



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

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

COVID-19 ALERT LEVELS/TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM



The Ministry of Education have advised schools that they will continue using the COVID-19 Level system

until the end of the current school year. This is to

maintain a consistent approach for school processes and to avoid any confusion for schools and whanau.

For us this means that we will continue following the COVID-19 Level 2 guidelines that we currently have in place until the end of this term. This means that our end of year celebrations will be held in different formats this year. This will include our Year 6 graduation, staff farewells, whole school assemblies and gatherings.

We understand that this will be disappointing to some students, parents and whanau, but we need to continue to follow the guidelines provided to us as we work to keep everyone safe.



VOLUNTEER AND HELPERS THANK YOU CELEBRATION

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped out at school this year. We have had help with road patrols, reading and writing support, helping in class, coaching, camp, trips, gardening, Huttfest to name a few.

Unfortunately, with the COVID -19 Level 2 restrictions we are unable to hold our annual thank you celebration for our volunteers and helpers. During the year we have managed to provide our tamariki with a range of learning experiences both within and outside the school. Without the help of our school community, many of these would not have happened. We look forward to having parents and whanau involved in more school activities in 2022.



YEAR 6 SURF LIFE SAVING

Yesterday, our Year 6 students spent the day learning about water safety at the Worser Bay Surf Life Saving Club. It was great to see our tamariki so involved with the lessons and being so confident in the water after lunch.

We would like to thank Jim, Belinda and Rachael Juno for their generous support of this trip. As well as providing funding for this trip they provided lunch, fruit and water for everyone. This day provided valuable lessons in water safety that we hope our tamariki will take with them into the future. A big thank you to everyone who came and helped with this trip.



KCC CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DATES (2021/2022)

KCC will be running between **Thursday 16 to 22 December** and **Monday 10 to Friday 28 January inclusive**. All bookings for these sessions are due by this Friday 3 December 2021.

Please contact the office to book your children into the holiday programme. See the back of the newsletter for the holiday programme.

START OF 2022

Our start date for 2022 is **Wednesday 2 February**. We will have staff only days on the Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February.



PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER



COVID-19
Vaccination

All those working and volunteering in schools now need to have had at least their first COVID-19 vaccination. Evidence will be sought for all those working or volunteering at Korarunui School.

HUTT CITY COUNCIL RACE TO 90%

We are proud to be participating in a *Race to 90%* vaccination drive between Porirua and Lower Hutt. The aim of this drive is to get 90% of Porirua and Lower Hutt double-vaccinated against COVID-19 to protect our friends, family and community from the Delta variant.



Both cities aren't too far off reaching the 90% mark, but there is more to do. As part of the *Race to 90%* drive, the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust and Hutt City Council have teamed up and will donate \$3,000 to our school - but only if our city reaches 90%.

Currently Hutt City is at 93% first vaccination and 86% second vaccination

We need to do everything we can to increase vaccination uptake in Stokes Valley. That way we can protect our community and the wider city from COVID-19, and inch our way closer to getting \$3,000 for our school. Once we get there, we plan to use the \$3,000 in a way that will benefit their health and well-being. We will ask the children for ideas.



Please click on this link to find a vaccination centre nearby [Book My Vaccination](#)

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2

We are continuing with our Alert Level 2 guidelines this term and will respond to changes accordingly.



Face coverings must be worn here

Face coverings are mandatory.

Key points for parents and whānau

- **Must scan in using the COVID tracer app or sign in on paper slips provided**
- **Must wear masks while on site**
- **Observe 2 metre physical distancing**
- **Please do not go into classrooms**

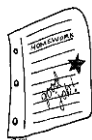
At the end of the day, we will have three pick-up points to avoid congestion and to help us manage distancing at school. Pick up for family groupings - the oldest child is to collect siblings and then go to the youngest child's collection point or meet parents outside the youngest sibling's classroom.

Pick up points are as follows.

- **Main School Gate – Rooms 8, 9, 10 & 11**
- **Montgomery Street school gate – Rooms 12, 13 & 15**
- **Hall Entrance Gate – Rooms 23, 4 & 5**

SUN HATS

- All children are required to wear sunhats at school during Term 4. Please make sure that all children bring named hats to wear at school to help protect them from the summer sun.

