



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

NEWSLETTER NINE, TERM FOUR

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

END OF YEAR MESSAGE

The end of the year provides us with time to look back on the year that has been. This has certainly been a year that has provided us with some new challenges that we have all had to adapt to, especially in the first 2 terms. It was nice to get back to a more normal way of working in the second half of the year. This year there have also been many highlights for us to celebrate both in and out of school. At Koraunui School we aim to provide tamariki with many rich learning opportunities and we thank our school community for the support that has been provided as we work together for the benefit of the tamariki. We are all looking forward to a break over the summer where we can recharge and spend some time with our families before we launch into the new year in 2023. We wish everyone a happy and safe summer break.



Year 6 Graduation

We were delighted to be able to give our Year 6 tamariki a fun and fitting send off yesterday to celebrate the end of their time at Koraunui School. Thank you to the whanau who came along to join in this celebration with us. We are very proud of the way our Year 6 students have stepped up during another unsettling year and worked to model the KORAU values for others around the school.

Congratulations to all those who received special awards.



<p><u>Award Winners for 2022</u></p> <p>Visual Art Trophy – Sione & Alivia Rachel Juno Cup – Skylah Kapahaka Leadership – Kichina & John Te Reo Māori me ona Tikanga - Kichina Pasifika Leadership – Sione & Katy Young Scientist of the Year – Rebecca Kaitiaki Award – Rebecca, Dakota & Lewis</p>	<p>Young Writer of the Year – Alivia Music Award – Kyra Patroller of the Year – Dakota Overall Academic Excellence – Sandil, Jake, Katy, Alivia & Rylee KORAU Award – Alivia, Dakota, Jake, John, Katy, Kichina, Lachlan, Lewis, Rebecca, Sandil & Yazme KORAU Trophy – Katy</p>
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END OF YEAR REPORTS

All reports will be sent home by the end of today. Next year's classroom and teacher were also included with the report on a separate slip of paper. Please check your children's bag if you haven't seen a report. If they don't have a report, please contact the classroom teacher.

If children are not at school this week, reports will be held at school.



START OF 2023 DATE

Our start date for 2023 is Tuesday 31 January. Staff only days will be in the days before this.



facebook We will be taking a break from social media over the Christmas break and so will be putting a pause on our school Facebook page from Friday 23 December through until Monday 9 January when the holiday programme begins again.

COVID RAT'S

If anyone needs RATs, please contact the school office as we have a good supply that we can distribute to school whanau who need to carry out COVID tests.



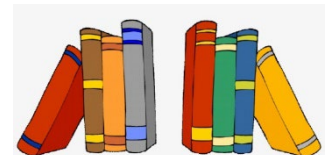
KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME DATES (2022/2023)

Unfortunately, we have had to change the programme for Wednesday 25th January as we have not had enough enrolments to go on the trip planned for this day. Alternative activities will be organized for this day.

KCC will be running between **Friday 16 to Thursday 22 December and Monday 9 to Friday 27 January inclusive**

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

Our school library is now closed. Can all school library books that are currently issued to students please be returned to school so we can store them back in the library for the holiday break. Please check around the house, under beds, in wardrobes, in bags, wherever you can think a book might be hiding.



STOKES VALLEY NEW WORLD

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Stokes Valley New World, as we provide the best resources and opportunities for our students. It is wonderful to see this business give back to the community and we are grateful for their on-going support.





SCHOOL INVOICES

Thank you to all families who have made some payments or contacted us about outstanding payments for school and sporting activities. If you haven't done so already, we ask that these are either paid in full or regular part payments are made to clear debts before the end of the school year. During the year we are often required to pay for activities and fees in advance and the school carries this debt until payments are made by parents. If you would like to discuss your invoice, please contact the school office.

KORAUNUI SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any 5-year-old children who are starting school this year or next 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, email office@koraunui.school.nz. We are happy to talk with parents about our school and show them round so they can get a feel for how we operate.

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.

RUBBISH AND PACKAGING



As a part of the work we do as an EnviroSchool, working to take care of our school and local environment, we are asking that all packaging that comes into school with children is returned home each day unless a class is doing a specific task around packaging. It would be fantastic to see no rubbish blowing around our school grounds.

BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for stationery and sports fees. If you would like to do this, bring in some cash and talk to Melva or Maree 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. Our account is Koraunui School Board of Trustees 12 3478-0015483-00

Dave Lamont
Principal

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Term 4

Week 9

- Wednesday 14 December: Year 6 Mystery Bus Tour – 2.30pm until late
- Thursday 15 December: Final assembly and farewell to leaving staff – 10.30am in the school hall
- Thursday 15 December: **School finishes at 12.00pm**

2023 START OF YEAR

- Term 1 2023 will begin on Tuesday 31st January
- Friday 3rd February: **School finishes at 12.00pm (We are having a combined Taita/Stokes Valley staff only afternoon at Taita College.) All children to be collected by 12.00pm. KCC will be closed on this day.**



How our summer reading challenge works:

- It is free! Tamariki aged 5 and over can pick up a Big Read Journal at any of our libraries; they don't need a library card.
- There are three levels, pihinga/sprout, māhuri/sapling and kōhure/tree. The number of pūrākau/stories and tākaro/play activity increases with each level.
- The journal is like a reading log and tamariki are encouraged to talk about what they are reading or listening to with library staff.
- Tamariki complete fun tākaro/play activities such as reading a book with a kaumatua or someone in their whānau or designing a brand-new cover for a book.
- Tamariki can win prizes for reading.