



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

## **NEWSLETTER ONE, TERM THREE**

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

Welcome to Term 3.

It is great to be back at school again and catch up with everyone after having the first 2 terms off on sabbatical. There are many new tamariki and whanau for me to meet. It has been good to catch up with whanau I haven't seen to date this year. I had a great break away and managed to do some study, reconnect with family and friends and importantly take some time out for me to recharge my batteries and reflect on my last 20 years of principalship and look at the path ahead of me. The job has certainly changed in that time.



The term has started off well and we have been impressed with how quickly tamariki have settled into routines again. We have hit the ground running and have a busy term ahead with a wide range of learning experiences happening both within the school and around the wider Wellington region. Please keep an eye on the Facebook page and newsletter for updated information.

We welcome our new staff member Monica Hamilton. Monica will be working in Room 23 this term assisting Mrs Joe and working with tamariki in this class every morning.

Welcome to Nayla who has joined her sister at Kura this week.

We have an amazing school, and it takes everyone working together to create a culture where we can learn and grow individually and collectively. This is not always an easy or straight forward process but with perseverance and keeping our KORAU values at the front of our thinking, we can help the tamariki be the best they can be.



## KORAU VALUES

We are encouraging tamariki to show how KORAU values can be demonstrated through words and actions around the school. These are the basis on how we build relationships and work together. Our KORAU values are

- Kind/Manaakitanga** We show Kindness to people and the environment.  
**Own/Rangatiratanga** We Own our own behaviour.  
**Respect/Whakaute** We Respect the rules, people, and the school.  
**Aspire/Wawata** We do quality work and strive for excellence.  
**Unite/Whanaungatanga** We work as a team / whanau. We are inclusive.



## WHATS COMING UP IN TERM 3

### Week 2

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Kāhui Ako Huttfest Performance @ Taita College (Performers only)

### Week 3

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Taita College students working with senior classes
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Kāhui Ako Super Staff Meeting
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August – Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm in the staffroom

### Week 5

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Taita College students working with senior classes
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – School photos beginning at 8.30am
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August – Year 1-4 Soccer at Walter Nash Stadium for some students TBC
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Bike maintenance team at school today

### Week 6

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Taita College students working with senior classes
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Year 5-8 Soccer at Walter Nash Stadium for some students TBC
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Dodgeball tournament at Walter Nash Stadium Year 3, 4, 5 & 6. Some students TBC
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Cricket lessons – planned sessions across the school

### Week 7

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Wellington Zoo trip Room 7 & 9 TBC
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Cricket lessons – planned sessions across the school
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Zealandia trip Rooms 13 & 14 TBC

### Week 8

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Taita College students working with senior classes
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm in the staffroom
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Cricket lessons – planned sessions across the school



## CHRIS HIPKINS VISIT

Last Thursday our local MP and Leader of the Labour party Chris Hipkins visited our Kura and joined our staff for morning tea. It was a good opportunity for us to talk about the good things happening at our Kura and share our thoughts about the direction education is taking at the moment. Some of our wonderful senior tamariki did a fantastic job of welcoming Mr Hipkins to our school.



## HUTT CITY COUNCIL PUKU TĀKARO SPORTS TRAILER

It was awesome to have access to the Puku Tākaro equipment last week and with the weather being so good, it was well used in the break times. This is a great resource and provides tamariki access to a lot of equipment they may not have used before.



## YEAR 5 & 6 DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Today a group of our Year 5 & 6 tamariki represented our Kura at a dodgeball event at Walter Nash Stadium. They all had a great time, represented our Kura with pride and demonstrated our KORAU values throughout the day. Ka rawe. Thanks to Mr G and whanau who helped with this event.



## STATIONERY

From the start of Term 3 there will be a charge for any stationery that the children require. We have the required stationery here at school and a charge will be added to parent's accounts/invoices if this is required for tamariki. We keep the cost of stationery as low as possible for our families.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS



School photos are planned for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Order envelopes will be sent out Tuesday 6 August. Please return or order online (with payment) by Friday 16 August..

## SOCIAL MEDIA CONCERNS

This message is about trying to help you keep your children safe while online.

**PLEASE CHECK WHAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND WHAT GROUPS/ACCOUNTS THEY HAVE CREATED OR ARE FOLLOWING.**

[Community Guidelines | TikTok](#)

<https://netsafe.org.nz/social-media-parents/>

Last week at school we have spent a lot of time dealing with the fallout from some of our senior students (Year 4-6) and their use of TikTok, Snapchat and other social media apps.

While the children using the social media sites has happened outside of school hours, the fallout of how they have been using these sites is happening at school and creating a lot of unnecessary upset amongst them and creating work for our staff that is taking us away from work we should be doing.

The recommendation in New Zealand is for children to be at least 13 before they begin using any social media site. A large part of the reason for this is because children under this age lack the emotional maturity to manage online relationships and are still developing the skills to identify and manage challenges that can occur when on social media platforms.

The social media world can be a dangerous place for young people who do not have the maturity or skills to manage what can be said in online platforms. We have seen this firsthand over the past week.

If you choose to allow your children to use social media platforms, please monitor what they are doing on these site and what accounts they have every day and consider setting up parental controls to limit the time children are spending online. So much can happen online in such a short time, and we all need to work together to help keep our children safe, your children.

We need your help to make this happen. Please be involved in your children's online activities.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will start again next Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00am. We have one parent who has volunteered to run this for us. This is available for all tamariki from our Kura who wish to have breakfast when they arrive at school. We expect that all tamariki will demonstrate their KORAU values when at Breakfast Club. **If anyone would like to volunteer or help with Breakfast Club, please contact the school office.** This runs between 8.00-8.30am each day.

## 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.** Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.

50 cent stalls will be outside Rooms 13 & 14 at morning teatime every Friday.

## STUDYCENTRE

Have a look at the link below to see what our amazing kids have been doing at Study Centre.

<https://www.koraunui.school.nz/this-is-us/study-centre/>

## OVERDUE INVOICES

Thank you to those families that have paid or are continuing to pay their invoices. If you haven't and need to, please start doing so. **Outstanding fees need to be paid ASAP.** If you have any question or would like to discuss invoices and payments please contact the office.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Thank you to those that have already updated their 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.

## BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for items, events, 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

## TOYS

We ask that parents please remind their children that they are not to bring their toys to school. Toys coming to school can cause unneeded disruption both in class and in the playground. The only time it will be okay for toys to come to school will be if your child's teacher informs you this is okay.

Ngā mihi,

Dave Lamont  
Principal