

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

NEWSLETTER SEVEN, TERM FOUR **Thursday 26th November 2026**

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

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

It seems each week is busy and full of activities to support the learning programmes and celebrate the year that has been. It is great that we can acknowledge the work tamariki have put into their learning, friendships and how they have grown as individuals and collectively this year. We are very proud of the way tamariki have met challenges head on and shown persistence and resilience when needed.

We encouraging tamariki to use the school KOARU values as much as possible as this will help with their learning, friendships and how they face challenges during the day at school. We want all tamariki to end this year in a positive and happy way. 😊

WHAT'S COMING UP?

TERM 4

Week 8

- Monday 30th November-Thursday 3rd December: Year 6 camp
- Monday 30th November-Friday 4th December: Rooms 12 & 13 EOTC Week
- Tuesday 1st December: Rooms 23, 4 & 15 trip to H2O Pool and Maidstone Max Park
- 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.

KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Information about the KCC holiday programme for the December / January holiday break is available on our school Facebook page, has been sent to parents through the @School App and is outlined below.

Please contact the office for an Expression of Interest form. This is also on the last page of this newsletter.

All bookings need to be into the office by Monday 7th December so we can confirm programmes and staffing.

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday programme will be operating on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December and then Monday 11th January to Thursday 28th January.



Please see the request to enrol form at the end of this newsletter or collect one from the Koraunui School office. **All forms need to be returned by Monday 7th December.**

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 10 December 2026.

STOKES VALLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE
(Saturday 5th December)



Our float is taking shape and we are excited about taking part in the Christmas Parade again this year.
We will have a trailer with a display on it thanking the Juno family for their support and generosity towards our school over many years.
This year we will be walking alongside our float, and we are looking for tamariki who are keen to dress in Christmas/construction outfits and hand out lollies along the way.
Please let the office know if your child can be on the Koraunui School float.

SCHOOLDOCS ACCESS AND REVIEW

Our school works with SchoolDocs to provide a website for maintaining, updating, and reviewing our school policies.
All community users can access our SchoolDocs site by entering their email address, which sends them a one-time code. Google users can also use their Google account to access the site.

You can create an account and then view our school's policies by visiting https://policies.schooldocs.co.nz/koraunui. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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 Monday 7th .**

As a part of the policy review this term, our Board of Trustees is seeking parent and school community input about the following policies:

Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy (board)
Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement (board)
Learning Support (board)
Māori Educational Achievement
Health Education (board)
Privacy Policy (board).

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. All Year 5 tamariki are able to run a stall. 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) has organised a Christmas Raffle Fundraiser this term!

Tickets are currently on sale for $2.00 each. The draw will take place on Friday 11th December.



Ngā mihi,
The KPG Team

<u>2026 Christmas Raffle Prizes</u>

Prize 1: Grocery Hamper worth over $250

Prize 2: Grocery Hamper worth over $250

Prize 3: Grocery Hamper worth over $250

Prize 4: Grocery Hamper worth over $250

Prize 5: School Holiday Activity Pack worth over $250
2 x passes to Monterey Cinemas
1 x 10 concession pass to Hutt City Pools
Family Pass to Staglands
5 x Buy one get one free bowling games at Strike NZ

Prize 6: School Holiday Activity Pack worth over $250
$50 voucher for Always Late Catering
Family Pass to Zealandia
1 x 10 concession pass to Hutt City Pools
5 x Buy one get one free bowling games at Strike NZ
3 x swim and hydroslide at H2O Pools

Prize 7: Pizza Stone and Can cooler pack worth $170
2 x Huski Beer Cooler 2.0
Haier Pizza Stone Prize Pack from Fisher & Paykel and Haier Appliances

Prize 8: Swandri Picnic Blanket set worth $100 from Brendan Foot Supersite
Swandri picnic blanket
2 x drink bottles
Mini cooler bag

Prize 9: Date Night Pack worth $70
2 x passes to Lighthouse Cinemas
$25 hardware voucher

Prize 10: Pamper Pack worth $50
Towel, Facecloths, Candle, Diffuser and 2 x Sparking Grape Juice

HATO HONE ST JOHN FIRST AID SESSION



Last Friday, students from Rooms 9 and 14 took part in a first aid session facilitated by Hato Hone St John. Tamariki learned about DRS ABC, an important process used to help respond safely in an emergency.

As part of their learning, students practised placing a person into the recovery position and discussed the steps they can take if they encounter an emergency situation. The session was fun, interactive, and highly engaging, giving tamariki valuable knowledge and practical skills that could one day help them support others in need.

A big thank you to Hato Hone St John for providing this important learning opportunity for our students.

TE PUĀWAITANGA O TE KĀKANO HAERENGA TO TE PAPA AND FRANK KITTS PARK

Last Tuesday, students from Rooms 7, 9, and 10 travelled into Pōneke for an exciting day of learning and exploration. Our tamariki had a wonderful time at Te Papa, where they explored exhibits focused on Te Taiao and learned about native animals that have become extinct in Aotearoa, including the factors that contributed to their extinction.

The interactive displays were a highlight, providing hands-on learning opportunities that kept everyone engaged and curious. Following our visit to Te Papa, we enjoyed a walk along the Wellington waterfront before spending time playing at Frank Kitts Park.

The day provided valuable opportunities for whakawhanaungatanga, with our tuakana showing excellent leadership and support for their teina throughout the haerenga. We feel very fortunate to have had this opportunity to learn together beyond the classroom and create lasting memories.





