



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

NEWSLETTER ONE, TERM FOUR

Friday 10th October 2025

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, MĀLŌ E LELEI, AND WELCOME

Welcome to Josaia, Idris, Jayu and Taimana who and their whanau who joined our Kura this week.



Welcome back to the new term. We hope that everyone had a good break and managed to recharge for the term ahead. We have another fun filled and busy term ahead with a wide variety of learning experiences planned for the children during the term. As we focus on the learning needs of tamariki, we encourage parents/whanau to be actively involved in their learning and strengthen the home/school communication. We are looking forward to some good weather as the term progresses so we can all get outside in the fresh air. 😊

NZEI SCHOOL STRIKE

A nationwide school strike is planned for Thursday 23 October. If this is confirmed, our school will be closed on this day. We are waiting for confirmation if the strike is taking place and expect to get this later next week or early the following week. Once we have this, we will share information with everyone.

TERM 4 STAFF ONLY DAY

Friday 24th October. School and KCC will be closed on this day so we can take part in whole staff curriculum professional development. This is the second of the Ministry of Education teacher only days provided to us this year so we can spend time focusing on the changes to the curriculum and do some work around what these changes mean for us at our Kura.

MATHS AND LITERACY "HAVE A GO" EVENING

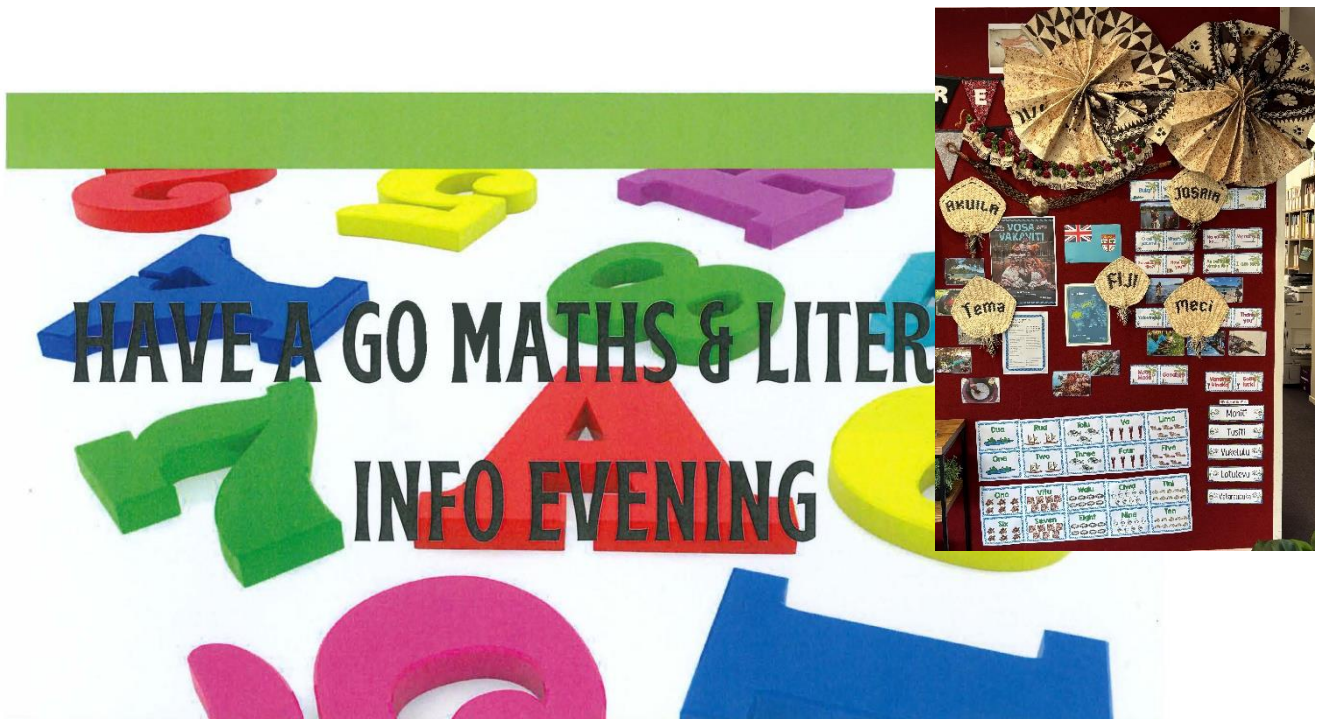
Come and join us for a fun and informative session where we will be sharing about how structured literacy and maths are taught in our classrooms.

We will have a sausage sizzle and pizza starting at 6.00pm.

Bring your tamariki along.

We have a box in the foyer for any questions you may have before the sessions.

We look forward to seeing everyone who can come along next Tuesday.



