



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

NEWSLETTER FIVE, TERM TWO

Wednesday 11th June 2025

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NOA'IA, KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.



WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week 7

- Thursday 12th June: Year 3-4 and 5-6 Dodgeball Tournament 8.30-12
Walter Nash

Week 8

- Wednesday 18th June: Board of Trustees meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom
- Friday 20th June: **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MATARIKI**

Week 9

- Monday – Friday 23rd-27th June: Huttfest Week
- Friday 27th June: Last day of Term 2

Term 3

- Monday 14th July: Start of Term 3. School starts at 8.30am

HEAD LICE

We have been informed by some parents that their children have headlice. We ask that you please check your children's hair, especially if you notice them scratching. Information about preventing the spread of headlice can be found at the following website <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice>. We have some treatment products and combs available at school. Please contact the school office for advice and support if you suspect your tamariki have headlice.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Information about the KCC holiday programme for the July 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 June so we can confirm programmes and staffing.**

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday Programme July 2025

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday programme will be operating from Monday 30 June to Friday 11 July 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 June.** 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 June 2025.

Monday 30 June

Tattoo Art



Tuesday 1 July

What can you create



Wednesday 2 July

Tee-Shirt Art



Thursday 3 July

Straw swing



Friday 4 July

Silhouette canvas art



Monday 7 July

Wind Chimes



Tuesday 8 July

Paper cup lantern



Wednesday 9 July

Peg Craft



Thursday 10 July

Cardboard car construction



Friday 11 July

Drive in movie



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.

HUTTFEST PERMISSION SLIPS

Please return all permission slips for tamariki who are performing at Huttfest as soon as possible. All tamariki need to have permission to take part in this event.

HUTTFEST: TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

GET IN QUICK AS THEY ARE GOING FAST

Tickets are now on sale at this link:

<https://myetickets.co.nz/tickets/506/details>

Pasifika is performing Tuesday 24th June 3pm-5pm (Show 1)

Kapa Haka is performing Thursday 26th June 6.30pm-8pm

(Show 5)

Please make sure you check you are buying tickets for the correct show. Tickets are \$8.00 plus handling fees.

No tickets are sold at the school office. Please keep an eye out for further updates



VISITING TEACHERS FROM TEMPE ARIZONA

Last week we hosted Laura and Sarah, teachers from Tempe, Arizona who are part of a teacher exchange organized through the Hutt City Council. We were delighted to be able to welcome them with a mihi whakatau, show them around our school and have them see how we do things at Koraunui School. We hope to see them again before they head home in a few weeks.



INTERZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Bodhi, Louis, Ariya and Meci who all finished in the top 20 in the Northern/Southeast Zone cross country event and qualified for Interzone cross country. This was held yesterday, and we are really proud of how they all competed and represented Koraunui School. Ka rawe!



SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

We had a fantastic time celebrating Samoan Language week last week, starting with a flag raising ceremony on Monday. Tamariki took part in a range of activities during the week, learnt some Samoan language and on Friday we were all treated to a wonderful performance from Hope, Stella, Niselia, Israel and their whanau at the end of assembly. Following assembly everyone got to try some delicious Samoan food. It was great to see so many tamariki in their Samoan clothing during the week. Together we had a wonderful celebration of Samoan culture. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a special week.



STUDY CENTRE

We have received notification from the Ministry of Education that the funding provided to all schools to operate Study Centre has been reallocated to provide support in other areas of the education sector. Study Centre will no longer exist for any schools.

KOURANUI BASKETBALL SHOOT FOR HOOPS

These amazing tamariki created a video and entered a competition to get some new basketball hoops for Kura. The video was one of two that have been selected to take part in a shoot off at the Wellington Saints game this coming Saturday at halftime. If they do well, our Kura will receive brand new basketball hoops. Ka rawe koutou.



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates at school for this week against the Ministry of Education headings. It makes such a positive difference to learning and friendships if tamariki are at school every day.

Ministry Headings	Attendance at school	Percentage students attend school
Regularly attending	90%+	49% of students attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	8% of students attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	15% of students attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	28% of students attended school less than 7/10 days a fortnight

For tamariki who have been chronically absent they will miss 2 ½ weeks of school each term if they continue with this pattern of attendance.

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.

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD



The election for parent representatives for the school board is taking place next term. **Our election date will be on Wednesday 3rd September.** This is an opportunity for parents to become involved in school life at a governance level. Our board needs 5 parent representatives to work alongside

1 staff representative and Dave as Principal.

