, and 15) had an exciting and enriching visit to Te Papa. The focus of the trip was on navigation and the early explorers to Aotearoa, with a special emphasis on Pacific and Te Ao Māori navigators. Tamariki engaged thoughtfully with the exhibits, deepening their understanding of the incredible journeys and knowledge systems of our ancestors. The weather was stunning, adding to the enjoyment of the day, and our tamariki displayed our KORAU values with pride and excellence throughout. Ka rawe, Fetu o le Moana!



Best trip ever!

On Monday, FOLM went on the bus to Te Papa to learn about navigation. My class (Room 14) was lucky because we had a special session with a tour guide, and then we went into a classroom to learn about 3D modelling. We used an app called Tinkercad to design a waka hourua. This was the traditional type of boat used by Pacific navigators to explore the Pacific Ocean. It was interesting because we used our ideas to create our own 3D design. After that, we explored the museum. We went to Bush City, then the Earthquake House, and we even saw the giant squid! The squid looked like it was smiling. Thank you to the educators from Te Papa and to the teachers for organising the trip.

By Meci

ROOM 9 WRITING

Kupe and Te Wheke

Kupe is from Hawaiiki he went fishing, but there was no fish in his net. Finally, he found the problem. Later that day, he went to his wife, Hine Te Aparangi. “It’s an octopus”! said Hine Te Aparangi. “Who keeps a giant octopus, as a pet”?

“Mukurangi”! growled Kupe.

“Will he tell his wheke to stop coming to our side of the island”? Hine Te Aparangi said.

“Well, what do you think”? roared Mukurangi. “He does as he likes and no complaints”!

“Well, I’m just going to have to kill him”! said Kupe.

“But he will *kill* you first”! smirked Mukurangi.

So Kupe went home and told his wife what had happened.

“We’ll take the waka.” Said Hine Te Aparangi.

The waka was set up and they had lots of food and lots of drinking water.

Kupe asked some warriors to join them. Then they set sail. They dropped the fishing bait, they thought the octopus would go for the bait. Unfortunately, it went for the waka instead!

Kupe smashed the middle of the head and Te Wheke let go of the waka, he swam away. Kupe did a spell so Te Wheke couldn’t dive in the water. He tracked him on the Pacific Ocean. Suddenly, the octopus snatched the waka. Next, Kupe grabbed some calabashes and threw them in the ocean. Te Wheke went after the calabashes. Te Wheke went to the surface, Kupe went to the side and hit Te Wheke in the middle of the eye. Te Wheke fell unconscious and finally he was no longer alive!.

Nā Ahurei

Kupe and Te Wheke

“Get me the paddle there is a giant wheke.” Kupe is in a waka in the sea.

The wheke is trying to break the waka.

Kupe is one of the best of their fishermen.

Their problem was the wheke was too quick to catch.

Kupe feels nervous to catch a giant wheke. Kupe threw calabashes into the sea.

The wheke grabbed the calabashes, then Kupe kneeled to the side, then he bashed the wheke on the nose.

Then they ate the wheke.

Then Kupe stayed at Aotearoa to look for animals and people. He then sailed to Hawaiiki.

Nā Indiana

Kupe and Te Wheke

Once I was fishing but after ten minutes I had caught nothing. I knew that Muturangi had something to do with this. He has a pet octopus known as wheke.

I sailed over to the east side to talk to Muturangi. “No!”

Muturangi said, “If I catch wheke then I’ll have no food”. “Fine”, Kupe said, “I will kill him myself”.

I made a crew: three warriors, my wife, my kids and my dog. We sailed for a long time, until my dog barked and then we knew, we found the wheke.

We chased the wheke for a while until my wife Hine-Te-Aparangi saw a long white cloud. Then we got closer until we saw land. I realized the wheke had headed south, so I followed him.

Then he jumped in a mysterious cave, so I waited for him not noticing he escaped at night time.

Then I chased the wheke and lost him but there was a vibration. Then he attacked me. I hit him back with my patū, cutting off three of his tentacles. Then he pushed me over.

I was so mad. I hit him with my most powerful strike that ended up killing him.

