



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

NEWSLETTER THREE, TERM ONE

Wednesday, 15th February 2023

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to the Kyeesha and her whanau who joined our school this week.

We also welcome our new staff member, Whaea Keritiana, who has join us this year. Whaea Keritiana is working on Te Puāwaitanga o te Kākano. We are delighted to have her as a part of our Kura this year.

PAID UNION TEACHER MEETING **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

On **Monday 27 February** the majority of our teachers will be attending a NZEI paid union meeting to discuss the conditions and current offer for their new collective agreement that is under negotiation. This will be held between **2.00 and 3.00pm**.

Under the collective agreement schools must allow teachers, who are union members, to attend paid union meetings for up to 2 hours each year.

To enable teachers to attend this meeting we are asking parents to pick up their children at 1.30pm **IF YOU CAN**. Please sign children out if they are leaving early.

Children who cannot be picked up will remain at school and will be supervised until the end of the school day. Normal classroom programmes will not be running in the afternoon.

KCC will operate as normal after school.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL – DRIVE SAFELY



Over the first few weeks of the new school year, we have noticed a number of dangerous driving behaviours such as

- people doing U-turns on the road around the road patrols,
- using driveways to park in to collect children
- driving fast around the road patrols and school.

These are all **dangerous behaviours that are putting children and pedestrians at risk.**

Please drive responsibly around the school and if needed, park up the road or on Montgomery Street and walk up to school to collect your children.

2PM CLUB

All children including those who attended last year will need to be booked into 2PM Club by [clicking here](#)

Every Wednesday and Friday we run 2pm Club between 2.00-3.00pm for children whose parents book them in for this service. The cost of 2pm Club is \$2.00/session. This is to cover the cost of supervision during these times.



SWIMMING LESSONS – STOKES VALLEY POOL

Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd Feb

10 – 10.40 Room 4	10.40-11.20 Room 5	11.20-12 Room 8
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- The children walk to the pool so will need comfortable walking shoes and will go wet or fine.
- Please make sure the children come to school with named togs and towels the week their class is due to go to the pool. **This is a valuable and expensive part of our school curriculum. Please make sure tamariki have their togs every day for swimming.**
- Please feel free to walk with your child's class to and from the pool if you wish.



Due to there being a lack of instructors at Stokes Valley Pool this year, Rooms 23 and 9 will be having swimming lessons in the school pool. The Kaiako from these classes will send out information about this closer to the time.

HATS & WATER BOTTLES



It is fantastic to see so many children with hats on as we begin the new school year. Please make sure your child has a **sunhat to**

keep at school, clearly named so any ownership disputes can be

quickly resolved. We encourage children to bring **named water bottles** with them to help keep them hydrated during the day.



STUDY CENTRE



Once we have an idea of enrolments, we will begin Study Centre for this year. You can enrol your child/children in one or more of these sessions.

If you would like your child to attend Study Centre and they are **Year 4 upwards**, then please fill in the return form on the last page of the newsletter or contact the office for an enrolment form. Sessions run for 1 hour after school finishes Monday-Thursday. This is a free service for our students.

CAN YOU HELP?

The mornings before school starts are really busy for staff. We have a **Breakfast Club** available to children from 8.00-8.30am each day. Help is needed to run this.

We also need people on the **school crossings** to see children over the busy roads safely each morning between 8.00-8.30am. If so, can you help?

COMMUNITY TUTOR READING



We are in need of some people to help take Community Tutor Reading again this year. 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. It is so exciting to see how successful the programme can be.

Please fill in the form towards the end of the newsletter if you are prepared to be rostered on to a regular session each week (or team up with another family and take turns).

50 cent STALLS



50 cent stalls are run by our Year 6 students as a part of their camp fundraising and 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.

50 cent stalls will be in the hall at morning teatime and will begin **THIS FRIDAY**. We will make sure the hall is well ventilated during this time.

KORAUNUI SCHOOL COMMUNITY SCIENCE SURVEY

Thank you to all those who have completed the survey already, we have had 35 responses and received some really useful information. We are reviewing our science teaching and learning programme at Koraunui School. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey, it should take no more than 3 minutes. The information we gather will help us develop a school science programme that is more reflective of our community.



[Click here to complete the science survey](#)

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE MEMBERSHIP REVIEW



In the coming weeks we will be reviewing the membership of our Facebook page. Our page is intended for families and whanau with a direct connection to Koraunui School through children who currently attend our school. For whanau of children who have left, we will remove them from the page. We thank everyone who has supported our school over the years and used Facebook as a means of communicating, supporting our school and sharing stories about their children.

Remember to keep up to date with what we are up to via our school website.

COVID RAT's

If anyone needs RATs, please contact the school office as we have a good supply that we can distribute to school whanau who need to carry out COVID tests.



MINOR AILMENTS SCHEME UPPER HUTT – available to Stokes Valley residents

A new pilot scheme has launched in Upper Hutt to enable eligible people to access some free medicines from selected local pharmacies for minor illnesses where and when they need it.

The 12-month pilot is designed to help people with minor illnesses to access healthcare and is available for anyone:

- Under 14yrs old
- With a community services card

The conditions that pharmacists can help you with include:

- skin ailments (nits, eczema, scabies, fungal infections)
- eye inflammation
- dehydration (usually from vomiting and diarrhoea).

The participating pharmacy locations are:

- Lagans Pharmacy
- Queen St Pharmacy
- Unichem Maidstone Pharmacy
- Unichem Upper Hutt Health Pharmacy
- Unichem Upper Hutt Pharmacy

The opening hours and addresses for these pharmacies can be found on [HealthPoint](#).

