

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

# <u>NEWSLETTER SIX, TERM THREE</u> Kawerongo tuawhitu, wāhanga tuatoru

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 Ko te Tāite 5 o Hepetema

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# KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, MĀLŌ E LELEI, AND WELCOME

**TERM 4 STAFF ONLY DAY** – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. School and KCC will be closed on this day so we can take part in curriculum professional development.

# WHATS COMING UP IN TERM/WĀHANGA 3

# Week 8 / Wiki 8 Mahuru Māori

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September Cricket lessons at school whole school
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September World of Waste Year 6 Trip

# Week 9 / Wiki 9: Te wiki o te reo Māori

- Mane 16<sup>th</sup> Hepetema Taita College students working with senior classes
- Tāite 19<sup>th</sup> Hepetema Kapa Haka performance: Mahuru Festival Brewtown
- Tāite 19<sup>th</sup> Hepetema cricket lessons at school whole school
- Paraira 20th Hepetema Year 6 Runathon 10.45am-11.45am Scooter Track

#### Week 10 / Wiki 10 Mahuru Māori

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Mental Health Awareness Week: Community is... what we create together
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Taita College students working with senior classes
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September Room 13 & 14 Trip to Zoo
- Thursday 26<sup>h</sup> September cricket lessons at school whole school
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September Year 6 swim at Stokes Valley Pool

#### Term 4

• Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Start of Term 4. We will see everyone at 8.30am.

#### KPG – KORAUNUI PARENTS GROUP MEETING

Thanks to the parents who came along to the KPG meeting last week. It was great to see their enthusiasm for our school and the ideas they came up with for fundraising activities. The first event will be a disco planned for next term. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and Facebook early next term for information and details.

#### TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is an annual celebration for all New Zealanders to show their support for the Māori language, an official language of this country.



The theme for Te Wiki 2024 is 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It represents the *resilience*, *adaptability and endurance* of te reo Māori. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future. We will be celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori next week in a range of different ways with tamariki, but most importantly, we will all be having a go at using te reo Māori more in our daily interactions.

#### STUDY CENTRE WORK

Tamariki have been involved in a range of different learning activities at Study Centre over the past 2 weeks. Below are some examples of what they have been up to.

#### Acrostic Poem by Elliot

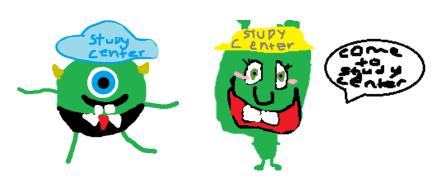
Kindness in every heart, we show
Open minds ready to grow
Respect for all, near and far
Aspiring to reach every star
United as one, we stand tall
Nurturing dreams, big and small
Understanding and empathy, our guiding light
In Koraunui, we shine bright

## Writing by Grayson





## Drawings by Belle and Elliot using Microsoft AI



#### KAURI TEAM ZOO TRIP

Last Wednesday the Kauri Team; Rooms 23, 4 and 5 went on a much-anticipated trip to Wellington Zoo. The focus of the trip was HABITATS and ADAPTATIONS. The Zoo provided hands-on lessons on this topic where children could hold the animals and see them close-up in their habitats.

A wonderful group of parents and helpers enabled the children to explore the zoo in small groups and observe the habitats closely. Highlights included seeing the lions relaxing in their habitat, the playful otters in the water and of course the adorable baby giraffe. It was a great learning experience for all the classes.

An additional bonus was travelling on the double-decker bus into Wellington. Lots of FUN!

Here are some opening sentences from the children in Room 4.

"WOW! Today is the day we are all going to the Zoo!" by Noah

"Oh my Gosh! Today is the day we are going on the double-decker bus to Wellington Zoo. I am so happy!" by Kayja.

"Cool. Today we are going to learn about lots of animals at the zoo!" by Zoe.

We were so lucky, the weather was kind to us and we were able to see LOTS of different animals.



#### KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Information about the KCC holiday programme for the October holiday break is available on our school website and below. Please contact the office for an Expression of Interest form.

