



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME BACK EVERYONE.

I hope you have had a relaxing Christmas and New Year break, enjoying family time. We are looking forward to the year ahead and have some very exciting learning opportunities for the children and staff this year.



**We start on Wednesday 3rd February at 8:30am,
Powhiri for new students and whanau at 9.00am**

The following are some useful snippets of information that will hopefully be of use to you as we gear up for our 2021 school year.

POWHIRI/WELCOME

We begin our school year with a Powhiri at 9.00am on Wednesday 3rd February to welcome new staff and students and their whanau to our Kura.

New tamariki and whanau will meet outside the front gate at 8.20am and be brought on as a group. After the powhiri, whanau are welcome to stay for a cuppa and a chat. At this point the children will be collected by their teacher and taken to their class.

STAFFING FOR 2021

We welcome Whaea Reremoana back following leave in 2020. We also welcome Whaea Ana Kawenga to our staff this year, to cover Whaea Kataraina while she is on leave, working as a maths mentor for Massey University. While we had some of our staff finish with us at the end of 2020, we are beginning the new year with a great team across the school. Class lists have been posted on our school Facebook page and have been emailed to parents/whanau. These will also be available in the school office. We are looking forward to the year ahead and working with the students and their parents/caregivers/whanau.

STATIONERY

We have received a very generous donation this year that means the cost of all childrens start of year classroom stationery is covered and there will be no cost to parents/caregivers/whanau for this. Books will be in the children's rooms on the first day of school.



- We are asking that parents/caregivers/whanau make a \$6 per child contribution that will be used for classroom tissues and paper resources.
- If your child needs a book bag this can be purchased at the school office for \$3.
- We **DO** have eftpos at school! But Cash, cheque or direct deposit into our bank account are all fine: The school account number is **12-3478-0015483-00**
- We are happy to organise drip-feed payments for families as long as we haven't had to chase repayments in the past.

LIBRARY DONATION

We would like to thank Belinda and Jim Juno for their generosity towards our school. At the end of 2020 they donated \$2,000 for us to use in the school library and again at the start of this year they have donated another \$1,000 for us to use in the library. We are grateful for their support and our tamariki will benefit greatly from this with new books and resources to use throughout the year.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

This year the Board of Trustees has again opted into the Government Donation Scheme. This has been done in an effort to minimize the cost to parents/caregivers/whanau for their children attending school. We will not be asking for parents to contribute financially for school trips that are part of the curriculum programme. There will be occasions where parents opt to send their children to events where a cost will be involved (i.e. Weetbix Tryathlon, Tough Guy & Gal, summer and winter sports team to name some).

FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES

This year we will be taking part in the Ministry of Education Free Lunches in School Programme. Each child will be provided lunch every day of the school year. We have not received an indication of what will be included in the lunches yet, but it is intended that the lunches will be nutritious, healthy and appealing to the children. We expect to have plenty of food available at school for all children.



Parents are still able to send along food for their children to eat at morning eat and lunchtime if they require extra food. The lunches will be provided from next Wednesday 3rd February.

COVID 19 PROCESSES - Alert Level 1

We will be keeping a close eye on developments around New Zealand this year and responding appropriately to information provided to us by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. We will operating as normal under



Alert Level 1. All children will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly and use the hand sanitizer provided at school. We ask that all parents, whanau and visitors to the school is the COVID tracing QR code. **All children are expected to attend school unless they are unwell.**

SICK CHILDREN

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

If children display any signs of illness at school we will contact parents/caregivers to come and pick them up.

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

We have planned three teacher-only days during term time for 2021. These will be as follows.

