



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

**NEWSLETTER NINE, TERM THREE**

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**KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.**

As Term 3 draws to a close we would like to congratulate all of the children who have consistently displayed the school KORAU values. We have an amazing school and it takes everyone, working together, to create a culture where we can learn and grow individually and collectively. This is not always an easy or straight forward process but with perseverance, keeping our KORAU values at the front of our thinking, we can help the children be the best they can be. With the changes in COVID-19 Alert Levels this term, we have all been challenged to maintain health and safety practices as well as to help manage our emotions and well-being. We would like to thank our school community for the support that has been provided to our school over this term as we all grapple with COVID-19. We wish everyone a safe and happy term break and look forward to seeing everyone back again next term.



**TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER**

We will be holding a Teacher Only Day next term on Friday 23 October. This will be a professional day for teachers to focus on reporting and achievement of students before the end of the year. **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY but KCC will be open for whanau who wish to enrol their children for this day.**



**STUDY CENTRE** – there will be no study centre this week or in the first week of Term 4. Study Centre will resume on Monday 19 October.

**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.



## COVID-19 Alert Level 1

It was fantastic to hear the announcement on Monday that we are now back at Alert Level 1 and life at school can now begin returning to normal, again. **All children are expected to attend school unless they are unwell.**



The Ministry of Education has advised that we can go back to most of our daily normal practices but recommend that we work to keep up the hygiene practices we have implemented and where possible physical distancing. With this in mind, we will continue with the current practices we have in place at school for the rest of this week.

**Any adult or family member who NEEDS to come on site must register** using either the COVID-19 Tracer App and QR code provided or the paper register. The COVID-19 register can be downloaded at Apple App store or Google Play. This is for contact tracing purposes. All information will be held at the school.



## SICK CHILDREN

**If you are keeping children home, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.** We are continuing to ask that even if children are feeling slightly unwell, they need to remain at home and parents contact school.

If children display any signs of illness at school, we will put a face mask on them, put them in the medical room and contact parents/caregivers to come and pick them up.

**Morning Tea & Lunch breaks** – children will eat at their desks/tables inside their classrooms – 10 minutes morning tea, 15 minutes at lunch time.

**Drinking Fountains** – these will remain closed for the remainder of this term. Children are to bring named water bottles to school.

**NETBALL UNIFORMS** – please return to the school office as soon as possible.



## YEAR 6 ROAD PATROLS

These will resume next term as long as we remain at Alert Level 1. We look forward to having our senior students take on this role again.

## TOTAL TOUCH COLOURING COMPETITION

Kia ora koutou...please check out the images on Total Touch Wellington Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=total%20touch%20wellington>

and like the entry from one of our students, Caileigh. The more votes she gets the more chance of winning. Remember to go to Total Touch page, like their page and like Caileigh's picture on their page.



## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS FOR NEXT YEAR

We need to know what intermediate school our Year 6 students are going to next year so we can begin organizing transitions and provide information to the school that will help with the transition for 2021. Please notify us where the children are going or hand enrolments to the office as soon as possible.

## AVALON INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS

If you are planning on sending your Year 6 children to Avalon Intermediate next year, please contact their office on 04 567 7453 as soon as possible as they are beginning to plan for 2021 and require numbers of students to organize staffing and classes. Alternately completed enrolment forms can be handed into our school office and we can take them to Avalon Intermediate. Enrolment forms available at our school office. Thank you to those who have already completed their child's enrolments



## HEAD LICE



We have been informed by some parents that their children have headlice. We ask that you please check your children's hair, especially if you notice them scratching. Information about preventing the spread of headlice can be found at the following website <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice>. We have some treatment products available at school. Please contact the school office for advice and support.

**50 Cent Stalls**—these will resume in Term 4 as long as we remain at Alert Level 1.



## ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any 5-year old children who are starting school this year or next? New student enrolment forms are available at the office or on our website under "About us". If you require further information, please contact the office on 939 9707 or message us on our school website or Facebook page.

**Weetbix Tryathlon** – permission forms for next year's Weetbix triathlon will be sent home with tamariki this week. **Please do not enter online or send money** in yet as I am applying for funding again this year. All entries need to be in by 14 October 2020.



Ngā mihi Kataraina.