All bookings need to be into the office by Tuesday 24 September so we can confirm programmes and staffing.

#### Koraunui Care Centre Holiday Programme September/October 2024

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday programme will be operating from Monday 30 September to Friday 11 October during the upcoming school holidays.

Check out details for the programme below and if you would like to make a booking fill in and return the request to enrol form to the Koraunui School office by Tuesday 24 September. We will then send you an enrolment form confirming your child(ren's) place. If you require financial assistance, please contact WINZ for information on a subsidy, or a form may be requested from the school office.

Once we have your request to enrol form, you are liable for the charges whether your child attends or not, unless notification of cancellation is received by Thursday 26 September 2024.



Please note: As well as the listed activities there will be various arts and crafts and games offered each day, as well as cooking activities on some days.

#### **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. <u>Outstanding fees need to be paid ASAP</u>, <u>especially sports</u>. If you have any questions or would like to discuss invoices and payments please contact the office.

#### POOL KEYS AND COMMITTEE

The Board of Trustees is getting prepared to hire pool keys to members of our school community in Term 4 this year and in Term 1 next year. We need some parents to set up a committee to help spread the workload, carry out pool testing (training will be provided) and keep an eye on the condition of the pool and surrounding area.

# WITHOUT A POOL COMMITTEE WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HIRE OUT KEYS.



This will involve weekend and holiday break checks. <u>Parents on the Pool Committee will be provided a pool key free of charge for the swimming season to acknowledge their service to the school.</u> If you would like to find out more about the pool committee or would like to volunteer, please contact Dave Lamont at school or email on <u>principal@koraunui.school.nz</u>

#### ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates at school over the past 2 weeks against the Ministry of

Education headings.

| _                   | Attendance at school | Percentage students attend school                  |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| Regularly attending | 90%+                 | <b>62% of students</b> attended school 9/10 days a |
|                     |                      | fortnight  |
| Irregular absence   | 80-89%               | 13% of students attended school 8/10 days a        |
|                     |                      | fortnight  |
| Moderately absent   | 70-79%               | <b>8% of students</b> attended school 7/10 days a  |
|                     |                      | fortnight  |
| Chronically absent  | less than 70%        | 17% of students attended school less than          |
|                     |                      | 7/10 days a fortnight                              |

Being at school is key to tamariki with their learning and social development. The table below highlights the impact of regular absences and how much learning will be missed. If your child can be at school, please get them here. If you need help of any type please reach out and ask. We are here to help.



#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast Club is on each day from 8.00 - 8.30am. It has been great to see a good number of our tamariki coming along for some kai each morning. 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.



#### **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

# FUNDRAISER FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Mr G has organised a fundraiser for bucket hats and drink bottles with our school logo on them. The proceeds will go towards new playground equipment for our tamariki. Click <u>HERE</u> or scan the QR code on the poster for more information and to purchase Koraunui School hats and drink bottles. The link is also on our Facebook page. **The last day for orders is Friday 20 September**. Orders will be sent to the school 2 weeks after this for distribution, meaning hats and bottles should be here by beginning of Term 4.

There are a range of colours to choose from. A poster with QR code is on the next page.

#### **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.

Ngā mihi,

Dave Lamont Principal





# We would LOVE your support.

JOIN US FOR EXCITING FUNDRAISER. WE ARE THRILLED TO PRESENT A RANGE OF ITEMS FEATURING OUR SCHOOL LOGO. BY PURCHASING THESE PRODUCTS, YOU ARE NOT ONLY SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL, BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTING DIRECTLY TO OUR PLAYGROUND



#### CELEBRATING TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

Please see below for information about Te Wiki te Reo Māori parade that is happening on Monday 16 September





Te Whanganui-a-Tara will take to the streets to show our love for te reo. Dust off your walking shoes and paint up your best te reo Māori signs. Get your Ake ake ake merch printed with our resource:

https://www.reomaori.co.nz/diy-merch before the parade.

Meet 9.30am, outside the TSB Arena. Depart at 10am for a walk along the waterfront to Waitangi Park for entertainment until 1pm.