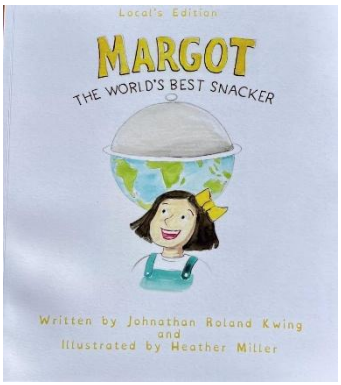




AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR VISIT



Last week we had the pleasure of author Johnathon Kwing and illustrator Heather Miller sharing their book "Margot The World's Best Snacker" to our tamariki. It was wonderful to learn about the steps involved in creating a picture book and the process for coming up with the story and illustrations. Right across the school they spoke to captivated audiences. We are grateful to Mrs Joe for organising this wonderful learning experience for our tamariki.



For more information about Johnathon CLICK HERE

WORK HAPPENING AT SCHOOL

Over the next 2 weeks there will be some work happening around the school as part of the Ministry of Education's school improvement programme and as a result of the great work KPG have been doing with their fundraising.

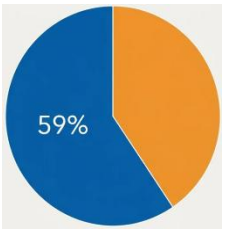
New carpet is being installed in Rooms 12, 13, 14 and 15 next week.

To allow this work to take place, some classes will be learning in temporary spaces for a few days while the carpet is installed. These arrangements are:
Room 15 - Library
Room 14 - On camp
Room 13 - Room 9
Room 12 - Room 11

The work will begin in Room 15 and move through the classrooms one at a time. At this stage, we have not been given a confirmed completion date and have been advised that the work may take most of the week. Our hope is that Room 15 will be back in their classroom by Wednesday at the earliest, but this will depend on how the installation progresses.

On Monday contractors will be here installing a new swing set that we have been able to provide as a result of the fundraising efforts of KPG along with some grant money. This will be a great addition to our playground and our tamariki will get many years of use from this equipment. Safety fencing will be erected tomorrow and all going well it is expected that it will be ready to use by the end of the week.

ATTENDANCE



This term we currently have **59%** 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



Recently 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.

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.

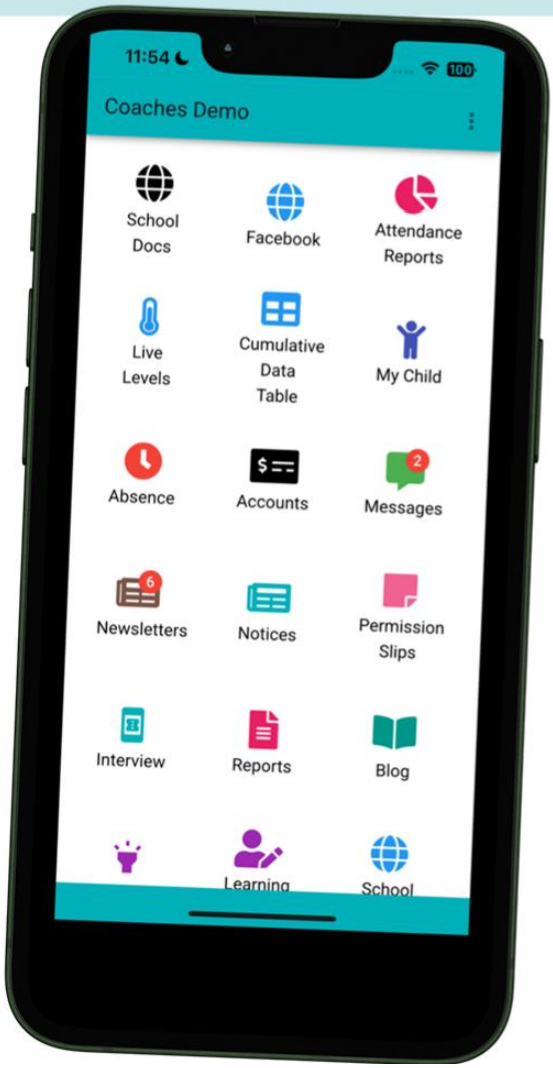
Dave Lamont
Principal

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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.

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday Programme – Request to Enrol
Please note enrolment details will be sent home on receipt of this form.

Childs Name(s): _____

Parent Name: _____Contact Number: _____

Please fill in spaces for sessions you would like your child to attend and return this booking form to the school office no later than Monday 7th December.

No late bookings will be accepted!!!

December	7–8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5:45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Thursday 17	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Friday 18	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Total to pay						

January	7–8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5:45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 11	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Tuesday 12	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Wednesday 13	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Thursday 14	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Friday 15	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Total to pay						

January	7–8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5:45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 18	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Tuesday 19	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Wednesday 20	$5.00	$45.00		$3.80	$30.00	
Thursday 21	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Friday 22	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Total to pay						
January	7-8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5.45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 25*	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Tuesday 26	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Wednesday 27	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Thursday 28	$5.00	$20.00	$25.00	$3.80	$30.00	
Friday 29	Closed					
Total to pay						

***As per our policy, fees will apply for any public holidays that fall on any of your child's regular days of care.**

As we will be using the school pool throughout the programme, please send your child's togs with them every day