

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

## **NEWSLETTER FIVE, TERM TWO**

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## KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

## SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

This week we are celebrating Samoan Language week with a range of different activities and experiences for the children to join in. Thank you to Pastor Ioapo for gifting us with a Measina Samoa for our school.



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## TEACHER ONLY DAY

We have one more Teacher Only Day planned for this term on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June. This will be focused on mathematics and we will be working with a mentor from the Massey University DMIC team for the day. <u>KCC will be operating again this day. If you wish to</u> register your child/children for KCC please contact the school office by tomorrow, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY-ELECTION**

Our Board of Trustees currently has 2 parent representative vacancies to fill. Last Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May nominations opened for parents who are interested in standing for the Board of Trustees. Nominations will close on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

This is an opportunity for parents to put their hand up and make a positive difference for all of our children's education. We are looking for people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students. If you would like to find out more about becoming a trustee you can talk to any of the current trustees or go to the School Trustee Elections website for more information <u>https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/</u>

# MESSAGE FORM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRPERSON

Kia ora e te whanau o Koraunui (Hi Koraunui school family),

It's now June - that's flying along isn't it! I hope this finds you well with some wood on the fire or new winter PJs keeping you toasty as the rain and temperatures fall.



Shane Doherty has stood down as a board member and I would like to thank him for his contribution to the Koraunui School board since 2016. The time and commitment to being a board member sometimes comes at the cost of family time, personal time or that R&R that we often need, so Shane's commitment to making our kura the place that it is, is something I'd like to acknowledge. He will still be around, and I have been told he's already signed up and been vetted for camp duties. Great work!

We had our meeting recently where we talked about some awesome things that are happening in and around the school. We have had several current and former teachers graduate from courses across multiple universities and wānanga. It is inspirational to see their lifelong commitment to learning while role modeling for our children ringa tōhau nui (the ability to work hard) and strive for achievements that they have set their minds to. Wāhine Toa!!

Our board has been hearing great results from our two main curriculum development focuses that are happening now. Structured Literacy is showing some promising improvements in reading. It is great to hear how changing things up has also ignited and stimulated our teachers. This, combined with DMIC mathematics approach, are shaping up to be very effective for our tamariki if the early indications from testing and our kids being engaged with their learning are anything to go by.

We are grateful to have received some funding from the Ministry of Education that has allowed us to purchase some devices for our school. We all want our tamariki to have access to technology so they can learn and build on skills that will help them succeed while at Koraunui School and into the future.

I hope you have all received your nomination forms for the upcoming by-election. We have two positions available. If you are yet to receive one - please check with the office as your details may be out of date.

It is a rewarding way to be involved in your children's education, especially if you can not make the class trips or events due to work/family commitments. We meet twice a term in the evening at school and there is a small amount of offline/email correspondence between meetings.

If you have any questions about being on the board - let me know bot.chair@koraunui.school.nz Heoi anō tāku mō nāianei (Thats all for now) Spencer Hiess Chair, Board of Trustees

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY DOCUMENTATION**



As a part of this term policy review, our Board of Trustees is seeking parent and school community input about the **Reporting to Parents on Student Achievement.** Instructions are below for how to access the review section of the Schooldocs site.

The close off date for comments and input is

#### Monday 14 June 2021.

Instructions for parents to access policy review.

- 1. Visit the website <u>https://koraunui.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm</u>
- 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 Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- 6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
- 7. Enter your name (optional).
- 8. Submit your ratings and comments.
- 9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

#### JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

We will be holding a Junior School Cross-Country **this Wednesday** - **starting at 10.30am**. This will involve all Year 1-3 children from Rooms 23, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10. Parents and whanau are welcome to come along and support their

children.

#### WINTER CLOTHING DONATION

We have received a very generous donation for quality winter jackets, sweatshirts and shoes



from the Boulcott School community. These are available for free from the school office to anyone who is looking for some warm winter clothing. Please come to the office if you would like to get some clothing for your children.

