



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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Kia Ora, Talofa lava, and Welcome back everyone.

I hope you have had a relaxing Christmas and New Year break, enjoying family time. We are looking forward to the year ahead and have some very exciting learning opportunities for the children and staff this year.



**We start on Tuesday 4th February at 8:30am,
Powhiri for new students and whanau at 9.00am**

The following are some useful snippets of information that will hopefully be of use to you as we gear up for our 2020 school year.

POWHIRI/WELCOME

We begin our school year with a Powhiri at 9.00am on Tuesday 4th February to welcome new staff and students and their whanau to our Kura.

New tamariki and whanau will meet outside the front gate at 8.20am and be brought on as a group. After the powhiri, whanau are welcome to stay for a cuppa and a chat. At this point the children will be collected by their teacher and taken to their class.

STAFFING FOR 2020

We welcome Whaea Kataraina back following a year of study in 2019. While we had some of our staff finish with us at the end of 2019, we are beginning the new year with a great team across the school that is known to everyone. Class lists have been posted on our school Facebook page and are also in the front window of the office. We are looking forward to the year ahead and working with the students and their parents/caregivers/whanau.

STATIONERY

We have received a very generous donation this year that means the cost of all childrens start of year classroom stationery is covered and there will be no cost to parents/caregivers/whanau for this. Books will be in the children's rooms on the first day of school.



- We are asking that parents/caregivers/whanau make a \$10 per child contribution that will be used for classroom tissues and paper resources.
- If your child needs a book bag this can be purchased at the school office for \$3.
- We **DO** have eftpos at school! But Cash, cheque or direct deposit into our bank account are all fine: The school account number is **12-3478-0015483-00**
- We are happy to organise drip-feed payments for families as long as we haven't had to chase repayments in the past.

SWIMMING LESSONS

This year the Board of Trustees has opted into the Government Donation Scheme. This has been done in an effort to minimize the cost to parents/caregivers/whanau for their children attending school. **All swimming lessons are covered by this funding so we will not be asking for a contribution towards swimming this year** 😊



KORAU VALUES

We will be focusing on our KORAU Values again this year and how these can be demonstrated through words and actions around the school. These are the basis on how we build relationships and work together.

Our KORAU values are;

K	Kind/Manaakitanga	We show Kindness to people and the environment.
O	Own/Rangatiratanga	We Own our own behaviour.
R	Respect/Whakaute	We Respect the rules, people, and the school.
A	Aspire/Wawata	We do quality work and strive for excellence.
U	Unite/Whanaungatanga	We work as a team / whanau. We are inclusive.

COMMUNICATION

For any questions, worries or concerns parents have about their children's behaviours, learning, social interactions or engagement in school, these need to be directed to the classroom teacher in the first instance. Our teachers are all very approachable and are happy to discuss children with their parents/caregivers/whanau. We have a very clear process that can be viewed on our school website at <https://koraunui.school.nz/assets/Uploads/Files-For-Download/Koraunui-School-Concerns-and-Complaints-Process-Flowchart.pdf>. This is also available to view in the school office.

CAN YOU HELP?

The morning before school starts are really busy for staff. We have a **Kids Kitchen**, breakfast will be available to children from 8.00-8.30am each day. Help is needed to run this.

We also need people on the **school crossings** to see children over the busy roads safely each morning.

Please fill in the form on page 5 of the newsletter if you are prepared to be rostered on to a regular session each week (or team up with another family and take turns).

MEET THE TEACHER/GOAL-SETTING MEETINGS



These will be held for every child and their whanau Week 3 of Term 1. We will send out booking details once we have set the dates. Please put aside some time to come to this very important meeting with your child. It sets the year up for your child and allows you to talk specifically to their class teacher about programmes and any organisational matters you may need clarification on. Bookings will be made using an on-line booking process. Information about how to do this will be in the next newsletter. For those without internet access you can book times through the office.

HATS



Please make sure your child has a sunhat to keep at school, clearly named, on the hat, so any lost property or ownership disputes can be quickly resolved. Be aware that we will name hats with a marker pen if there is no name evident, so please, no expensive designer hats!



PERSONAL PROPERTY

One of our expectations of all children is that they look after their own belongings. Please help your children learn how to be responsible by checking they are bringing their clothing and lunch boxes etc home every day.

Named clothing really helps.

Regularly checking the abandoned clothing around the school is a good plan to reunite clothing with owners.

ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any children who are starting school this year? New student enrolment forms are available at the office or on our website under "About us". If you require further information, please contact the office on 939 9707 or message us on our school website or Facebook page.

Keep up to date with photos and information of what is happening around the school and in the classrooms on our Facebook page.

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BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for activities, lunches etc during the year. If you would like to do this, talk to Melva, Paula or Janice 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.

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week One

- Tuesday 4 Feb: SCHOOL STARTS FOR THE YEAR at 8:30. We will have a Powhiri at 9.00am to welcome new students and their whanau to our Kura.
- Thursday 6th Feb: Waitangi Day. **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Week Two

- Monday 10 Feb: Rms 10-15 introduction to the Marine Reserve topic for Term 1.
- Wednesday 12 Feb: Board of Trustees Meeting
- Thursday 13 Feb: Swimming lessons begin this week at Stokes Valley Pool (timetable for class swimming to be confirmed).
- Thursday 13 Feb: Rms 10 & 11 introductory snorkel
- Friday 14 Feb: Rms 12-15 introductory snorkel

Week Three

- Monday 17 Feb: Swimming lessons continue at Stokes Valley Pool

Week Four

- Monday 24 Feb: Swimming lessons continue at Stokes Valley Pool
- Wednesday 26 February: 1st snorkel for Rms 10 & 15
- Thursday 27 February: 1st snorkel for Rms 11, 14 & 1213

Week Five onwards:

- Monday 2 Mar: Swimming lessons continue at Stokes Valley Pool
- Monday 2 March: Seaweek begins
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- Monday 9 March: swimming lessons conclude this week at Stokes Valley Pool
- Thursday 12 Mar: Weetbix Tryathlon (all entries have been received for this event)
- Thursday 9 Apr: Last day of Term One
- Mon 27 April: **ANZAC Day observed – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 28 April: Term Two starts

CONTACT DETAILS

If your contact details have changed in the last year please complete the contact details at the bottom of the return form. It is really important that we have accurate and up-to-date contacts for safety and emergencies.

Look forward to meeting you and working with you in your child's education journey this year.

Dave Lamont
Principal

RETURN FORMS

Please send back the whole sheet, even if you have filled in only one section.

YES, I CAN HELP!

School crossing: 8.00-8.30: Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

Name: _____ Phone: _____

YES, I CAN HELP!

Breakfast Club: 8.00-8.30: Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

Name: _____ Phone: _____

CONTACT DETAILS

Childs/Children's Name:

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Emergency Contact and Relationship:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email: