

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

NEWSLETTER FOUR, TERM FOUR **Friday 6 November 2026**

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

We welcome Milo and his whānau who joined our Kura this week.

2027 ELECTION

Remember to get out and vote tomorrow. Have your say on who shapes our future.



Stokes Valley Polling Booths

Koraunui Marae 146 Stokes Valley Road, Stokes Valley

Opening hours

Sat, 7 Nov	9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Koraunui School Hall 17 Kairimu Street, Stokes Valley

Opening hours

Sat, 7 Nov	9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Stokes Valley Community Hub 184 Stokes Valley Road,

Opening hours

Mon, 2 Nov	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tue, 3 Nov	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wed, 4 Nov	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thu, 5 Nov	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fri, 6 Nov	10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sat, 7 Nov	9:00 am - 7:00 pm

WHAT'S COMING UP?

TERM 4

Week 5

- Tuesday 10th November: Zone Athletics for senior students who qualified
- Tuesday 10th November: Te Puāwaitanga o te Kākano Zealandia Trip

Week 6

- Monday 16th November: Cultural Language Week Celebration TBC
- Tuesday 17th November: Te Puāwaitanga o te Kākano Te Papa trip
- Friday 20th November: Year 6 First aid training
- Friday 20th November: Whole school assembly – Kauri Team Hosting

Week 7

- Monday 23rd November: Solomon Island Language Week
- Tuesday 24th November: Junior School Sports
- Thursday 26th November: Huttfest performers celebration trip

Week 8

- Monday 30th November-Thursday 3rd December: Year 6 camp
- Saturday 5th December: Stokes Valley Christmas Parade

Week 9

- Wednesday 9th December: School Board hui. 7.00pm in the staffroom

Week 10

- Monday 14th December: End of Year Reports go home
- Monday 14th December: Year 6 graduation
- Tuesday 15th December: Year 6 Mystery Bus Trip
- Wednesday 16th December: Last day of Term 4. School finishes at 12.00pm

TERM DATES 2026

End of Term 4 Wednesday 16 December (at 12.00 noon)

Start of Term 1 2027 Monday 1 February



Keep up to date with events happening at school using our calendar on the school website https://koraunui.school.nz/events or using the calendar on the school app.

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.



50 cent stalls are run by our Year 6 students as a part of their camp fundraising
These will be held at morning teatime outside Room 12 and 13. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents, so $2 is the limit per child.

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

KPG (our fundraising group) is organising a Christmas Raffle Fundraiser this term!

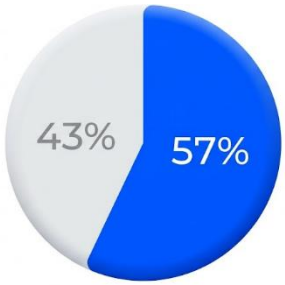
To help make this fundraiser a success, we are asking for donations to create some wonderful Christmas hampers that will be offered as raffle prizes.

Ngā mihi,
The KPG Team





ATTENDANCE



This term we currently have **57%** of all tamariki attending school 90% or more of the time. This is 4 out of 5 days each week.

Daily attendance is important for tamariki to make the most of learning opportunities and build strong relationships with their peers and staff at school.

If your tamariki are absent from school please contact the office through the parent app, email, the school website or call the school. If we don't receive notification tamariki will be marked as truant.

SCHOOL INVOICES



School invoices have been sent home today. We would like these to be paid in full before the end of this year. Thank you to all families who make regular payments and who contact us about outstanding payments for school and sporting activities. <u>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.</u>

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.

SCHOOL POOL KEYS



COMMUNITY USE OF THE SCHOOL POOL

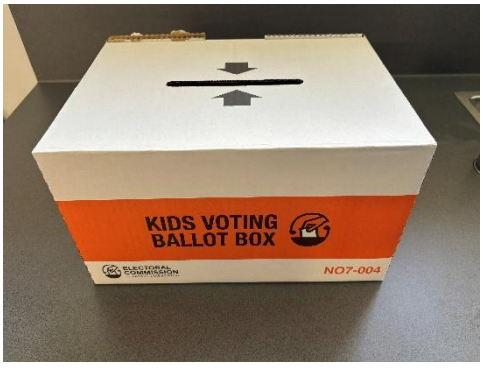
We are still taking expressions of interest from our parent community about who would like to hire a pool key.
We have keys to hire out this summer. Preference will be given to families who do not have outstanding debt with our school and those with tamariki returning in 2027.
If you are interested in hiring a key, please email the school office at office@koraunui.school.nz.

KIDS VOTING - TE PŌTI A NGĀ TAMARIKI

Over the past week, **Rūma 9** has been learning about elections in Aotearoa New Zealand through the **Kids Voting - Te Pōti a Ngā Tamariki** programme. This civics education programme gives young people the opportunity to explore real-life election issues, political parties, and candidates during an election year.
On **Wednesday 4 November**, Rūma 9 held their own mock election. The results will be shared in next week's newsletter.
Our tamariki had the opportunity to experience the different roles involved in running an election, including:

- **Electorate Managers** - overseeing the voting process and ensuring the election ran smoothly.
- **Enrolment Team** - preparing the electoral roll for the election.
- **Communications Team** - promoting the election and encouraging student participation.
- **Issuing Officers** - issuing voting papers and ensuring the correct procedures were followed.
- **Vote Counters** - counting and recording the votes.

