



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

NEWSLETTER FIVE, TERM THREE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to the Devlin and Temalesi and their whānau who joined our school last week.

HUTTFEST 2022

It is the time of the term where we are gearing up for Hutfest, which will be held at Walter Nash Stadium between Monday 26th to Friday 30th September.

This year, we are celebrating 10 years of Hutfest - first of its kind in our region. Founded by the late Luana Leulua'i, Hutfest has continued to provide a platform for our tamariki to embrace and share their culture with our community through performing arts. To celebrate Luana's vision, our theme this year is "Cultural Identity".



Key points are below

- Our Pasifika group is performing on Monday night.
- Our Kapa haka group is performing on Friday night.
- The show on both nights start at 6pm.
- **Tickets go on sale: Monday 5th September: can be purchased at the school office**
- VENUE: Walter Nash
- Address: 17 Tocker Street, Taita , Lower Hutt
- Time: 6pm - 8.30pm (Doors open at 5pm, General Admission)
- Walter Nash main front stadium is not available during the week of Hutfest due to maintenance, therefore the concert will now be held at the **Original Walter Nash Stadium.**
- (NOTE: Audience to use the back gym entrance in TOCKER ST)
- Please check this website out for further information and updates [HERE](#)
- Panui about Hutfest for both Pasifika and Kapa Haka Performance groups went home yesterday.
- For those performing please return permission slips as soon as possible.

PASIFIKA AIGA / FONONO



Aiga FONONO - (Pasifika Parents Meeting)

When: Tuesday the 6th of September at 5.30- 7.00pm

What: Bring something to share for dinner

Who: Bring your family along

Where: Staffroom

Inviting all Pasifika parents at Koraunui School. This is a chance for us all to talk about Huttfest, what is happening with learning at Koraunui School and plans for the rest of the year. We hope to see you all there at the Fono!

2pm CLUB

This will run out of KCC this Wednesday and Friday as we are short of staff at school this week. All 2Pm Club children being picked up at 3.00pm will need to be picked up from the KCC building next to the hall.



STUDY CENTRE

There will be no Study Centre this Thursday as we are short staffed and attending a Huttfest planning meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL



CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY

With the nearly 30 cultures our students and staff identify with or derive from at our kura, we decided we needed a day of celebration.

Last Thursday, with the help of students' whanau and caregivers, we held workshops throughout the school, the children experiencing a mix of countries and discovering similarities and differences between our cultures. We mixed up the classes, enabling senior and junior students to get to know and support each other.

Right from the beginning of the day, when some students arrived in their wonderful traditional clothing, there was a buzz of anticipation in the air.

In the session, children got to taste food they had never tried before, learn dances, write in a different language, paint and create, learn greetings, play instruments and much, much more. Towards the end of the school day we joined together in an assembly to show the variety of mahi that had been undertaken. Flags were waved and the learning continued!

Later, there was much interest and excitement when looking through the fantastic flags Miss Hay had created for us. These will stay in our office area for now, for everyone to browse and enjoy.

A massive thank you to all who helped to make this such a successful day, especially the planning team of Mrs Silk-Martelli, Whaea Ceri, Mrs Joe and Whaea Shayne. We are looking forward to doing this all again very soon!



Check out our Facebook page for more photos from the day.



FOYER TV

We are delighted with the TV in the foyer. Every year we take hundreds of photos of activities and learning at school and on trips that often get filed away. With the TV we are able to display these, and it certainly has been a hit with the tamariki. Having the distraction even seems to have helped with some bumps and bruises 😊. Come and have a look when you are at school next.



KORAU VALUES

Now that we are into the second half of the term we are reminding our students about the importance of demonstrating the KORAU Values through words and actions. These are the basis on how we build relationships and work together.

Our KORAU values are

Kind/Manaakitanga

We show Kindness to people and the environment.

Own/Rangatiratanga

We Own our own behaviour.

Respect/Whakaute

We Respect the rules, people, and the school.

Aspire/Wawata

We do quality work and strive for excellence.

Unite/Whanaungatanga

We work as a team / whanau. We are inclusive.

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50 cent STALLS



50 cent stalls are held every Friday at morning teatime in the school hall. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.

As a part of our COVID processes all Year 6 students selling, teachers supervising and parents/whanau coming to help must wear masks. 50 cent stalls will be in the hall at morning teatime. We will make sure the hall is well ventilated during this time.

COMMUNITY TUTOR READING



We are in desperate need of some more people to help take Community Tutor Reading again this term. All it requires is that tutors wear a mask. If you can spare an hour and a quarter a week to listen to children read, you will read with five individuals for 15 minutes each, please leave a message for Denise Silk-Martelli and she will get back to you.

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.

RUBBISH AND PACKAGING



As a part of the work we do as an EnviroSchool, working to take care of our school and local environment, we are asking that all packaging that comes into school with children is returned home each day unless a class is doing a specific task around packaging. It would be fantastic to see no rubbish blowing around our school grounds.

YEAR 6 RUNATHON

Can all Runathon money raised for camp please be handed in to school office no later than end of week 8, Friday 16th September.



FUTSAL FESTIVAL

We have entered teams in the Year 5/6 and girls futsal days coming up in the next few weeks. A request for \$5 per player was made in error by us. There will be no charge for children taking part in these events. If you have paid \$5 to the school, this will be placed in a school parents account that you can use for replacing books when needed. If you would like to receive a refund of money you have paid for futsal, please contact the office by email office@koraunui.school.nz or call Maree 939 9707.

COVID Orange Light Processes – **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- It is amazing how fast time seems to have gone. This time last year we were heading into a COVID lockdown and bubble school period. While COVID is still with us, it feels as if we have come a long way since that time. We are still seeing the odd positive COVID case pop up in our school community and we will continue to monitor this and encourage parents to notify us quickly if they have positive COVID cases in their household.



It is important that we all work together to help keep everyone safe.

- Along with COVID, there is the flu and other bugs and illnesses in the community now winter has set in.
- If your children are unwell or displaying any cold or flu symptoms, we ask that you please keep them at home.
- One of the difficulties we are having at the moment is distinguishing between asthma, winter ailments, colds and COVID as these all have many similar symptoms. If a child is at school and displaying symptoms or seems unwell, we will contact parents/caregivers about this. With COVID still in the community and now with evidence that some people have tested positive for a second time, we need to be cautious and work to protect everyone.
- Our Board has reintroduced mask wearing for staff and students in Year 4-6 classes. We have a good supply of masks, and we encourage them to wear them while in class. This is a way everyone can help keep themselves safe.
- We ask that parents, whānau and visitors to school wear masks while on the school grounds.
- Our current COVID Orange Light processes can be found on our school website. These are being updated as more information is shared with schools. Please click here to access the information on our school website <https://koraunui.school.nz/this-is-us/covid-19/>

If anyone needs RATs, please contact the school office as we have been provided a good supply by Te Awakairangi Health and the Ministry of Education that we can distribute to school whanau who need to carry out COVID tests.

STOKES VALLEY NEW WORLD

We were delighted to be working in partnership with Stokes Valley New World, as we provide the best resources and opportunities for our students. It is wonderful to see this business give back to the community.



STUDENT ABSENCES

It is important for parents/whanau to contact the school if their children are absent and state the reason for any absences of children away from school. We are asking that specific information is provided (i.e. sore throat, cold, flu, type of injury etc).



Absences can be notified by calling the office on 04 939 9707, texting on 027 3710 947, emailing office@koraunui.school.nz, school website <https://koraunui.school.nz/contact-us/absence-notification/>

BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for stationery and sports fees. If you would like to do this, bring in some cash and talk to Melva or Maree and they 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

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week 6

- Thursday 1 September: WoW Year 6 Trip (Group 2)

Week 7

- Monday 5 September: Tongan Language Week

Week 8

- Monday 12 September: Te Wiki o te reo Māori begins

Week 9

- Monday 19 September: Clean up New Zealand Week begins

Week 10

- Monday 26 September: Huttfest week begins

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