



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

NEWSLETTER NINE, TERM THREE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

As Term 3 draws to a close we would like to congratulate all the children who have consistently displayed the school KORAU values throughout the term. We have seen many instances where tamariki are uplifting each other's mana by being positive and supportive and saying encouraging comments.

We have an amazing school and it takes everyone, working together, to create a culture where we can learn and grow individually and collectively. This is not always an easy or straight forward process but with perseverance and keeping our KORAU values at the front of our thinking, we can help the children be the best they can be. We wish everyone a safe and happy term break and look forward to seeing everyone back again next term.



STAFF FAREWELL

This week we say farewell to Whaea Fran who has been working at Koraunui School for over 23 years. Fran is retiring and planning on spending a lot more time with her grandchildren after this week. We would like to thank Fran for her commitment to our school and especially our tamariki. She has made a massive contribution to them over the years and we will miss her greatly. We wish Fran all the best for her retirement and the next chapter of her life.



WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week 10

- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
- Friday 19 September: School Photos in the hall from 8:45am
- Friday 19 September: End of Term 3. **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.00PM**

Term 4

- Monday 6th October: Start of Term 4. **SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8.30AM**

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is an annual celebration for all New Zealanders to show their support for the Māori language, an official language of this country.

This year is a special celebration for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori as it marks 50 years since the first Māori Language Week was celebrated. The theme for Te Wiki 2025 is 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It

represents the *resilience, adaptability and endurance* of te reo Māori. It also reflects the commitment New

Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future. We will be celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori next week in a range of different ways with tamariki, but most importantly, we will all be having a go at using te reo Māori more in our daily interactions.



FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

This week we marked the start of te Wiki o te Reo Māori by raising the Tino Rangatiratanga flag. The tamariki have been challenging themselves and others to use te reo as much as possible. Ayanna, Stevie and Tipene did a fantastic job hosting our assembly this morning in te reo. Ka rawe tamariki ma



DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY



Last Friday we were lucky to have Helen Tupai join us as our Duffy Book Role model. Helen is an internationally renowned composer, conductor, pianist, and founder of Signature Choir (who sang the national anthems before the All Black match last weekend). For over 30 years, she has shaped Pasifika music in Aotearoa and beyond. Helen taught the tamariki a great song and shared her journey in music so far. We'll done to the tamariki who received Duffy certificates. Ka rawe koutou

POOL KEYS AND COMMITTEE



We now have enough people who have volunteered to be on our pool committee. We will get the pool up and running again over the term break and plan to use it again from the start of Term 4.

COMMUNITY USE OF THE SCHOOL POOL

The school board has agreed to hiring keys to parents in our school community over Term 4, the summer break and in Term 1 next year. This is an opportunity for students from our school and their families to make use of our pool outside school hours - during the summer. We are now taking expressions of interest from our parent community about who would like to hire a pool key.

We have keys to hire out this summer. Preference will be given to families who do not have outstanding debt with our school. If you are interested in hiring a key, please contact the school office or email office@koraunui.school.nz

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%+	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%	12% of students attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	23% 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.

PLANNED STRIKE ACTION

NZEI, principals, teachers and support staff unions have announced that a nationwide strike is planned for Thursday 23rd October. We will share more information about this day closer to the time. This strike day will include all principals, teachers and support staff from across the country.

TERM 4 STAFF ONLY DAY – Friday 24th October. School and KCC will be closed on this day so we can take part in whole staff curriculum professional development.

START OF 2026

Our first day back in Term 1, 2026 will be on Wednesday 4th February. All Stokes Valley and Taita schools will begin on the same day. We decided to align our start date with Avalon Intermediate again in 2026.

50 Cent Stalls



These will begin again on Friday 10th October. Only Year 5 tamariki will be selling at 50 cent stalls.

This will help them get a head start on fundraising for their Year 6 camp in 2026. 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.



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.

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.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

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

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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.



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.



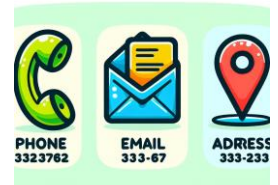
BANK ACCOUNTS

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

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ORGANIC COMPOST

St Joseph's Scout Group Fundraiser

\$10.00 - 40L bags

Delivered from 12/10/25

Back by popular demand - we've done a deal with a "top shelf" supplier of certified organic garden compost to give you a great product at a great price this spring.

We are getting it delivered in bulk, the scouts are adding their labour to fill 40L bags and we'll deliver to your door.

(Order & Pay Online to St Joseph's Scouts)

All profits go to support our youth.



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