**LUCKY BOOK CLUB** – **only online orders are being taken.** No cash will be accepted at school. **All orders for Term 3 need to be in by this Friday 25 September. This has been extended by 2 weeks.**



## FUN HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

The HCC are running a Bike Rodeo at Walter Nash Park for any kids who would like to attend.

There will be some bikes available (limited amount) and a great course set up for the children to enjoy.

There will also be spot prizes, music and loads of fun to be had.

Can you please let your students know that this event is on, and please put it in your notices and on your Facebook page.



Bike Rodeo

Where: Walter Nash Park

When: Thursday 1st October

Time: 10am -2pm

This is a great FREE event for local children to enjoy.

## AROHANUI STRINGS SCHOLARSHIP VIOLIN CLASS



Violin class for all children taking part in lessons – the last session for this term is this Friday.

### August and September 2020 Board of Trustees meetings

Kia ora koutou

Our recent Board of Trustees meetings have been less focused on COVID-19 issues and have returned to business-as-usual discussions around finances, student achievement and property issues.



Our school community has coped well with continuing Level 2 protocols and levels of anxiety about the pandemic seemed to have reduced. Attendance has improved and our tāngata have been practising good hand hygiene and using the nominated entrances for coming and going to school.

Efforts to manage spending have come under pressure from a high number of reliever teachers due to staff illness. There is also an emerging concern about a lack of clarity about the level of additional funding for implementing the recent pay equity settlement for teacher aides. Initial announcements suggested that all of the increases in costs would be fully funded. It is now less clear if this will be the case. Urgent clarification has been sought from the Ministry of Education with assistance from the New Zealand School Trustees Association. The Board will soon need to set a budget for the 2021 school year. Clarification about the level of additional funding for teacher aides will be crucial for doing that.

The Board has also begun to review its policies and procedures using a schedule in the recently acquired *School Documents* app. This means we now have access to an up-to-date set of policies and a simple way of ensuring they are reviewed in a timely manner. This is a core governance role for the Board.

Significant progress has also been made on some long-standing property issues. The water leak at the front of our Kura is finally fixed and timeframes for a number of large projects have been agreed. This includes renovations and repairs to the pool, installing visual aids in several places around the school, and some painting and general maintenance work.

Lastly, Dave outlined some early work on investigating if the current Etap system can be developed to provide additional online functions as a parent portal. The Board is supportive of this work as part of developing more online options. If the current work shows that a parent portal is an option, it is likely to be used for school newsletters and notices and provide a way for parents to update their contact details and communicate with the school.

Ngā mihi nui

Craig Press, Chair

## WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

### Term 3

Week 10

- Friday 25 September: End of Term 3

### Term Four Calendar

- Monday 12 October: Start of Term 4
- Wednesday 14 October: Board of Trustees Meeting
- Thursday 15 October: Shakeout Earthquake Drill
- Friday 23 October: Teacher Only Day
- Monday 26 October: Labour Day

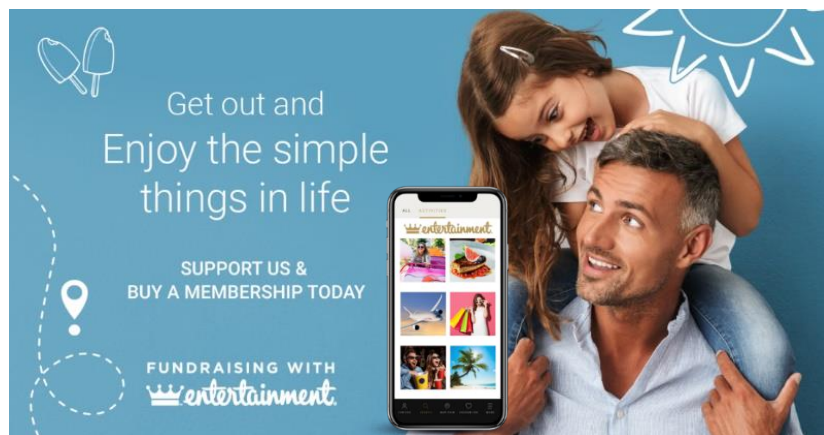
Kia pai te ra kia koutou – have a great week everyone

Dave Lamont

Principal

### **ENJOY THE SIMPLE THINGS WHILST SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!**

**Koraunui School are selling Entertainment Digital Memberships as part of this year's fundraising initiative and we would love your support. Get out and enjoy what your local community has to offer!**



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