

## NEWSLETTER TEN, TERM THREE.

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## KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to the new children and their whanau who are joining our school this week. New student this week Sunny.

#### THANK YOU

On behalf of our staff I would like to thank our school community for the support we received last Thursday so we could attend the funeral of Mr Wickham. It meant a great deal for us to be there with Jill and her family during this sad time.

## TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

We will be holding a Teacher Only Day next term on Friday 25 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 - KCC will also be closed** 

### **HEAD LICE**

We have had some cases of headlice at school recently. 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 <a href="https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice">https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice</a>. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school office for advice and support.

#### LOST PROPERTY



Lost property will be laid out on Friday afternoon for collection. Anything left after Friday will be donated. Please check to see if any of the clothing belongs to your children. Remember to name all clothing and reinforce the importance of the children being responsible for their own property.

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



#### **50 cent STALLS**

Our Year six students are running 50cent stalls every Friday at morning teatime. Buying items, supports these children to raise money to go to camp. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents and \$2 is the limit.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting

## Kia ora koutou



The Board of Trustees meets once a month to discuss how our kura is performing and what our goals and priorities should be. The Board has five parent representatives, our Principal Dave Lamont, and Deputy Principal, Gillian McPeake who is the staff representative.

In our September meeting we spent time discussing two important policy documents, an amended Restraints Policy and a Complaints and Concerns Policy. All schools are required to have these policies.

The Restraints Policy explains when restraint can be used to ensure students' and staff members' safety. It also includes information about our kura's responsibility to report all such instances to the Ministry of Education. The Board is provided with full descriptions of each time when restraint is used. This usually involves a staff member needing to hold back a student from hurting another tamariki or separating them from other tamariki while they calm down.

The Complaints and Concerns Policy provides a process to follow when a complaint is made. A flow chart about this policy in the 17 September school newsletter. and is also available in the school office.

We also spent time taking a careful look at achievement data broken down by Te Puawaitanga o Te Kakano and students from our other classes. This highlighted a need to lift writing achievement across the school. It also highlighted the crucial importance of working with local early children education provides to equip new entrants for the transition to school.

Another significant discussion was about the new Donations Scheme. The Board decided to sign up to the scheme. This is a government policy which provides funding for decile 1-7 schools in place of school donations. Joining the scheme will be positive for our finances. It will provide considerably higher funding than what we have raised through school donations. Our kura will need to use this funding for costs, such as bus strips and outings, that have been previously been covered by gold coin charges. It will also need to be used for other activities previously funded through out-of-pocket charges. Information about what is covered by this scheme is provided in the 'examples' section on this linked form. More information about the scheme is available at this link on the Ministry of Education website.

In our meeting we were also informed that Bob Wickham, husband of long-standing staff member Jill Wickham, was seriously ill. Bob has now passed away. The Board wishes to extend its condolences to Jill and the Wickham Whanau.

Please contact a Board member if you have any questions. Member's contact details are included in the school newsletter.

Ngā mihi nui Craig Press, Board Chair

## KCC CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DATES (2020)

Over the Christmas break KCC will be operating between Monday 13 January and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January inclusive.

# WORKING BEE SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER (9.00am-12.00pm) SAVE THE DATE

We are planning a working bee for Saturday 19 October to get the school spruced up for Term 4 and summer. We have a range of jobs that need attending to around the school. Please complete the return slip if you can help in any way. We will put out a list of jobs in the first newsletter of Term 4.



#### **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.

Dave Lamont Principal

# CALENDAR BY ALINA (Friend of Koraunui School and Board of Trustees secretary)

Alina has been accepted into an artist residency programme in France during 2020 and to help raise funds for this has created a 2020 calendar of her artwork. Orders for the calendars will be taken at the school office.



## **Term Three Calendar**

## Week Ten

Child's name:

• Friday 27 September: End of Term 3 (school finishes at 2.00pm as usual)

# **Term Four Calendar**

- Monday 14 October: Start of Term 4
- Thursday 17 October: Shakeout Earthquake Drill
- Wednesday 23 October: Board of Trustees Meeting
- Friday 25 October: Teacher Only Day
- Monday 28 October: Labour Day

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### PASIFIKA GROUP FUNDRAISING

As per the notice that all Pasifika performers got last Friday, we will be doing a range of fundraisers and need your help to raise funds for our children.

## Please fill out and return to school as soon as possible

Room:

I can help with preparing the chop suey on Wednesday 23rd October: (name).				
I can help with setting up the hall for the disco on Thursday 31st October:(name)				
I can help with selling at the (name) I can help with:	he lunchtime disco	on Thurse	day 31st October	
Name:				
Contact number:				
PASIFIKA GROUP FUNDRAISER - CHOP SUEY FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM Wednesday 23 October 2019				
Name		••••	Room number	
Number of meals	@\$5	each.	<b>Total \$</b>	
(Circle one) I will pay at the office / I will pay on-line (name and chop suey reference)				
WORKING BEE – Sa Yes, I can help. (Please	•	•	am-12.00pm)	<i>1</i> #
Have wheelbarrow	Have rake	e rake Have shovel		
Can come and labour	Can make morning tea			
Name	(Please print) Ph:			