



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

NEWSLETTER FIVE, TERM THREE

Thursday 14th August 2025

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MAURI, KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

We welcome Zoe who has joined her brother at school this week.



WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week 5

- Friday 15 August: Year 6 tamariki attending Tui Glen Open Day 9.00-1.00pm

Week 6

- Tongan Language Week
- Monday 18 August: School Photos
- Tuesday 19 August: Talent Show
- Friday 22 August: Assembly hosted by Kauri Team at 9.00am

Week 7

- Friday 29 August: Daffodil Day Fun Run fundraiser

Week 8

- New Zealand Chinese Language Week
- Wednesday 3 September: School Board meeting 7.00pm in the staffroom

Week 9

- Papua New Guinea Language Week
- Tuesday 9 September: Maths and Literacy Evening from 5.00pm

Week 10

- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori Week
- Monday 15 September: Year 6 parent camp meeting 5.30pm in the staffroom
- Friday 19 September: Assembly hosted by Te Puawaitanga o te Kakano at 9.00am
- Friday 19 September: End of Term 3

PAID UNION TEACHER MEETING

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On **Wednesday 20 August** our teachers will be attending a NZEI paid union meeting to discuss the conditions and current offer for their new collective agreement that is under negotiation. This will be held between **2.00 and 3.00pm**.

Under the collective agreement schools must allow teachers, who are union members, to attend paid union meetings for up to 2 hours each year.

To enable teachers to attend this meeting we are asking parents to pick up their children up between 1.00-1.30pm **IF YOU CAN**. Please sign children out at the office if they are leaving early.

Children who cannot be picked up will remain at school and will be supervised until the end of the school day. Normal classroom programmes will not be running in the afternoon.

KCC will operate as normal after school.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates for last 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%+	44% of students attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	6% 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%	31% 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



Order envelopes for the 2025 photo day next Monday have been sent home with all students to give to their parents/whānau.

The information for how to order photos is on the envelope.



Here is the link for pre-ordering photos on LC Scott's website, you have the option to pre-order photos online - <https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=E5GBBTCV>

Please note that family photos must be pre-ordered before photo day to ensure the photo is taken.

Please contact the school office if you have any difficulty with ordering photos.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

There were 5 nominations and 5 positions for Parent Representatives so all will be confirmed as Board Member as there will be no election.

Thanks to Chris Blazkow and Amber Pacheco who will be returning and tēna koutou to Jack Taueki, Michelle Baker and Grace Hiess.

Craig Gilmour will return as the Staff Representative and David Lamont completes the board in his role as Principal.

Thank you to our new board members for their interests in joining our school board.

We held an introductory meeting last night and Chris Blazkow was elected Presiding Member (Board Chair) of the new board. We look forward to working with him in this capacity. We will share more about each of your new board members in the near future.

The new board will be looking to hear from you soon about or next 3-year plan so have a think about what you'd like the school to focus on for your tamariki.

Tēnā rawa atu kōrua | thank you very much to Kris Dando and Renee Madsen for your time on the Board supporting Koraunui School.



Koraunui School
School Board Triennial Election
06 August, 2025

DECLARATION OF RESULT

Parent Representatives (5 vacancies)

Chris Blazkow	0
Amber Pacheco	0
Jack Taueki	0
Michelle Baker	0
Mabel Grace Hiess	0
INVALID VOTES	0

There being 5 candidates and 5 vacancies, I hereby declare the following duly elected:
Chris Blazkow, Amber Pacheco, Jack Taueki, Michelle Baker, Mabel Grace Hiess

BJM Vester, Returning Officer



Designed to make communication between home and school easier for families, the @school Caregiver App is part of your school's student management system, eTAP.

What you see reflects real-time, secure data on your child and school, ad-free, connected and easy to use.

@school Caregiver App

SIMPLE, SECURE AND DIRECT
CONNECTION WITH YOUR CHILD'S
SCHOOL AND LEARNING



ALL YOU NEED IN ONE APP

@school gives you a private, real-time view of your child's school information.

- Easy to access
- Free to use
- No ads
- Only see what you need about your own child and school
- Password protected and secure
- Customised by your school to suit your community

FEATURES FOR FAMILIES

Your school chooses which features to enable. Common features include:

- Notify school of lateness or absences and see attendance info
- Read and sign Permission slips
- Get notified of sickbay entries when they happen
- Book interview times
- Update personal information
- Read notices and newsletters
- Message the teacher or office directly
- Access reports,
- View financial transactions and receipts
- See all your children in one app without switching accounts, even from multiple eTAP schools.

HOW TO GET STARTED:

After you receive your username and password:
Download eTAP @school from your app store or use securely on any device through your browser on
<https://www.atschool.co.nz/app/login>.
Follow the login instructions provided by your school.

PARENT CAREGIVER APP

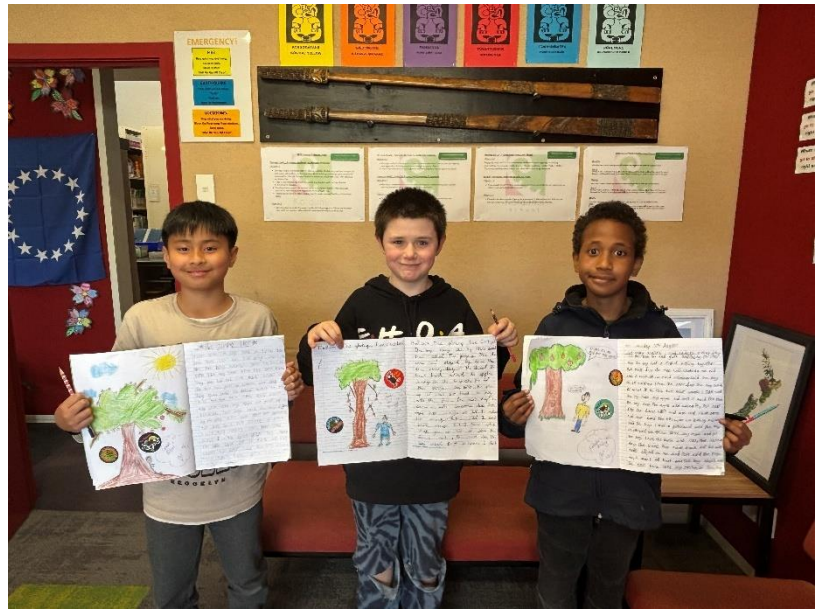
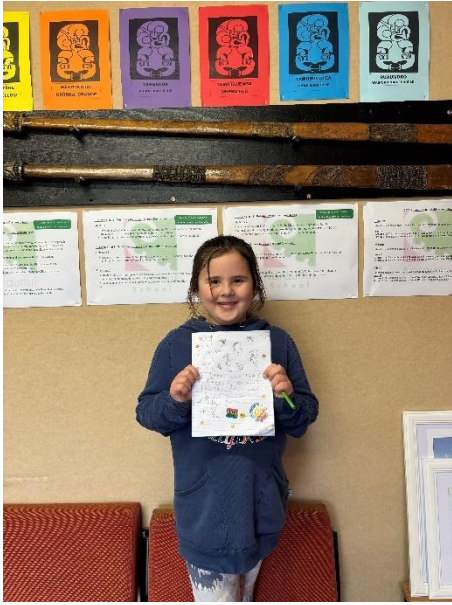
The caregiver app is coming to our school soon. Please email the school on office@koraunui.school.nz to let us know **if you do not** wish your child's information to be available on the caregiver app for your family or if you have more questions.

We are planning on the app being a one stop shop where we can share information about our school, and to make communication between home and school easier for everyone using the app.

We will let you know when the app is ready for school use.

STAR WRITERS

It has been fantastic to see tamariki bringing their writing to share with me this week. Across the school we are seeing examples of creativity and wonderfully crafted pieces of writing from the tamariki. I have been enjoying hearing them read their stories so confidently to me.



KAURI TRIP TO TEPAPA

Recently, the Kauri team ventured into Te Papa to learn all about the early Pacific Voyagers. They had a very interesting trip and learned of the many ways the early navigators made their way around the Pacific Ocean. The presenter at Te Papa shared how the people of the Pacific used natural elements to make their way from island to island; for example using the sun, stars and the moon. The children of the Kauri team also looked at the different waka the early voyagers sailed in.

It was a very worthwhile learning experience, well supported by the Kauri team families. Since the trip, the classes have been doing follow up work in the classroom, which they will share in a future newsletter!



FROM ROOM 9

Tūmeke Tumuaki – You're the Best! Whakanuia

A couple of weeks ago, we celebrated Tūmeke Tumuaki – a chance for schools all over Aotearoa to thank their principals for everything they do.

There's a whakataukī that says:

"Kāore te kūmara e kī ana mō tōna ake reka."

The kūmara does not speak of its own sweetness.

Mr Lamont is humble and never talks about all the great things he does for our kura – but we will!

Here's what some of our tamariki said:

"Thank you for being an awesome principal, not only to me but to everyone in the kura." Eliana.

"You are really very super funny and helpful". Grayson.

"Thank you for being a great principal". Stevie

"Hi, Mr. Lamont I just want to say thank you for being a great and supportive principal."

Tipene

"Thank you for supporting me with my writing." Honour.

We want to **whakanuia** ki a Mr Lamont and say a huge *mihi nui* – you make our kura an awesome place to learn, play and grow.



KORAUNUI SCHOOL TALENT SHOW IS COMING!

Mrs McLeod has had a good number of registrations for the talent Show and we are all looking forward to seeing the wide range of talents tamariki are keen to display.

This is a fun, in-house event designed to celebrate the amazing talents of our tamariki – from singing and dancing to magic tricks and comedy acts.

More details will be shared with students in the coming weeks.



ROAD SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL – DRIVE SAFELY

We have noticed a number of dangerous driving behaviours such as

- Driving up onto the berm to do a U-turn or drop
- people doing U-turns on the road around the road patrols,
- using driveways to park in to collect children
- driving fast around the road patrols and school



These are all **dangerous behaviours that are putting children and pedestrians at risk.**

Please drive responsibly around the school and if needed, park up the road or on Montgomery Street and walk up to school to collect your children.

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. If wet this will be on the Kowhai Block deck. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.



STOKES VALLEY SUCCESS AT THE 2025 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Lower Hutt's dedicated volunteers took centre stage last night at a special event recognising their invaluable contributions.

The 2025 Volunteer Awards brought together recipients of this year's Civic Honours and Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards.

Special congratulations to our special Stokes Valley volunteers who do GREAT THINGS in our community without any expectation of anything in return. Thank you, Thank you, Nga mihi arohanui

Debbie Kelly - Health & Wellbeing – Civic Award

Haimana (Si) Hirini - Cultural Affairs – Civic Award

Pam Cromarty - Environmental – Civic Award

Jack Taueki on behalf of Kai Share Whanau Stokes Valley – Wellington Airport Award

Rising Star Runner Up



SCHOOL INVOICES



Thank you to all families who make regular payments and who contact us about outstanding payments for school and sporting activities. If you haven't done so already, we ask that outstanding debts are either paid in full or regular part payments are made to clear amounts owing 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.

DAFFODIL DAY FUNDRAISER – FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

On **Friday 29th August**, we will be supporting **Daffodil Day** – a special day to raise awareness and funds for the **Cancer Society**, who provide vital support for those affected by cancer and help fund life-saving research. This is a chance for our tamariki to give back and show aroha to others in our wider community.



WEAR YELLOW!

We encourage everyone to wear yellow to school to show their support and brighten up our kura!

MOVING FOR A CAUSE – from 10.30am

After morning tea at **10.30am**, tamariki will be taking part in our **sponsored walk/run/skip/dance around the scooter track**.

- **Year 1–2 students** will be moving for **30 minutes from 10.45-11.15**
- **Year 3–6 students** will be moving for **1 hour from 11.30-12.30**

We invite whānau and supporters to donate directly through our school's fundraising page:

 <https://daffodilday.org.nz/t/koraunui-school>

YEAR 6 RUNATHON

Our Year 6's will be doing their Runathon during this time. **Instead of raising funds for Daffodil Day the Year 6's will be using their sponsor sheet to raise money for Year 6 Camp.**

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

Remember to keep up to date with what we are up to via our [school facebook group](#) and [website](#).

facebook

LOST PROPERTY

A sweatshirt has been taken from lost property that has a picture of a copybara on it. The person who owns this sweatshirt has been looking for it. Please have a look and see if it has arrived at your house can you please return it to the school office.

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.



TOYS

We ask that parents please remind their children that they are not to bring their toys to school. Toys coming to school can cause unneeded disruption both in class and in the playground. The only time it will be okay for toys to come to school will be if your child's teacher informs you this is okay.



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 **Child Protection, Abuse Recognition and Reporting, Food and Nutrition, Safety Checking, Police Vetting, Missing Student Procedure.**

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 22nd August.**

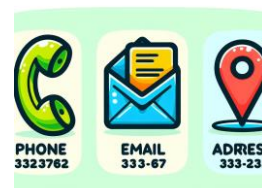
BANK ACCOUNTS

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.



All cartoon pictures in this newsletter are created using AI

Ngā mihi,

Dave Lamont
Principal



DAFFODIL DAY

YEAR 6'S WILL
BE HAVING
50 CENT STALLS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND
JUICIES FOR SALE
\$2 EACH

KIDS WILL BE
RUNNING FOR
A CAUSE FROM
10.30AM
ALL WELCOME

DONATE AT:

[https://fundraise.
daffodilday.org.nz/
t/koraunui-school](https://fundraise.daffodilday.org.nz/t/koraunui-school)

**Friday 29th
August**

TUI GLEN OPEN DAY



Tui Glen School
Open Day

Friday 15th August 9am - 11am

Come and see our Year 7 & 8 classrooms in action, where we adorn each learner with the feathers they need to fly—nurturing confidence, creativity, and a strong sense of belonging.

Join us to see

- ✓ A warm and inclusive classroom environment
- ✓ School curriculum tailored to meet the needs of every child
- ✓ Sports, music and cultural opportunities
- ✓ High use of digital technology
- ✓ Leadership opportunities

Location

126 Stokes Valley Road,
Stokes Valley

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