If your child comes home with some new named clothing, this has been provided by the school already.









### 50 cent STALLS <u>No 50 cent stalls this week due to teacher only day on Friday</u>.

## NORTHERN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY – THURSDAY 3rd JUNE

Tamariki who qualified for the Northern Zone event this year will be notified shortly. We will require some parent help with transport and support during this event. Please contact the school office if you can help out.

## HUTTFEST 2021

It is the time of the term where we are gearing up for Huttfest, which will be held at Walter Nash Stadium between Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Our Kapa haka group is performing on Monday night and Pasifika group is performing on Wednesday night. Tickets will be available to purchase soon.

## HUTTFEST SUPPORT

This year we will be carrying out the sustainability job at Huttfest each night from Monday to Thursday between 5.00–9.00pm. A koha of \$400 per night is made to the school for carrying out this job. <u>We still require some volunteers from our school community</u> to help us with this. If you can help, please contact the school office and let us know what day, or days, you can help.

### FEELING CREATIVE? WANT TO MAKE SOME \$\$\$

Do we have an offer for you!

For our HuttFest Early Childhood programme, we need lots and lots of woven fish, made either out of flax or recycled material such as the plastic packing tape you get round parcels. Come along to the school library on

## SATURDAY 19 JUNE at 2pm

Learn how to make the fish (or get ahead and get instructions from the school office)

Prove to us you can make really cool fish and we will pay you 50c a fish until we have at least 500. If you have the materials, you can make them at home from here on (bring one into the office for a 'quality control' check before making lots).

Hand them in to the school office until we say "we have enough".

ANYONE from our school community , past and present, can get involved!









#### TRADITIONAL MAORI INSTRUMENTS

Last week we were honoured to have Ariana Tikao and Sam Palmer visit our school and work with some of our tamariki, introducing them to traditional Maori musical instruments as well as having a go at making and using some of their own.

The tamariki were treated to a musical demonstration before having a go themselves. They experimented with making Koauau (a small flute), Putatara (shell trumpet) and Porotiti (disc spinner). This was an engaging and enriching experience, and it was fantastic to see them using their instruments around the school after working with Ariana and Sam.



## <u> PINK SHIRT DAY – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May</u>

Room 4 designed Pink T shirts to share the message of "Say no to bullying".

All the children learnt about the different types of bullying at school and they signed a Treaty to say they would stop these.

They did a fabulous job of designing their T shirts.



#### KNIT ONE PEARL ONE



This team of dedicated knitters have recently donated 2 big bags of beanies and slippers for our children to help keep them warm over winter.

To help keep them keep knitting they ask that our school community donates balls of wool (double knit or up) or make a koha to the school with the reference

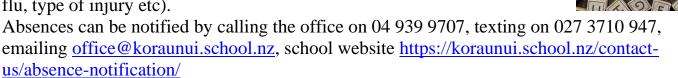


"knitting" to their group to keep up this wonderful work they do for

our community. Wool can be dropped at school or at the Hub library desk.

## 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).



**facebook** Check out our Facebook page for information and photos from all of the events happening around the school.



### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

This runs from the Kids Kitchen in the library from 8.00 -8.30am each day. Thank you to everyone who is helping to organize and run this for us.

## **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.

Dave Lamont Principal

## WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

## **TEACHER ONLY DAYS**

We have planned two more teacher-only days during term time for 2021. These will be as follows.

- Friday 4 June DMIC professional development
- Friday 22 October Reporting and assessment

## Week Five

- Samoan Language Week
- Thursday 3 June Rooms 10 & 11 Zealandia visit to class
- Thursday 3 June Year 6 World of Waste trip
- Thursday 3 June Northern Zone Cross Country
- Friday 4 June SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TEACHER ONLY DAY
- Monday 7 June SCHOOL CLOSED FOR QUEENS BIRTHDAY

