

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

NEWSLETTER FIVE, TERM FOUR **Thursday 12th November 2026**

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

We welcome Pavika and her whānau who joined our Kura this week.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

TERM 4

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
- Wednesday 25th 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.

TEACHER CHANGES FOR 2027

We are pleased to announce that we have our staffing for 2027 set in place and we are beginning organisation and planning for next year.

We are delighted that Whaea Anna will be continuing with us next year. A big change that is happening is that Mrs Joe and Whaea Dale are moving away from fulltime classroom teaching next year and taking on classroom release roles. We have appointed Kate Shirley and Jamie Montgomery-Mansfield to teaching positions for next year. Both Kate and Jamie are very experienced teachers, and we are looking forward to having them join our staff from the start of 2027 as well as having Mrs Joe and Whaea Dale continue to teach across our school in release positions.

Once we have confirmed classes and where teachers will be teaching next year, we will share this with everyone. The teacher and class for your tamariki for 2027 will be included with the end of year report.

SUN HATS

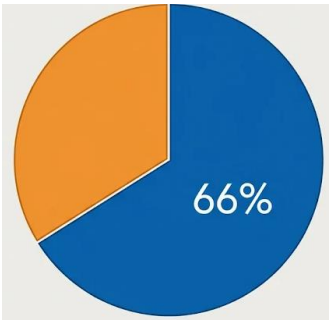


All children are required to wear sunhats at school during Term 4. Please make sure that all children bring named hats to wear at school to help protect them from the summer sun. We do not provide sunblock in classes as some children have had reactions in the past. Please put sunblock on your children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



50 cent stalls will now be run by our Year 5 students as a part of their camp fundraising for 2027. 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.

ATTENDANCE



This term we currently have **66%** 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.

TE PUĀWAITANGA O TE KĀKANO ZELANDIA TRIP



On Tuesday tamariki from Te Puāwaitanga o te Kākano went on a trip to Zealandia. Rooms 7, 9 & 10 caught the bus into Karori and had a wonderful learning experience at Zealandia. The educators took the groups of children around the beautiful walkways and pointed out all the rare birds and other creatures like the tuatara. Tamariki loved being so hands-on, and their interesting questions were welcomed by the staff.
Thank you to the whānau and staff who organised and supported this trip.
Below are some reports about the trip written by tamariki from Rooms 7 & 9.

Yesterday we went to Zealandia with Rooms 9 and 10. I saw tuatara, baby ducklings and ducks. I saw a fantails nest and fish in a little tiny stream. I tried to find frogs but they were hiding underneath the bridge.
I liked being with Richie.
I liked my day.
Nā. Abel



On 10.11.26 the Whānau block went to Zealandia. All of the whanau block went on the bus except me! I went in my car because my māmā was a parent helper. We went to Zealandia to study the amazing environment.
I could see the rain and Te Atarangi was cosy in my jacket. I could hear the rain splashing in the pond and Te Atarangi talking happily. I could taste the cool fresh rain on my tongue. I could feel the rain on my arms and legs. I could smell the lake and the nature around me.
Zealandia is amazing.
Nā Matilda

The whanau block went to Zealandia for whanaungatanga.
I saw lots of birds. Kiri told us birds used to have nests on the ground but now the birds have their nests in the trees.
Nā Monica

All about our Zealandia Trip



On the 10th Room 7, 9 and 10 went on the bus to Zealandia. The first thing we saw was big little tiny fluffy birds called pūtangi tangi. They were so cute and little, I just wanted to squeeze them. I saw these white eggs. Do you know what they are? Did you know that there's a bird that can say "hihi!" like Michael Jackson? Then we saw poo that's green with grass. It's called takahē poo. You won't believe how many different kinds of birds we saw. They all were so beautiful. Then we saw multiple tuatara. My favourite tuatara was the little baby and there were a heap of the spikey ones. Also, we saw a few kiwi dens, but sadly they were asleep. Oh! I forgot, we saw kiwi footprints. Those were all my favourite parts.
Nā Milaani

Zealandia

Zealandia was a place full of interesting animals, cute animals, and adventure.

Being at Zealandia was fascinating. We went on scary bridges and came out alive. We saw animals that were safe and cared for. We saw predators hunt prey, and we saw fascinating species.

While we were walking along the track, our guide/instructor found a gecko in a pipe. It was cool, though we all wondered if it was awake or not.

We also came across the duck sanctuary. At first, we only saw the ducks, but then one baby duck appeared from under the bench that the parents were next to. Then four more baby ducklings came out. They were so cute.



We were walking along the river and then we saw some shag nests. Fun fact: shags choose only to nest on flat surfaces and branches.

Back to the story.

On the way back we saw the tuatara enclosure. At first, it was just old tuataras, but then, like halfway there, there were four cute baby ones. So cute!

