



## **NEWSLETTER NINE, TERM FOUR.**

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

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOVEMBER 2019 MEETING SUMMARY**

Kia ora koutou

Our November meeting focused on end of year organisation. This included working with our tamariki to keep them on track as they begin to get tired towards the end of the year and getting everything in place for the Year Six tamariki who are going to camp. We also discussed how the budget is tracking and our likely end of year result as well as staffing resources for 2020.

Another point we talked about was a request to house an emergency electricity generator as part of efforts to improve Stokes Valley's civil defence preparedness. We have asked for more information to work out if this is something that will be safe and practical to have in specially built storage on the school grounds.

We also talked about our IT set up across our school. Board members have recently met with an expert in school IT programmes and planning. This highlighted the need to think about many different aspects. These include having clear ideas about what type of devices to have, having good network systems and storage at school, deciding what to lease and what to buy, and using available online training.

The Board has received resignations from Vanessa Ellis who has accepted a position at a school in Tawa and Emma Saul who has accepted a Learning Support Coordinator Role for the Taita/Stokes Valley Kahui ako. Both of these positions begin in 2020. We thank Vanessa and Emma for their service to our school over many years, for sharing their passion for learning and education with us all and wish them well for their new positions.

The final Board meeting for 2019 is being held on 11 December 2019.

Nga mihi nui

Craig Press

Chair, Koraunui School Board of Trustees



## UMU FESTIVAL

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out with the preparation of the Umu Festival last Friday. It was a fantastic experience for us all to see and be involved in the process as well as taking part in the meal in the afternoon. This was a wonderful celebration of Pasifika culture and a chance for us to come together as a community.



## FLOOD IN ROOMS 14 & 15

With the storm that went through over the weekend, Rooms 14 & 15 have flooded again. We are working with the Ministry of Education this week to repair the damage and to find a solution to the cause of the flooding. Rooms 14 & 15 are based out of the library until the rooms are ready to inhabit again.

## POP-UP CAROLS



What a fantastic evenings entertainment we had with Nick Tansley and his band last week. This was a great way to get everyone in the festive spirit and everyone who came along had a great time.



## BATHROOM AND KITCHEN HARDWARE FUNDRAISER



The Pasifika Parents group have had a very generous donation of HANSA tapware for a bathroom and kitchen to raffle as a part of their fundraising. The total retail value of this is \$1,638. Tickets are on sale in the school office at \$5 each. **Only 18 tickets left.**

This will be drawn as soon as all tickets are sold.

## COMMUNITY TUTOR READING

Today we shared a morning tea with our Community Tutor Readers and to say thank you to them for the work they have done with our students this year. Our 12 tutors have supported 33 children this year and through their dedication and commitment to our children we have seen most of them make a leap in their confidence and ability in reading. If you are interested in becoming a Community Tutor Reader in 2020 please contact the school office.



**SUN HATS** – with Term 4 now well underway please make sure that all children bring hats to wear at school to help protect them from the summer sun.



## PARENT HELP

Parent Help is a non-profit organisation that supports parents in New Zealand by operating a free parenting helpline for parents and caregivers. The helpline provides personalised, practical support and strategies to parents and caregivers on a diverse range of parenting issues and challenges.



## WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2020



If you are seven years or older and would like to take part in this awesome opportunity, sign up to using the link below or on our school Facebook page.

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35581&G=99626>

## HUTT CITY LIBRARIES SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2019-20

Any child aged 0-12 years can sign up for the challenge at any of our eight Hutt City Libraries from 1 December.

The entire whānau can join in, this year we have The Little Read for ages 0-5 years; The Big Read for ages 5-12; and Explore, Read, Relax for rangatahi and adults. It's a great way to support your child's reading and help them maintain the reading achievements they have made throughout the school year, even while on holiday!



More details at [www.library.huttcity.govt.nz](http://www.library.huttcity.govt.nz) and at all Hutt City Libraries.

## ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any 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.

## PLANNING FOR 2020

Next year we are planning to hold **3 teacher only days** during the year in term time. These are planned for;

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – all schools in Naenae, Taita & Stokes Valley will be joining together for a professional development day (KCC will be closed on this day as all staff will be attending the day).
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – We have a literacy specialist coming to work with our staff on this day (KCC will be open on this day).
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – This will be a professional day for teachers to focus on reporting and achievement of students before the end of the year (KCC will be open on this day).

In addition to these days we will be holding professional development days before school starts in the new year and during the term breaks. We are informing our community now so there is the maximum amount of time for you to plan for these days.

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



Dave Lamont  
Principal

### **Term Four Calendar**

#### **Week 9**

- Monday 9 - Friday 13 December: Year 6 Camp – Wairarapa Outdoor Pursuits Centre
- Wednesday 11 December: Board of Trustees Meeting

#### **Week 10**

- Monday 16 December: Year 6 Graduation at Taita College
- Tuesday 17 December: Year 6 Mystery Bus Tour
- Wednesday 18 December: Final assembly and last day of school. School finishes at 12.00pm. No KCC in afternoon on this day.