- May 14 – Writing professional development
- June 4 – DMIC professional development
- 22 October – Reporting and assessment

KORAU VALUES

We will be focusing on our KORAU Values again this year and how these can be demonstrated through words and actions around the school. These are the basis on how we build relationships and work together. Our KORAU values are

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| Kind/Manaakitanga | We show Kindness to people and the environment. |
| Own/Rangatiratanga | We Own our own behaviour. |
| Respect/Whakaute | We Respect the rules, people, and the school. |
| Aspire/Wawata | We do quality work and strive for excellence. |
| Unite/Whanaungatanga | We work as a team / whanau. We are inclusive. |



COMMUNICATION

For any questions, worries or concerns parents have about their children's behaviours, learning, social interactions or engagement in school, these need to be directed to the classroom teacher in the first instance. Our teachers are all very approachable and are happy to discuss children with their parents/caregivers/whanau. We have a very clear process that can be viewed on our school website at

<https://koraunui.school.nz/assets/Uploads/BoT/Policies-and-Procedures/Concerns-and-complaints-process-flowchart-v2.png>. This is also available to view in the school office.

CAN YOU HELP?

The morning before school starts are really busy for staff. We have a **Kids Kitchen**, breakfast will be available to children from 8.00-8.30am each day. Help is needed to run this.

We also need people on the **school crossings** to see children over the busy roads safely each morning.

Please fill in the form on page 6 of the newsletter if you are prepared to be rostered on to a regular session each week (or team up with another family and take turns).

HATS



Please make sure your child has a sunhat to keep at school, clearly named, on the hat, so any lost property or ownership disputes can be quickly resolved. Be aware that we will name hats with a marker pen if there is no name evident, so please, no expensive designer hats!



PERSONAL PROPERTY

One of our expectations of all children is that they look after their own belongings. Please help your children learn how to be responsible by checking they are bringing their clothing and lunch boxes etc home every day.

Named clothing really helps.

Regularly checking the abandoned clothing around the school is a good plan to reunite clothing with owners.

SCHOOL POOL UPGRADE

The pool upgrade is moving along quickly and at this rate we will hopefully have it available for the children to use early in Term 1. The old pool changing sheds have been demolished and plans are being drawn up for the replacement sheds. It is likely these will be constructed a little later in the year. We are grateful to everyone who has helped to get the pool to the point it is, **COVID 19 PROCESSES - Alert**



ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any children who are starting school this year? 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.

Keep up to date with photos and information of what is happening around the school and in the classrooms on our Facebook page.

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BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for school costs during the year. If you would like to do this, talk to Melva, Maree or Janice and they 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.

WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week One

- Wednesday 3 Feb: SCHOOL STARTS FOR THE YEAR at 8:30. We will have a Powhiri at 9.00am to welcome new students and their whanau to our Kura.
- Wednesday 3 Feb: Board of Trustees Meeting

Week Two

- Monday 8th Feb: Waitangi Day (observed). **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Thursday 11 Feb: Te Papa visiting Room 15: 9-10, Room 13: 10.30 -11.30, Room 12: 11.30 - 12.30, Room 5: 1.30 - 2.30.

Week Three

- Monday-Thursday 15-18 Feb: Swimming lessons continue at Stokes Valley Pool

Week Four

- Monday-Thursday 22-25 Feb: Swimming lessons continue at Stokes Valley Pool

Week Five onwards:

- Monday 1 Mar: Movin March begins
- Friday 2 April: Good Friday – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Monday 5 April: Easter Monday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 6 Apr: Easter Tuesday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Friday 16 April: End of Term 1
- Monday 3 May: Term Two starts

CONTACT DETAILS

If your contact details have changed in the last year please complete the contact details at the bottom of the return form. It is really important that we have accurate and up-to-date contacts for safety and emergencies.

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

Dave Lamont
Principal

RETURN FORMS

Please send back the whole sheet, even if you have filled in only one section.

YES, I CAN HELP!

School crossing: 8.00-8.30: Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Breakfast Club: 8.00-8.30: Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

Name: _____ Phone: _____

CONTACT DETAILS

Childs/Children's Name:

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Emergency Contact and Relationship:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email: