



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

NEWSLETTER TWO, TERM TWO

Thursday 15th May 2025

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WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week 3

- Friday 16th May: Pink Shirt Day

Week 4

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

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

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

CROSS COUNTRY

We are really proud of the way that tamariki took on the challenge of the Junior and Senior cross-country events this week. The weather was fantastic for both events and it was great to see tamariki giving their best effort regardless of where they were coming.

Thank you to parents, grand parents and whānau who came down to support (and in some cases run with their tamariki). It makes it such a special occasion when there is so much support for the runners.

We would also like to say a special thank you to our senior tamariki who were out in force yesterday encouraging and supporting the junior tamariki during their race. Ka rawe!



ROOM 23 GARDENING

Last week Room 23 made the most of the sunshine and did some work in the school gardens. Everyone rolled up their sleeves to do some weeding to tidy up the gardens. It was all hands-on deck! - Ka pai Room 23!



FIREWISE AND FIRE ENGINE VISIT

This morning the firetruck from the Hutt Valley Fire Station paid the Kauri Team a visit. It was very exciting. Everyone got to sit inside the truck while the firefighters explained how things worked and what they do. They then got to look at the hoses and equipment stored on the sides of the truck. Everyone also was given a chance to squirt water from a firehose at a road cone. Low pressure of course. We have some budding fire fighters at Koraunui School judging by how many tamariki hit the road cone first time.

It was fantastic to see Whaea Maria getting into the spirit wearing the fire fighters helmet. The children from the Kauri Team know what to do in a fire. Shout "FIRE! FIRE!" and GET OUT FAST!

And... STAY OUT!

“Be Firewise” is a great topic and the children have learned a lot.



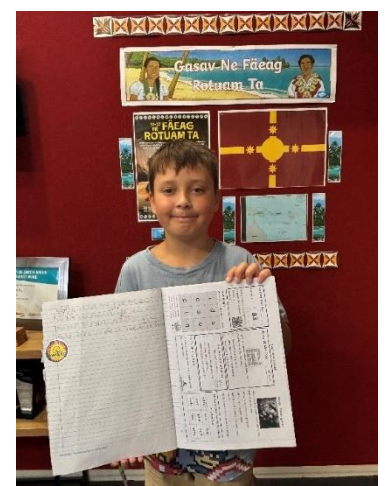
AWESOME KORAU KIDS

It has been fantastic to see so many tamariki bringing their work to the office to share with us over the past week. We have some very clever and talented tamariki at Koraunui School.



Talorna and Honour have been teaching maths to each other and others in the class and

Hunter has written an awesome retelling of a myth about Maui.



MAUI AND THE GIANT FISH

Once there was a boy named Maui and his granny yelled to him “come here”. He came to her and she gave him the jawbone. He saw his brothers and he asked if he could go fishing with them. His brothers said “NO”. So, at night he snuck into the boat, then when his brothers went fishing again they noticed that the fish didn’t come. Maui jumped and grabbed the rope . He punched his nose and put the blood on the jawbone. He tied the rope to the jawbone and he threw it and hit the Noarth Island. He pulled and pulled. His brothers were going to cut the rope, but Maui said “NO”. The creature was big, the boat went flying and they were stuck on the North Island.

By Hunter.

ROTUMAN LANGUAGE WEEK

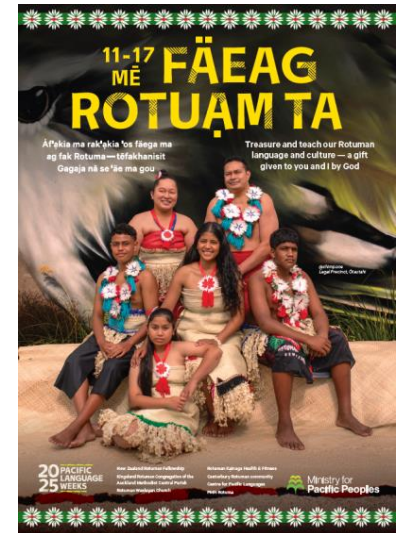
This week we have been celebrating Rotuman language week. The week started with the playing of the Rotuman national anthem and sharing the flag at singing on Monday morning. It



has been great to see tamariki having a go at learning some Rotuman words and use them in their day. 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](#)

Thanks to Mr G for organizing the resources for everyone to use during the week.



Samoan Language Week is from 1-7 June.

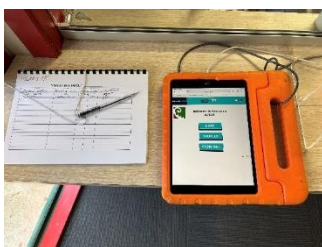
PINK SHIRT DAY

Tomorrow 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.



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.

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 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%+	60% of students attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	5% of students attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	20% of students attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	15% 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.

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 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.

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.



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.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

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

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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.



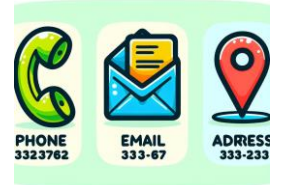
BANK ACCOUNTS

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