



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

## **NEWSLETTER ONE, TERM TWO**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

### **Contacts:**

**Phone:** 939 9707

**txt:** 027 3710 947

**KCC Cellphone:** 027 241 3028

**Teeth:** 0800TALKTEETH

**PRINCIPAL:** Dave Lamont [principal@koraunui.school.nz](mailto:principal@koraunui.school.nz)

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Spencer Hiess [BoT.Chair@koraunui.school.nz](mailto:BoT.Chair@koraunui.school.nz), [amber.pacheco@koraunui.school.nz](mailto:amber.pacheco@koraunui.school.nz), [chris.blazkow@koraunui.school.nz](mailto:chris.blazkow@koraunui.school.nz), [kris.dando@koraunui.school.nz](mailto:kris.dando@koraunui.school.nz), [renee.madsen@koraunui.school.nz](mailto:renee.madsen@koraunui.school.nz), [Craig.Gilmour@koraunui.school.nz](mailto:Craig.Gilmour@koraunui.school.nz)

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



Welcome to Term 2. It is great to see tamariki happy to be back at school and we have been impressed with how quickly they have settled into routines again. We have hit the ground running and have a short (nine weeks) and busy term ahead, with a wide range of learning experiences happening both within the school and around the wider Wellington region as well as Huttfest at the end of the term to look forward to. Please keep an eye on the Facebook page and newsletter for updated information.



We welcome our new teacher Elize Maritz to our team. Elize is initially working in Room 23 this term assisting Mrs. Joe and then in Room 1 with new entrants.

Welcome to Jayda, Harleen, Lacey, Kayleigh and their families to Koraunui School this term.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

We are holding our senior and junior cross country tomorrow at school.

Senior Cross Country begins at 9.00am

Junior Cross Country begins at 10.30am

Please come along and cheer the tamariki on if you are able to.

Cross county will be postponed to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May if the weather is too wet tomorrow.



## WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

### Week Two

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Junior and Senior Cross Country

### Week 3

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Cross Country postponement
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Primary Science Week: Science Exploration
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Rotuman Language Week
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Board of Trustees meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Pink Shirt Day

### Week 4

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Senior School Sir Peter Blake VR Sessions
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Senior School Sir Peter Blake VR Sessions

### Week 5

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Northern Zone Cross Country
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Taita College Year 13 students working with senior students
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Northern Zone Cross Country postponement day
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Staff Only Day **SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY**

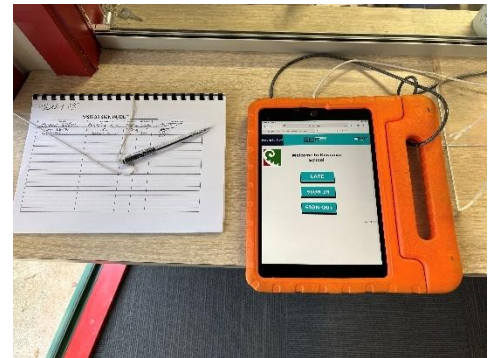
## TEACHER ONLY DAY 30<sup>th</sup> May

We will be holding a staff only day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. The Ministry of Education has provided two teacher only days to schools so we can spend time focusing on the changes to the curriculum and do some work around what these changes mean for us at our Kura.

**KCC WILL BE CLOSED THIS DAY**

### SIGN IN/OUT FOR STUDENTS

This term we have introduced an iPad to be used for electronic sign in and sign out for tamariki. This is used when tamariki are late for school or if parents/whānau sign their tamariki out early for any reason.



### 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.

### 50 Cent Stalls



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

This will be every Friday at morning teatime outside Room 12 and 13. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.



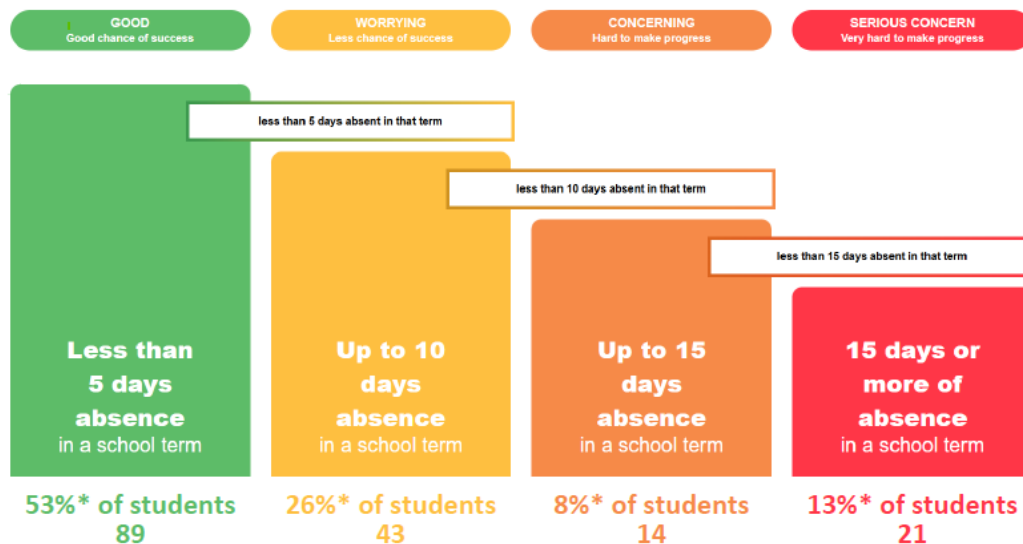
## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below is the graph of our overall attendance for Term 1. The Ministry of Education expectation is that 80% of all students will be at school for 90% or more of the school year (this is the green column). This graph shows that we are falling well short of this expectation. If your tamariki are well and are able to come to school please make sure they do so every day. Being at school every day makes such a positive difference to the learning and friendships of tamariki.