Nā Taimana

ZEALANDIA TRIP



I went to Zealandia on 11/11/26. We went in this gigantic building. I went to the top floor. In this room with TVs, we did an activity about manu, what their kai is, and the types of beaks they had. Then we went on a stroll in Zealandia's wildlife.

First, we saw cute and beautiful pūtangitangi babies and a mother sitting guarding her chicks. Then we saw shags in a tree in their nest resting. When they get hungry, they go all the way to the harbour just to get food.

Then we went on a bridge to enter the wetlands where we saw a takahē eating out of a box and wandering back into the bush. That's when we saw an animal with many colourful colours on it.

Then we went on a viewing deck with a little river that looked similar to a waterfall but is different. It is called a fish ladder. It helps them to travel across Zealandia and, just in case they get trapped in tiny areas.



Then we saw a wētā hotel that had sleeping wētās in it. Then we walked to a fantail nest that had four adorable babies in a nest that looked different to others.

Then we walked to the swamp area where we saw lots of types of plants and fungi. Then we went to the dam, a large walkway with a steep side. Then we made our way to the tuatara research area. There we saw many tuataras in their burrows and places they like to stay.

After that, we made our way back to the bus.

Nā Ahurei

SCIENCE IN ROOM 7

Tamariki in Room 7 have been learning about how boats float on the water and carrying out some science experiments with boats made from different materials to see what is the best for making a boat.
Below are some reports written by tamariki from Rooms 7

Today we used tin foil and made tiny boats. We put washers in our boats and after a while most boats sank.
I took mine out and reshaped it and then tried again… but failed, so I gave up.
I watched the others. Ky-Mani put 110 washers in his boat, that was the most!
After that, Abel got 200 washes on his 'paper boat'… I'm pretty sure the others were saying that he was counting in tens, but it was a lot!
Besides all of that, it was really fun!
Nā Richie

Today, we learnt about boats. We found out tin foil can become a boat, and tin foil boats can float on the water.
I got 21 washers in and it almost sunk… then I made it 22 washes and my boat sunk!
I had fun!
Nā Habibi

Today Room 7 made tinfoil boats. We drew a boat in our Korero pukapuka book, but most of us didn't even copy what we drew.
The most surprising part was that one of my friends Ky-Mani made a type of boat that could hold up to 110 washers. My BFF Richie counted them all.
Abel got some paper and it held up to 173 washers on it…I never knew that paper could hold up that many metal rings.
My boat could hold up to 11 washers.
Nā Blais

SCHOOL INVOICES



Last week invoices were sent home to everyone with outstanding debt. 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. 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

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

To help make this fundraiser a success, we were asking for donations to create a wonderful Christmas hamper raffle and some extra prizes.

Keep an eye out over the next couple of weeks for the ticket sales notifications.

Ngā mihi,
The KPG Team





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.

<u>If you would like to join our Facebook page please make sure you complete all the membership questions.</u>

Kia pai tō wiki – have a great week everyone.

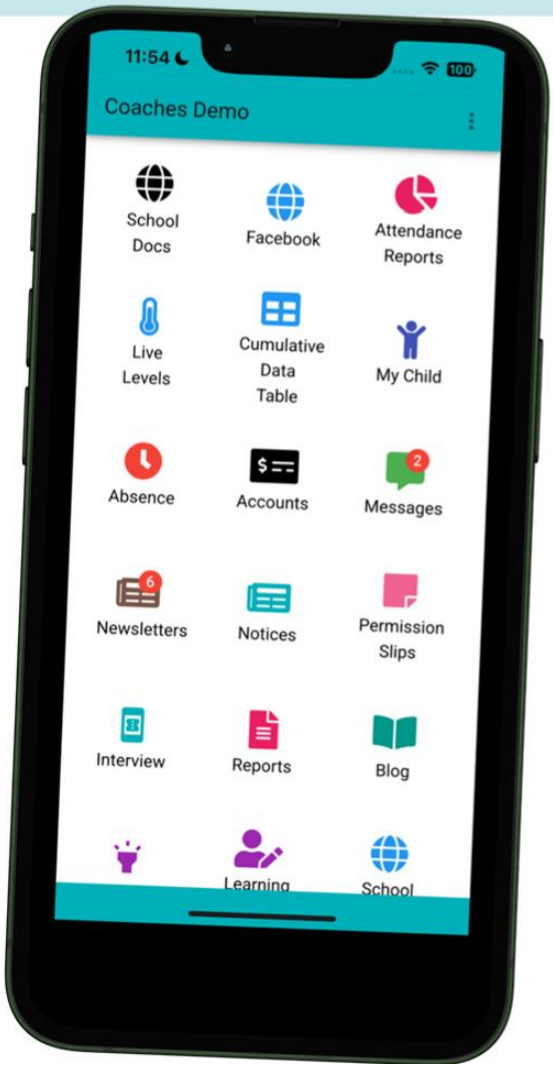
Dave Lamont
Principal

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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.