Nā Tipene

Kupe and Te Wheke by Eliana

Kupe was on the beach he was feeling angry, their fishing lines were empty again.

His nets and hooks were covered by a sticky kind of slime that was made by....”an octopus”! said Hine Te Aparangi. “Who would have a big octopus”? she asked.

“Muturangi”! Kupe answered.

The next day Kupe was going to confront Muturangi about his pet octopus. Kupe told Muturangi to tell his pet to stop eating their fishing lines. Muturangi disagreed because instead he might just starve.

Kupe said “I’ll just have to kill Te Wheke.”

Muturangi replied, “Okay, but I bet Te Wheke *kills* you first!”

Kupe, his family and the warriors took a big waka and filled it with food and fresh water in the calabashes. They dropped their fishing lines to lure Te Wheke. Instead of going for the bait he went for the waka. Te Wheke pulled hard, almost everyone fell off!

Kupe hacked at the tentacles with his mere and he chanted an incantation so that Te Wheke wouldn’t dive.

Hine Te Aparangi saw a long white cloud and said, “It must be land”! and it was. They wanted to explore but Te Wheke was still on the loose.

Night fell and Te Wheke sneaked out of the cave and he ran away.

Kupe noticed and followed Te Wheke. Kupe cornered Te Wheke and smashed the mere right between the octopus’ eyes.

Finally, Te Wheke was dead.

MOURI TUPU TREE PLANTING

Over the past week tamariki have been planting some of the plants gifted to us by the Hutt City Council as a part of the Mouri Tupu campaign to plant 114,000 native trees and plants Lower Hutt region (one for every person in Lower Hutt).

We have been adding to the plants that we already have on our bank at school and look forward to nurturing these as they grow. It has been great to see tamariki being so enthusiastic about joining in with this initiative. Thanks to our new board member Jack, and Michelle, from EnviroSchool for coming to help out.



KORAUNUI SCHOOL TALENT SHOW!

The first heat for the talent show held on Tuesday was a great success and there was a wide range of talent and skills on display. It has been wonderful to see so many tamariki practicing for their performances and entering the talent show.



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.

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.



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. 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.



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.

DAFFODIL DAY FUNDRAISER – FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

On **Friday 29th August**, we will be supporting **Daffodil Day** – a special day to raise awareness and funds for the **Cancer Society**, who provide vital support for those affected by cancer and help fund life-saving research. This is a chance for our tamariki to give back and show aroha to others in our wider community.



 **WEAR YELLOW!**

We encourage everyone to wear yellow to school to show their support and brighten up our kura!

MOVING FOR A CAUSE – from 10.30am

After morning tea at **10.30am**, tamariki will be taking part in our **sponsored walk/run/skip/dance around the scooter track.**

- **Year 1–2 students** will be moving for **30 minutes from 10.45-11.15**
- **Year 3–6 students** will be moving for **1 hour from 11.30-12.30**

We invite whānau and supporters to donate directly through our school's fundraising page:

 <https://daffodilday.org.nz/t/koraunui-school>

YEAR 6 RUNATHON

Our Year 6's will be doing their Runathon during this time. **Instead of raising funds for Daffodil Day the Year 6's will be using their sponsor sheet to raise money for Year 6 Camp.**

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

A sweatshirt has been taken from lost property that has a picture of a capybara on it. The person who owns this sweatshirt has been looking for it. Please have a look and see if it has arrived at your house can you please return it to the school office.

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.



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 **Child Protection, Abuse Recognition and Reporting, Food and Nutrition, Safety Checking, Police Vetting, Missing Student Procedure.**

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. **Please complete before Friday 29th August.**

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.



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Ngā mihi,

Dave Lamont, Principal



DAFFODIL DAY

YEAR 6'S WILL
BE HAVING
50 CENT STALLS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND
JUICIES FOR SALE
\$2 EACH

KIDS WILL BE
RUNNING FOR
A CAUSE FROM
10.30AM
ALL WELCOME

DONATE AT:

[https://fundraise.
daffodilday.org.nz/
t/koraunui-school](https://fundraise.daffodilday.org.nz/t/koraunui-school)

**Friday 29th
August**