### Stepped Attendance Response - STAR

#### Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.



## PLAYGROUND MATTING REPLACEMENT



Over the April holiday break, the old matting was pulled up and taken away and the new matting was installed. The playground looks fantastic with the new matting and we are grateful for the support of NZ Community Trust and Kiwi Gaming for the generous grants they provided that funded the majority of this matting.



## SCHOOL INVOICES

Invoices were sent home on Tuesday. Thank you to all families who have made some payments or contacted us about outstanding payments for school and sporting activities. If you haven't done so already, we ask that these are either paid in full or regular part payments are made to clear debts as soon as possible.

If invoices go unpaid, even the \$5.00 that we ask for stationery and tissues, we will find it difficult to continue providing stationery, entering sports teams and providing KCC and 2 PM Club.





## PINK SHIRT DAY

Next Friday we will be supporting Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued.

Get you best pink clothes on and join in the fun on this day.

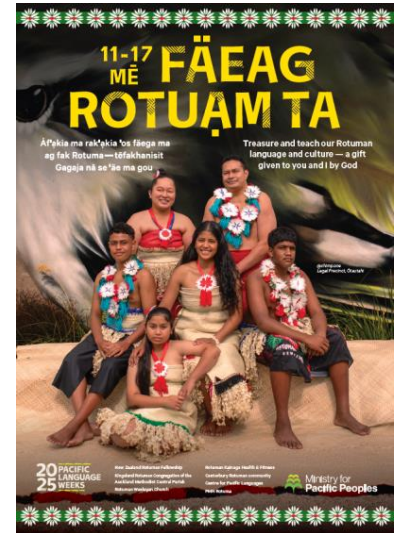


## ROTUMAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Next week we will be celebrating Rotuman language week. This is the first of many Pacific Island language weeks planned throughout this year.



Information about Rotuman and other Pacific Island nations can be found [HERE](#)



## FOOTBALL SKILLS SESSIONS

The Senior School has been lucky enough to work with Brendan from Lower Hutt Football every Tuesday this term until week 6. Tamariki are learning fundamental football skills which they are loving. A big thank you to Capital Football for offering this wonderful initiative.



## DUFFY THEATRE SHOW

The Duffy Theatre Show came to Koraunui School last Friday. Tamariki were entertained by performers for 45 minutes and had a fantastic time full of laughs. A big thank you to the Juno whānau for supporting this initiative. Your children will receive their two new Duffy Books later in the term. Ka rawe!



## HUTTFEST

We are looking forward to Huttfest at the end of this term. With this being a short term, everyone will be working extra hard to prepare for the performances. Tamariki who are involved with Kapa Haka and Pasifika performance groups will be busy this term learning waiata and dances. More information will be coming out later in the term about performance dates and times, as well as information about getting tickets. Please keep an eye out for notices and permission slips.



## GRANTS

We would like to thank Pub Charity, The Methodist Trust and Taka Trust for their generous grants that we will be using for work club jobs our Year 6 tamariki are doing to help fund their camp at the end of this year. These grants make the camp accessible to all of our Year 6 tamariki if they take part in work club jobs each week.



Methodist Trust Association

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY DOCUMENTATION



Koraunui School

As a part of this term policy review, our Board of Trustees is seeking parent and school community input about **Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters and Crises, Communication During an Emergency, Disaster or Crisis, Emergency Closure, Emergency Management, Disaster Management, Crisis Management.**

Instructions for parents to access policy review.

1. Visit the website <https://koraunui.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (koraunui) and password (koraunui).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form. **Please complete before Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June.**

## 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.



## SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

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

facebook

## FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD



The triennial election for parent representatives for the school board is taking place again this 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.

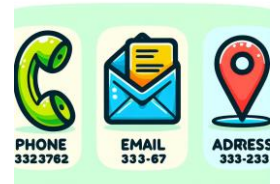
## BANK ACCOUNTS

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