



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

NEWSLETTER ELEVEN, TERM ONE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school, the children in their learning and all we have done to make school as safe as possible for everyone on site. We are lucky to have such a supportive school community.

We wish everyone a good break and we look forward to seeing everyone back next term. *Term 2 begins on Monday 2 May.*

COVID Red Light Processes – COVID Cases

I am sure we are all waiting to see what decisions will be announced by the government this Thursday as we look to the holiday break and ahead to Term 2. As we have done throughout the pandemic, we will continue to adapt and respond to any changes that are made.



- To date we have had 50 people who have tested positive for COVID-19 who haven't already been in isolation at home.
- 44 of these people have now returned to school after completing their isolation time.
- We have had 28 people also test positive while they have been home isolating as household contacts.

School Attendance - It has been pleasing to a reduction in COVID cases recently and most students who have been in isolation have now returned to school.

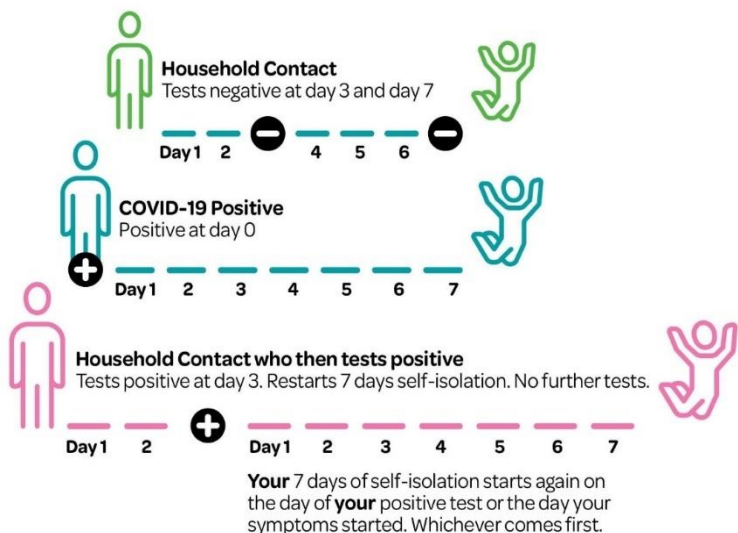
We are now expecting students who have been away to return to school if they are well. As you know, it's important for any child's wellbeing and learning to be at school with their friends and school staff. We have good systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible and it would be great to have everyone back at school for the start of Term 2.



If anyone needs RATs, please contact the school office as we have been provided a good supply by Te Awakairangi Health and the Ministry of Education that we can distribute to school whanau who need to carry out COVID tests. PLEASE DO NOT BUY TESTS AS WE CAN NOW ACCESS THESE FOR FREE.

Information about isolation periods and testing for positive COVID-19 cases and household contacts is below with more detail available on our school website [HERE](#).

The image below shows key dates for people isolating.



Need Support while Isolating?

Call 0800 747 213

Select from the following options:

- 1** RATs - how to access & use your test
- 2** COVID-19 Welfare Support
- 3** Mental Health & Wellbeing Support

Mon-Fri
8.30am-6pm

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SCHOOL DEVICES



If your children have been using a school iPad or Chromebook while at home in isolation, please bring this to the office when your children return to school. It would be great to have these back by the end of term so we can get them into classrooms in Term 2. Thank you 😊



AUTISM NZ HOODS UP WEDNESDAY & DRESS UP THURSDAY

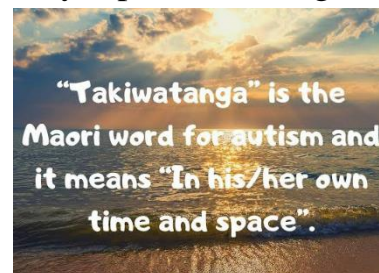
April is Autism awareness month. Our kura will be raising awareness for our tamariki and whanau who have ASD by:

Wednesday April 13th (tomorrow) we will be participating in the nationwide "hoodies up day". It is a day where everyone wears a hoodie with the hood up. This is to raise awareness about sensory issues experienced by Autistic people and how having their hood up can help to lessen the sensory input such as light and sound.



Thursday 14th (last day of Term 1)

We will have a dress up/fancy dress day. We ask that anyone who is able to bring a coin donation. All koha received will be donated to AutismNZ.



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.

NETBALL & FOOTBALL DONATION

The school are grateful to David Paterson for providing the school with soccer balls and Leigh Te Puia with netballs. We appreciate the donations, the school love the equipment. We cannot wait to see our skills improve.

Ngā mihi

Katy from Room 13



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL



ROOM 23 MATH

I have loved my first term as a student teacher here at Korauui. Learning about DIMC has been very interesting and I am so proud of the tamariki in Room 23 and how they have worked together to solve maths problems. I have particularly enjoyed listening to their excitement as they spot different patterns and solutions. I am looking forward to continuing to observe their progress with mathematics and having fun along the way!