The tamariki thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the mock election, and there was plenty of thoughtful discussion and interesting kōrero throughout the process.
A reminder to our whānau to cast your vote before 7.00pm on Saturday 7 November. If you haven't voted yet, you can even vote at the Koraunui School Hall on Saturday. Every vote counts!







CLASS ELECTION WRITING

On Wednesday, the elections took place in our class. We were learning about how and why people vote.
Yesterday, we held an election for different parties and candidates, just like in a real election. It was really fun because we got to do some of the jobs that people do during elections.
We selected a candidate and voted for a party. The votes were counted by students who had election jobs. There were five people counting the votes. We do not know the results yet!
We learnt that it is important for everyone to vote.

By Rawiri and Ahurei

CHEERLEADING EXPERIENCE

This week, we were delighted to welcome Alara from Hutt Valley Gym Sports. Every class had the opportunity to try cheerleading, and tamariki had an absolutely fantastic time.





NEW ZEALAND ROYAL BALLET TRIP

Selected tamariki enjoyed a special trip into Wellington yesterday to watch the New Zealand Royal Ballet perform Sleeping Beauty at the St. James Theatre. The performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with our tamariki engaged from start to finish as they experienced the magic of live theatre and dance.

A huge thank you to Miss Hutchison for organising this wonderful opportunity. Experiences like these help broaden the horizons of our tamariki and create lasting memories beyond the classroom. We are grateful to be able to provide such enriching learning opportunities for our students.





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.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL – DRIVE SAFELY



We have noticed a number of dangerous driving behaviours such as

- 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



Just a reminder that we discourage tamariki from bringing 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. We ask that parents please remind their children that they are not to bring their toys to school and check this is not happening.

2PM CLUB



All children will need to be booked into 2PM Club by clicking here even if they attended last year. 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.

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 regular bank credits 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

KORAUNUI SCHOOL PARENT APP



We are using the Koraunui School @school Parent App. This is managed through our school student management system that we use for attendance, recording and reporting progress and achievement and other relevant information about tamariki. This is a secure system that is for our school and tamariki.

The App is a part of this system that can be used by the school and parents for communication, reporting absences and information sharing.

You should have received an email with information about how to install the app, set it up and use it. Please contact the office if you didn't and check we have the correct contact details for you in our system.

Keep up to date with photos and information of what is happening around the school and in the classrooms on our Facebook page, in our newsletters and emails from the classroom teachers.
If you would like to join our Facebook page please make sure you complete all the membership questions.

Kia pai tō wiki – have a great week everyone.

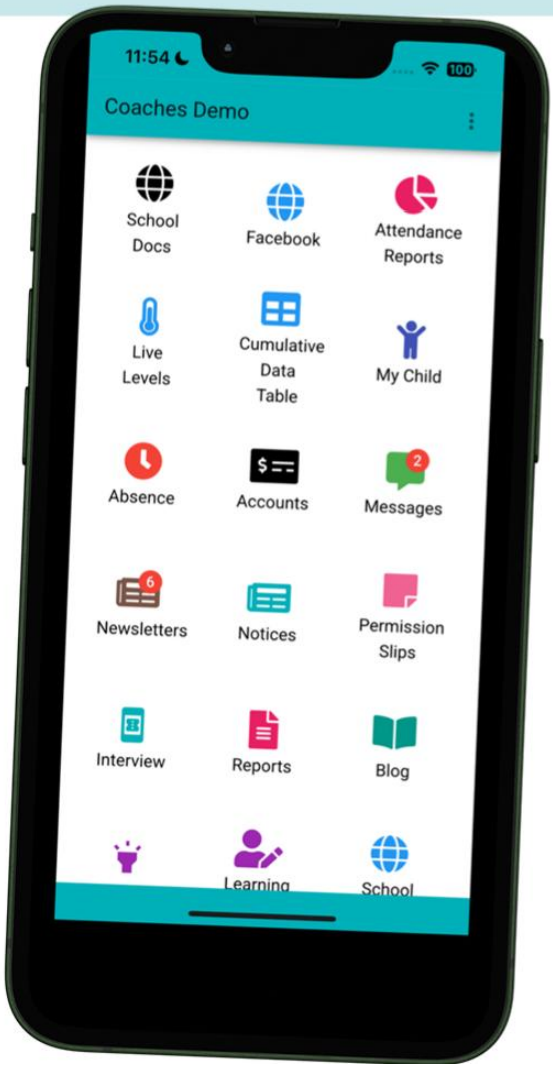
Dave Lamont
Principal

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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, latest assessment information and 'Live levels'**
- **View financial transactions and receipts**
- **See all your children in one app without switching accounts, even from multiple eTAP schools.**

HOW TO GET STARTED:

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.