Tuesday 14 October 2025

6pm-7.30pm

Koraunui School Staff Room

COME AND JOIN US →



spot prizes

sausage sizzle





The 2025 theme for Fijian Language Week is 'Na noqu vosa me na tekivu mai vale – My language starts at home'.

We started our new term raising the Fijian flag. Tamariki have been celebrating Fijian Language Week with a range of activities to help everyone learn more about Fijian culture. Thanks to Meci and Tema's mother Taina for sharing her cooking skills and lovely Fijian dishes with us and to Taina and Seine for decorating the foyer.

SUN HATS



All children are required to wear sunhats at school during Term 4. Please make sure that all children bring named hats to wear at school to help protect them from the summer sun. We do not provide sunblock in classes as some children have had reactions in the past. Please put sunblock on your children before they leave home in the morning.

WHATS COMING UP IN TERM 4

Week 2

- Monday 13th October – Tuvalu language week
- Friday 17th October – Senior School Athletics (Year 4-6) from 9.00am

Week 3

- Monday 21st October: Niuean Language Week
- Wednesday 22nd October – Board of Trustees meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom
- Thursday 23rd October: NZEI Strike Day: **SCHOOL CLOSED Tbc**
- Friday 24th October – **STAFF ONLY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**

Week 4

- Monday 27th October – **LABOUR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 28th October: Tokelauan Language Week
- Wednesday 29th October: Northern Zone Athletics Hutt Rec (for tamariki who qualified)
- Thursday 30th October: Kahui Ako Ki o Rahi Tournament – Year 5-6
- Thursday 30th October: Northern Zone Athletics – Hutt Rec PP

Week 5

- Wednesday 5th November – Junior Athletics Day 10.30am to 12.30pm
- Thursday 6th November – Junior Athletics Day 10.30am to 12.30pm (postponement)
- Friday 7th November – Cultural Day – celebration of cultures at our school

Week 7

- Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st November – Year 6 camp at Makahika OPC

Week 8

- Monday 24th November: Solomon Islands language week
- Wednesday 26th December – Board of Trustees meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom

Week 10

- Wednesday 10th December: Year 6 Graduation in the hall
- Thursday 11th December: Year 6 Mystery Bus tour
- Friday 12th December – Last day of term School finishes at 12.00pm

START OF 2026 DATE

Our start date for 2026 is Wednesday 4 February. We will have staff only days on the days before this.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



We are confirming names and checking the photos that were taken at the end of last term. We will let everyone know when the photos are ready to be taken home.



SCHOOL POOL IS OPEN

Our pool is up and running again for the term ahead. Tamariki are loving the pool and the best part is it is heated (currently about 25 degrees 😊).

Thank you to Hayden and Bruce for getting the pool up and running, we are extremely grateful.

Classes will be using this during the week. Tamariki will be told which day they are swimming so they can bring their togs and towels.



POOL KEYS AND COMMITTEE



We now have enough people who have volunteered to be on our pool committee.

COMMUNITY USE OF THE SCHOOL POOL

The school board has agreed to hiring keys to parents in our school community over Term 4, the summer break and in Term 1 next year. This is an opportunity for students from our school and their families to make use of our pool outside school hours - during the summer. We are now taking expressions of interest

from our parent community about who would like to hire a pool key.

We have keys to hire out this summer. Preference will be given to families who do not have outstanding debt with our school.

KPG are taking on the hiring of the pool keys for us. If you are interested in hiring a key, please email Leigh Te Puia at leigh.tepuia@koraunui.school.nz.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS



Senior school (Year 4-6) athletics will be held next Friday 17th October from 9.00am. We will be having practices both this week and next leading up to athletics. Please make sure tamariki bring appropriate clothing for running, jumping and throwing, a sun hat and a water bottle each day.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates for Term 2 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%+	45% of students attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	27% of students attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	14% of students attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	15% 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.

KORAUNUI PARENTS GROUP (KPG)

KPG have launched their next fundraiser! 2026 calendars. Please see their Facebook post on the Koraunui School page for an example of what they will look like. Calendars will include the school name and logo on the front, your child/ren's photo and/or artwork on the first page and tearaway months with the school contact details on each page!

Please note for group photos there is no artwork option.

\$20 each and \$10 for a duplicate. Order by this link and payment in all the normal ways - if paying online, please use your name and calendar as the reference.

<https://forms.office.com/r/mFgx8pv0SY>

Orders and payment must be received by Friday 17th October (next week).

Some children would like a calendar photo with their friends. If you do NOT want your child/ren in a photo for another child's calendar, please email us with your child's name and room number to kpg@koraunui.school.nz



50 Cent Stalls



Only Year 5 tamariki will be selling at 50 cent stalls in Term 4.

This will help them get a head start on fundraising for their Year 6 camp in 2026. 50 cent stalls 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 FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

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

facebook

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.

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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