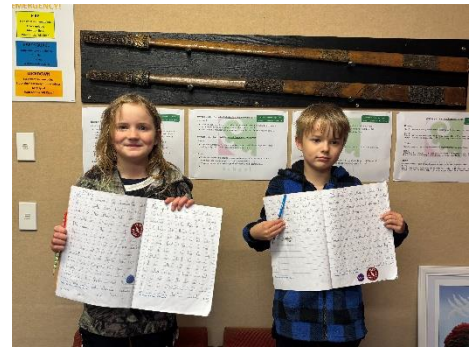
If you are interested in finding out more about what is involved with being on our school board please contact Dave, Spencer (our Presiding Member) or any board members, our email addresses are at the top of the newsletter.

You can also visit the school trustee election website [HERE](#) and watch a video that was made in 2022 for the last election <https://vimeo.com/722037996> that features Rachel our former board chairperson.

AWESOME KORAU KIDS

It has been fantastic to see awesome writing from our tamariki again this week. Mabel and Angus have written some excellent versions of Ngake and Whātaimai – the taniwha of Wellington harbour.

Below are their stories.



Long long ago there were two taniwha called Ngake and Whataimai. Ngake was aggressive and energetic, however his brother was calm and gentle. One lived on the north and the other lived on the south of the pretty lake Te Wanganui a Tara. Every morning, they hear the waves crashing against the rocks. One day Ngake said “I’m sick of this lake, I want to go out to the ocean”. “But you can’t” said Whataimai. “yes I can, but how?” Ngake thought, then he had an idea. Before Ngake jumped, his fists clenched and muscles showed. Suddenly Ngake was gone! Whataimai looked behind him and there he was swimming as fast as he can in circles. Then Ngake leaped over but he didn’t make it, he crashed into the rocks. It was like an explosion. He finally made it over. Behind him there was a big opening. Ngake said “come with me.” Whataimai swam over to Ngake, his dark red blood was everywhere. “I can’t swim through that” Whataimai said. “I have to find my own way over.” Whataimai looked furious. One morning there was a big earthquake and it lifted up Whataimai onto the land. Over time Whataimai’s body turned to stone and his spirit became a bird named Te Kea and he flew onto a mountain and looked down and cried to his body.

By Angus

Once there lived two taniwha. One lived on the north, one lived on the south of the stunning lake which was called Te Whanganua a Tara. The sound of the waves made Ngake more and more furious to go out to the sea and find new creatures. The seabirds said “there are so many adventures” which made Ngake feel eager. Before Ngake jumped, his eyes were bulging, and his claws were scratchy. Finally, one day Ngake crashed through the rocks without Whataimai knowing. Days passed when one day Whataimai noticed how Ngake was gone. As Ngake approached the rocks, he felt excited and brave. He thought he was about to crash into the rocks but instead he was free. Whataimai was sad that his brother left him. One day he was over it, he wanted to find his brother, so he did. He noticed why his brother wanted to go out into the sea, because it was so beautiful. Whataimai said goodbye to the lake and started going in circles. But he wasn’t strong enough. He got stuck. His body lay there for days, but one day the sand lifted him up. He did not know what was going on, but then he heard a rumble and a tumble. His skin dried over time, his skin turned solid like a rock. He wondered if Ngake would come back for him. Maybe Ngake will come back to find his brother. People came to the land after many years to try and find living things, but they found nothing. One day a chief found Whataimai, but he didn’t know what he was. Days passed and Whataimai was still on his sandy bed. The chief called his people to say there was a taniwha stuck in the sea and they need to help it settle and break free. They did but it was too late, there was a huge earthquake and he got covered in wood and he is now called Hataimai and his spirit became a special bird.

By Mabel

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

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

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KIDSCAN JACKETS

Last term all tamariki were given a named KIDSCAN jacket that could be used on wet and cold days, especially coming to and from school. With the weather now changing this is the perfect time for these jackets to be used.



2PM CLUB

All children 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. If your child is not coming to 2pm you need to contact the office for that specific day. If your child is on the casual list and are attending you also need to let the office know for that day.



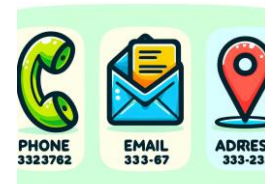
BANK ACCOUNTS

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

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