Whaea Nicola

Masters Student Teacher, Victoria University



PIC-COLLAGE

BASKETBALL HAS STARTED!

The first game of Basketball took place at Walter Nash Stadium on Monday afternoon. The Year 3&4 Koraunui Rua team played their first game of the season against a well-organized Our Lady of the Rosary School team. Our team got better and better as the game went on. Sadly, due to Covid restrictions, they had not had a practice!



All other grades start their games next term. The draws will be posted on the school Facebook page. All interested children should have received a notice by now. If not, please let Whaea Dale know – Dale.Ritossa@koraunui.school.nz It promises to be an exciting and busy season!



REMEMBER: Playing for your school is a commitment.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Over the past 6 weeks, the Kauri Team have been spending their Thursday afternoons participating in a range of Learning Through Play activities which have included; music and art, water play, bridge building, box construction and playdough.

Each week, the children in their mixed teams, go to a different activity. It has been a lot of fun for everybody, and it has been wonderful to see all the KORAU values being used.



This Thursday is the last round of the rotations.

ROOM 13 RESEARCH


Room 13 have been working independently on our Sea Creature Research information study. We enjoyed researching about our favourite creatures and finding facts on the computers and iPads.

From Sione

Animal Research

Animal Name
Penguins

Picture



Facts

- Penguins go toilet every 20 minutes.
- Penguins may huddle together for several hours.
- For example when it's cold.
- They are water birds.
- Penguins evolved to fly in water.
- A group of penguins in the water is called a flock.
- but on land they're called a waddle!... The black and white tuxedo look worn by most penguins is called a waddle!

Other Information

Penguins are flightless birds. There are at least 17 species of penguins.


Habitat

Salt water
Antarctica

Animal Research

Animal Name
Southern Right whale / Tohara

Picture



Facts

- Tohara can kill and smell humans.
- At full maturity Tohara can grow up to 15 meters long.
- Tohara can weigh as much as 60 tons (60,000kg).
- In 1965 there were 35,000 Tohara.
- Now in 2023 we have 2,000. They are endangered.

Other Information

The Tohara whale is a baleen whale and belongs to a group known as cetaceans which includes whales, dolphins, porpoises.

Habitat

South of the equator

Animal Research

Animal Name
Vampire squid

Picture



Facts

- Vampire squid
- It lives in the deepest part of the ocean.
- It can reach up to 12 inches long.
- It weighs 4 kilograms.
- It eats dead organic matter.
- It has 8 webbed arms.

Other Information

It has a special characteristic that helps protect them from the dangers of the deep sea.

Habitat

Deep ocean

TANGAROA MURAL – Design update from Whaea Ceri

The mural team have completed their design for the mural for the senior playground and will now begin painting their masterpiece onto the wall of the playground next term. We can't wait to see the end product. 😊

NETBALL



Training for all netball players will be on the top courts at kura: This will be subject to COVID levels, we may know more after this Thursday. So please at this stage pencil in the training dates, times and place.

- **Koraunui Piwakawaka (Y3/4) Tuesdays 3:00-4:00pm**
- **Koraunui Tui (Y5/6) Fridays 2:00-3:00pm**

This starts on the first week back after the holidays, so that we get two trainings before the season starts on 14 May.

Remember that games are on Saturday mornings at the Heretaunga College courts in Upper Hutt. The full draw will be available next term.

We've got coaches for both teams – big thanks to Riana, Roza and Seini. Coaches will be in touch with caregivers with information around training dates and games times once we have further information.

Exciting news:

- New World Stokes Valley are sponsoring new uniforms for both teams. They're going to look amazing!!
- funding has been secured for umpires through UHJNC
- netballs have been donated.

WOW! It's going to be a great season.

Craig Gilmour and Kirsty Jones (Netball Manager 021 168 6863)

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

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week Eleven:

- Thursday 14 April: End of Term 1

Term 2

- Monday 2 May: Term Two starts
- Monday 9 May: Build and Play equipment in school this week
- Monday 16 May: Primary Science Week begins – Antarctica
- Wednesday 18 May: Board of Trustees Meeting
- Monday 23 May: Build and Play equipment in school this week
- Friday 27 May: School Photos
- Monday 30 May: Build and Play equipment in school this week
- Friday 3 June: Kahui ako (Tāita/Stokes Valley) staff only day–**SCHOOL CLOSED** the
- Monday 6 June: **QUEENS BIRTHDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Friday 24 June: **MATARIKI – Public holiday SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Friday 8 July: End of Term 2

Term 3

- Monday 25 July: Term 3 starts

Dave Lamont
Principal