



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

## **NEWSLETTER TEN, TERM TWO**

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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

We have nearly made it to the end of Term 2 and once again we have had to adapt and change with COVID, flu and other illnesses having a significant impact on staff and students this term. It has been a challenge for everyone navigating the ever-changing world we live in.

We would like to say a massive thank you to our school community for the support and that has been demonstrated this term. We know it is not easy when we make requests of you at short notice and we appreciate the positive responses we have received to requests this term. We are lucky to have such a supportive school community working with us for the benefit of the tamariki.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our amazing staff for the way they have worked together for the good of our tamariki and each other this term.

Mid-year reports will be sent home on Friday this week. If children are not at school on Friday we will hold onto reports until next term.

We wish everyone a good break and we look forward to seeing everyone back next term. *Term 3 begins on Monday 25 July.*

## **STAFF CHANGE FOR TERM 3 & 4**

The Board of Trustees are pleased to share with our school community that due to increasing numbers of tamariki in Te Puāwaitanga o Te Kākano, our bi-lingual classes, we will be opening a new class for the second half of the year. We welcome Whaea Naomi to our staff and look forward to her becoming a part of our staff for the rest of the year.

## NEW NETBALL UNIFORMS

We were delighted to have some new netball uniforms for our teams that have been generously donated by Dan Shaw and Stokes Valley New World. The uniforms look fantastic and our teams are very happy about their new look. We would like to thank Kirsty Jones for the work she has done, building a partnership with Stokes Valley New World, and helping with the design and delivery of the uniforms.



## 50 cent STALLS



**50 cent stalls are held every Friday at morning teatime in the school hall.** Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.

## FLOOD DAMAGE UPDATE

Over the last week we have had contractors on site building an earth bund along the edge of the scooter track to provide some protection for Rooms 14 & 15 from future flooding. Planning will continue for a long-term solution including repairing and improving drainage around the school. Both Rooms 14 & 15 will remain in their current learning spaces, Rooms 10 and 12 for the first part of Term 3 at this stage.



## 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.



## SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM

We are grateful for the work that Maree and Janice have done in sorting out the maths room in the KCC building this term. We are excited about turning this room into music room for teachers to use with their classes and groups of students. We have moved in the majority of the music equipment we have and our keen Year 6 helpers gave some of the instruments a whirl today after their hard work 😊



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

The Triennial Board of Trustee elections are planned for September this year. We are looking for parents/caregivers of tamariki from our school community to put their hand up to make a positive contribution to our school. School boards need to represent the diversity of our school community to ensure a bright future for all our tamariki.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a trustee you can talk to any of the current trustees or go to the School Trustee Elections website for more information <https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/>



## 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.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

It is important for parents/whanau to contact the school if their children are absent and state the reason for any absences of children away from school. We are asking that specific information is provided (i.e. sore throat, cold, flu, type of injury etc).



Absences can be notified by calling the office on 04 939 9707, texting on 027 3710 947, emailing [office@koraunui.school.nz](mailto:office@koraunui.school.nz), school website <https://koraunui.school.nz/contact-us/absence-notification/>

## 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

## STAR WRITER

I have enjoyed reading the mid-year reports over the past week and seeing the progress being made in maths and literacy. It has been great to have so many of our students coming to share their writing with me. Leo from Room 15 (12) was particularly proud to share his writing with me. What a fantastic piece of writing Leo. I really enjoyed talking with you about your writing and learnt some new information about Antarctica. 😊 See the next page for Leo's writing

# Antarctica

Antarctica is a place where there's no heat, just snow and ice. Animals have to adapt to the extreme temperatures.

## Penguins

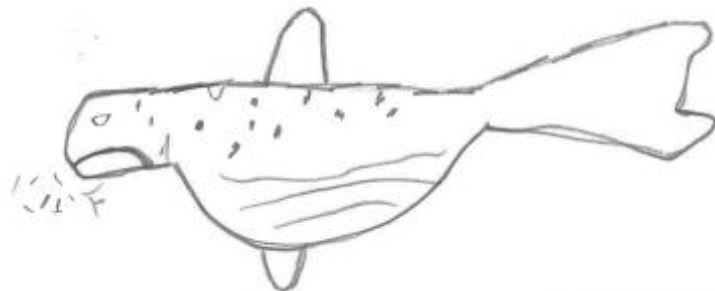
Penguins their feathers are waterproof, an Adelie penguin is 40-70 centimetres tall and they weigh 3.5-6 kgs.

Emperor Penguins are 1.15metres tall and 22-45kgs. Sea ice is the key to survival for them. Mums and Dads take turns to take care of the eggs.

## Cape Bird

It takes forty minutes, by helicopter, to get to Cape Bird. Cape Bird is home to forty thousand penguins and different birds.

Penguins have a special oil in their feathers so that their feathers are waterproof. The feathers keep them warm.



## Seals

Seals are predators, they eat penguins and fish. Seals are fast mammals. Seals are dangerous to people, if you get too close to them, but people are dangerous too.

## Global Warming

Global warming is bad to seals and some other animals. Some animals can become extinct.

So if we don't use machines, like, cars, big trucks and fossil fuels. So we can save Antarctica.

By Leo F 30th June 2022.



## COVID Orange Light Processes – **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Thank you to everyone who is notifying us that they are keeping their children home when they are sick. Along with COVID, there are other bugs and illnesses in the community now winter has begun.
- One of the difficulties we are having at the moment is distinguishing between asthma, winter ailments, colds and COVID as these all have many similar symptoms. If a child is at school and displaying symptoms or seems unwell, we will contact parents/caregivers about this. With COVID still in the community and now with evidence that some people have tested positive for a second time, we need to be cautious and work to protect everyone.
- Masks are available for students in Years 4, 5 & 6 and we encourage them to wear them while in class. This is personal choice, but it is a way everyone can help keep themselves safe.
- Our current COVID Orange Light processes can be found on our school website. These are being updated as more information is shared with schools. Please click here to access the information on our school website <https://koraunui.school.nz/this-is-us/covid-19/>



**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.**

## WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

### **Term 2**

- Friday 8 July: Mid-year reports sent home
- Friday 8 July: End of Term 2 at 2.00pm

### **Term 3**

#### **Week 1**

- Monday 25 July: **START OF TERM 3**

#### **Week 2**

- Monday 1 August: COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK
- Tuesday 2 August: Year 5 & 6 STEM Challenge for selected students
- Thursday 4 August: WoW Year 6 Trip (Group 1)
- Friday 5 August: Year 6 Runathon fundraiser for camp

#### **Week 3**

- Thursday 11 August: Cricket workshops at school
- Friday 12 August: Cricket workshops at school

#### **Week 5**

- Thursday 25 August: Cultural Day celebration

#### **Week 6**

- Thursday 1 September: WoW Year 6 Trip (Group 2)

#### **Week 10**

- Monday 26 September: Huttfest week begins

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Principal