A pharmacist can provide advice on, and treat, common and minor illnesses with a range of medications. The pharmacist will refer patients to a GP or other health care service if the patient's condition requires it.

DENTAL HEALTH

Tips for keeping tamariki's teeth clean:



- Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day.
- Spit, don't rinse after brushing.
- Avoid drinking sugary drinks. Tap water is still the best drink for thirst.
- Eat snacks with no added sugar.
- FREE dental care is available for under 18 year olds.

For more information:
www.beehealthy.org.nz



BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for items, event or sports fees during the year. If you would like to do this, please come and talk to Maree and she 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

KORAUNUI SCHOOL 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, email office@koraunui.school.nz. We are happy to talk with parents about our school and show them round so they can get a feel for how we operate.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN AND COOKING

We are delighted to be able to support the wonderful people of He Puāwai Trust as they look to build community gardening and cooking skills in Stokes Valley.

Longtime resident and community connector of Stokes Valley, Debbie (Matua Bruce's wife) is our new Stokes Valley Kai Coordinator. Nau mai haere mai Debs!



Debbie will be running Kai kit/cooking classes, starting at Koraunui School, but with other opportunities coming also, very soon! Working alongside whānau in all things kai, but with a special focus on growing, cooking and sharing skills.



If you're keen to take part in community classes, or want to join the kai movement beginning to take shape in Stokes Valley, please contact the school office or get in touch here: stokesvalleykai@hepuawaitrust.com

Let's Grow Stokes Valley.

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week Three

- Monday 13 - Thursday 16 Feb: Swimming lessons begin Rooms 12, 13, 14 & 15

Week Four

- Monday 20 – Thursday 23 Feb: Swimming lessons continue Rooms 4, 5 & 8
- Tuesday 21 Feb: Non-stop cricket at Fraser Park for selected Year 3/4 & 5/6 teams
- Wednesday 22 Feb: Board of Trustees Meeting Moved from (Week 3)

Week Five

- Monday 27 Feb: Teachers attending Paid Union Meeting from 2pm
- Wednesday 1 March: Movin' March begins

Dave Lamont
Principal

RETURN FORMS

Please send back the whole sheet, even if you have filled in only one section.

YES, I CAN HELP!

School crossing: 8.00-8.30: Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

Name: _____ Phone: _____

YES, I CAN HELP!

Community Tutor Reading:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

CONTACT DETAILS

Childs/Children's Name:

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Emergency Contact and Relationship:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Study Support Centre - Registration Form

This form must be printed and completed for each student attending the Study Support Centre in 2023.

- Parent(s) / Caregivers are to complete Sections One, Two and Three.
- Study Support Centres are to complete Sections Four and Five.

SECTION ONE – PARENT / CAREGIVER CONTACT DETAILS						
Parent / Caregiver / Other Name				Ethnicities ¹	Gender	
					Male Female	
Address						
Home Phone number			Mobile Number:			
How would you prefer to be contacted?			Email Address:			
SECTION TWO – STUDENT DETAILS						
Name of Child / NSN ²	Male / Female	School Year	Name of School ³ (Primary & Intermediate)	School Report ⁴ [Please circle one for each subject]		
				Reading ⁵	Writing ⁶	Maths ⁷
				Above	Above	Above
				At	At	At
				Below	Below	Below
Student Attendance: [Please indicate which days your child will regularly attend the Study Support Centre during the school term(s).]				Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SECTION THREE – PARENT / CAREGIVER CONSENT						
From the date that this form is signed, I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • confirm that I am committed to my child attending the Study Support Centre to the end of the 2023 school year • give permission for my child to be photographed, filmed and videoed or have their image recorded, and that the Ministry of Education may use such imagery on their website and in their publications. I understand I am entitled to request access to such images and to take copies of them at my own cost • agree that the information provided in this document is accurate and correct. 						
Parent / Caregiver / Other Name:						
Signature:						
Date:						

¹ Ethnicity is the ethnic group or groups that students and their parents/family/whānau identify with or feel they belong to. Ethnicity is self perceived and someone can affiliate to more than one ethnic group.

² National Student's Number (NSN) is a unique identification number given to every student. The NSN makes it easier for the education sector to manage and share information about students in a way that protects their privacy.

³ The name of the school the student is currently enrolled at and attending.

⁴ This information is will be used by the Centre as a guide to see if the rating has improved by the end of the school year

⁵ This 'Reading' information can be found in the student's last school term report and refers to National Standards or Ngā Whanaketanga

⁶ This 'Writing' information can be found in the student's last school Term report and refers to National Standards or Ngā Whanaketanga

⁷ This 'Maths' information can be found in the student's last school Term report and refers to National Standards or Ngā Whanaketanga

SECTION FOUR – STUDY SUPPORT CENTRE DETAILS	
Name of Centre:	Koraunui School
Address:	17 Kairimu St
	Stokes Valley 5019
Phone:	04 939 9707
SECTION FIVE – STUDY SUPPORT CENTRE CONSENT	
By signing this form, I confirm that this student will be registered to attend this Study Support Centre in 2023 and will receive the educational support as outlined in the 2023 Annual Plan.	
Study Support Centre Director Name:	Dave Lamont (Principal)
Signature:	
Date:	
SECTION FIVE – PRIVACY STATEMENT	
<i>The personal information on this form is being collected for the purpose of enrolling your child in a Study Support Centre and providing Study Support Centre services to you and your child. It will also be used for statistical and research purposes. It will be used by the Study Support Centre Supplier and by the Ministry only for these purposes and will not be disclosed to any other person or agency except in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. The information collected will be held by the Study Support Centre listed in Section 4 of this form and you have the right under the Privacy Act to request access to and correction of this information.</i>	