



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

NEWSLETTER THREE, TERM TWO

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WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week 5

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

Week 6

- Tuesday 3rd June: Gagana Samoa Samoan Language Week
- Friday 6th June: Whole School Assembly led by Te Puawāitanga o te Kākano

Week 7

- Tuesday 10th June: Interzone Cross country – Trentham Memorial Park
- 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

- Huttfest Week
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TEACHER ONLY DAY 30th May

We will be holding a staff only day on Friday 30th 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

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

WINTER BEANIES AND SLIPPERS

All ready for winter – a big thank you to the Knit One, Pearl One Knitting Group for providing these lovely beanies and slippers to Room 23 - they will definitely brighten up the cold mornings ahead!



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates at school for this week against the Ministry of Education headings. It has been great to see most tamariki at school every day so far this year. It makes such a positive difference to their learning and friendships if they are at school every day.

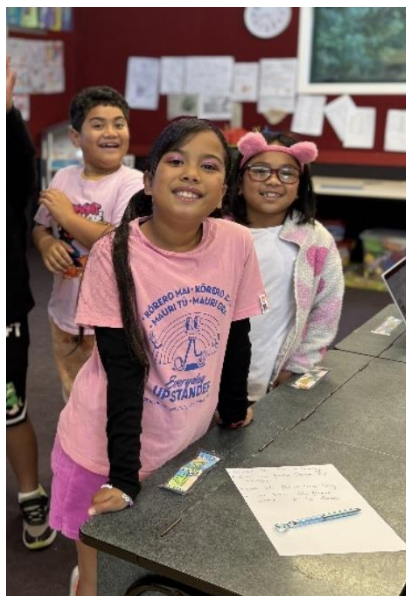
Ministry Headings	Attendance at school	Percentage students attend school
Regularly attending	90%+	68% of students attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	7% of students attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	11% of students attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	14% 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.

PINK SHIRT DAY

It was fantastic to see so many tamariki and staff getting involved with Pink Shirt Day last Friday. There was a positive buzz around the school and the rainbow of colours certainly added some brightness to our day. Thanks Mr G for running the spray paint table again this year.



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.



BLAKE TRUST VIRTUAL REALITY SESSIONS

This week Rooms 7, 9, 12, 13, 14 & 15 took part in some amazing virtual reality sessions run by Kaylee and Alice from the Sir Peter Blake Trust. During these sessions tamariki are immersed in underworld settings where they see marine life in their habitat, learn about how they live and the impact humans and other creatures have on them. This is a wonderful experience and we are grateful to have them back with us again this year.



AWESOME KORAU KIDS

It has been fantastic to see awesome writing from our tamariki again this week.



MAUI AND THE GIANT FISH

One day I asked my brothers if I could go fishing with them. My brothers said “no”. So, I hatched a plan. I hid in the hull of the waka. When they were far out at sea, I jumped out and surprised them.

My brothers said “what are you doing here”? “You’re not going to help catch fish”. So, I chanted a karakia that will help us catch plentiful fish. Then I asked for bait. They said “you’re not going to catch anything, it’s a waste of bait”. So, I held my fist tight, punched my nose and used my own blood.

Then I swung my harakeke rope with my jawbone like a lasso and threw it down to the ocean floor, home of many creatures.

I felt something big and mighty tug on my harakeke rope. Me and my brothers pulled and tugged, we pulled up this massive fish.

We went back to our village and I went to gather people. I left my brothers.

By the time I was back my brothers had hacked rivers and valleys of blood into the fish.

Today Maui’s waka is known as Aotearoa’s South Island and the giant fish is known as Aotearoa’s North Island.

By Nixon

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.

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,**

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 6th June.**

Communication During an Emergency, Disaster or Crisis, Emergency Closure, Emergency Management, Disaster Management, Crisis Management.

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.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

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

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SCHOOL INVOICES

Invoices were sent home last week. 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.



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.



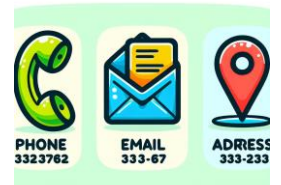
BANK ACCOUNTS

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