



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

NEWSLETTER THREE, TERM THREE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Thankfully we have not had a COVID case at school since last Thursday, but we are still seeing cases of the flu and colds that are keeping children and staff home from school. This has meant that we have had to split or combine classes where we have not been able to get relieving teachers at short notice. If you arrive at school and there is no one in the classroom, please check with the class next door or come to the office and we can point you in the right direction.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

The Triennial Board of Trustee elections are planned for September this year. Nomination forms have been posted to our parents and whanau. **Nominations close this Friday 12 August at 12.00pm**

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/>



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.

As a part of our COVID processes all Year 6 students selling, teachers supervising and parents/whanau coming to help must wear masks. 50 cent stalls will be in the hall at morning teatime. We will make sure the hall is well ventilated during this time.

YEAR 6 RUNATHON

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who took part in the Runathon fundraiser last Friday. It was great to see them all putting their best effort into this event to raise money for their camp. Between this event, 50 cent stalls and work club jobs, we have many of our students who have either raised all the money they need for camp or are well on the way. It is great to see our Year 6 students showing their KORAU values and aspiring to raise the money they need for their camp. All money raised from the Runathon is to be handed into the office as soon as possible please.



FRUIT TREES FOR OUR SCHOOL

Last Friday a keen group of seniors helped plant fruit trees gifted to us by the Hutt City Council and Northern Community Funding Panel. We added apple, peach, feijoa, pear trees and a grape vine to our expanding orchard behind the old playground and next to the pool.



LEARNING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

This term Room 13 have been learning about climate change and caring for our environment. Some of their new learning has included the impact of fossil fuels on the atmosphere and climate as well as how electric cars might be able to reduce the amount of fossil fuels created. The impact methane gas contributes to climate change and that trees and plant life make a positive contribution to our climate. Did you know that 8 trees produce enough oxygen to keep a person alive for 1 year? Sandil and Jake do 😊



BASKETBALL TERM 3

The new basketball season is well and truly underway. Koraunui now have 5 teams playing across 3 Grades. Team TAHI Year1/2, Teams RUA and TORU Year 3/4, and Teams WHA and RIMA Year 5/6.

Despite the lousy weather and a fair bit of pupil sickness, we have managed to put a team on the court for all our games. A big THANK YOU to all the families who have made the effort to bring the children to the Walter Nash Basketball Courts.

The emphasis this year is on developing and practicing ball skills and playing as part of a team. If the players can come up with a win, that's an added bonus. A big THANK YOU also to the managers and coaches who give up their time on a weekly basis to help and encourage our tamariki.

Here's looking forward to an exciting Term of Basketball action!



CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY

On 25 August we will be having a cultural celebration day at school. We will celebrate the many cultures we, as students and staff, identify with and derive from. Staff will be running workshops on the various countries. We would love it if some of our parents and school community would like to be involved. If you would like to be involved in a particular workshop, please let the office know. The person running that workshop will get in touch with you.



COMMUNITY TUTOR READING



We are in desperate need of some more people to help take Community Tutor Reading again this term. All it requires is that tutors wear a mask. If you can spare an hour and a quarter a week to listen to children read, you will read with five individuals for 15 minutes each, please leave a message for Denise Silk-Martelli and she will get back to you.

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.

COVID Orange Light Processes – **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- This week we have seen a lull in positive cases of COVID at school. We will continue to monitor this and encourage parent to notify us quickly if they have positive COVID cases in their household.

It is important that we all work together to help keep everyone safe.



- Along with COVID, there is the flu and other bugs and illnesses in the community now winter has set in.
- If your children are unwell or displaying any cold or flu symptoms, we ask that you please keep them at home.
- 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.
- Our Board has reintroduced mask wearing for staff and students in Year 4-6 classes. We have a good supply of masks, and we encourage them to wear them while in class. This is a way everyone can help keep themselves safe.
- We ask that parents, whānau and visitors to school wear masks while on the school grounds.
- 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.

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.

STOKES VALLEY NEW WORLD

We were 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.



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, 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

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

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 7

- Monday 5 September: Tongan Language Week

Week 8

- Monday 12 September: Te Wiki o te reo Māori begins

Week 9

- Monday 19 September: Clean up New Zealand Week begins

Week 10

- Monday 26 September: Huttfest week begins

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