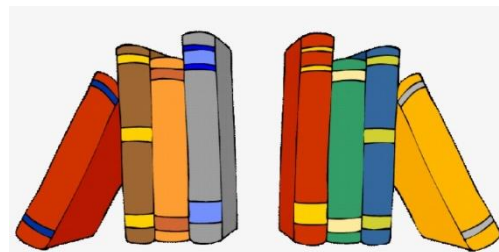


STUDY CENTRE

The last day for Study Centre this year will be next Thursday 9th December.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

Our school library is now closed. Can all school library books that are currently issued to students please be returned to school so we can store them back in the library for the holiday break. Please check around the house, under beds, in wardrobes, in bags, wherever you can think a book might be hiding.



SCHOOL INVOICES

Thank you to all families who have made some payments or contacted us about outstanding payments for school and sporting activities. If you haven't done so already, we ask that these are either paid in full or regular part payments are made to clear debts. During the year we are often required to pay for activities and fees in advance and the school carries this debt until payments are made by parents. If you would like to discuss your invoice, please contact the school office.

ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any 5-year old children who are starting school this year or next 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.

AVALON INTERMEDIATE UNIFORM SHOP

Avalon Intermediate Uniform shop – please contact Avalon Intermediate for a time to get fitted for uniforms and arrange payment.

Students can be fitted for sizes & the uniform put away on hold until it has been paid for, WINZ quotes can be done, or it can be taken if paid for.

If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Thompson at Avalon Intermediate School Ph 5677453

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?

Term 4

Week 7 and beyond

- Wednesday 8 December: Te Puawaitanga o Te Kākanō H2O Extreme trip
- Thursday 9 December: Soccer interchange at Tui Glen School (selected senior students)
- Monday 13 December: Year 6 Graduation (information to be provided)
- Tuesday 14 December: Year 6 Mystery Bus Trip
- Wednesday 15 December: End of Term 4 at noon

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday Programme

Koraunui School
17 Kairimu Street Stokes Valley
PH: 939-9707 or 027-2413028

Parents / Caregivers

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday programme will be operating from **Thursday 16 December to Wednesday 22 December** and then **Monday 10 January to Thursday 28 January**. See below for session times and programme details.

For further information on programme details please contact Janice at Koraunui School office.

<p>Thursday 16 December Christmas decorations and games</p> 	<p>Friday 17 December Christmas decorations and games</p> 	<p>Monday 20 December Christmas decorations and games</p> 	<p>Tuesday 21 December Christmas decorations and games</p> 	<p>Wednesday 22 December Christmas decorations and games</p> 
<p>Monday 10 January Decorate a hand puppet</p> 	<p>Tuesday 11 January Tissue Art</p> 	<p>Wednesday 12 January Kite construction and flying</p> 	<p>Thursday 13 January Bubble day</p> 	<p>Friday 14 January Paper cup art</p> 
<p>Monday 17 January Sparkle gem art</p> 	<p>Tuesday 18 January No sew face mask</p> 	<p>Wednesday 19 January Paper fish mobile</p> 	<p>Thursday 20 January Tie dye a T-shirt</p> 	<p>Friday 21 January Scavenger Hunt</p> 
<p>Monday 24 January Closed Wellington Anniversary</p>	<p>Tuesday 25 January Make your dream catcher</p> 	<p>Wednesday 26 January Rock painting</p> 	<p>Thursday 27 January Decorate a pencil case</p> 	<p>Friday 28 January Picnic pool day fun</p> 

Triple A Driving School Vacancy for Driving instructors



Hutt Valley area
Contact Don; 021565248
Office; 4789876

There will be training involved, however if you are on a benefit, this training is free.

You need to have a full licence to become an instructor.



From the 1st of December Hutt City Libraries is getting tamariki excited about reading over the summer holidays.

How our summer reading challenge works:

- It is free! Tamariki aged 5 and over can pick up a Big Read Journal at any of our libraries; they don't need a library card.
- There are three levels, pihinga/sprout, māhuri/sapling and kōhure/tree. The number of pūrākau/stories and tākaro/play activity increases with each level.
- The journal is like a reading log and tamariki are encouraged to talk about what they are reading or listening to with library staff.
- Tamariki complete fun tākaro/play activities such as reading a book with a kaumatua or someone in their whānau or designing a brand-new cover for a book.
- Tamariki can win prizes for reading.