

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

# NEWSLETTER FOUR, TERM THREE

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## KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to the Richie and his whanau who joined our school this week

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION**

At the close of nominations for the school board elections last Friday we had 5 nominations for the 5 parent representative positions and one staff nomination. As this equaled the number of vacancies required to be filled, all nominees have been appointed to the board without the need for an election.



The school board for the next 3 years is below.

# **Parent Representatives**

Chris Blazkow, Kris Dando, Spencer Hiess, Renee Madsen, Amber Pacheco

### **Staff Representative**

Craig Gilmour

### **Principal**

**Dave Lamont** 

We would like to thank the outgoing Board members Gillian McPeake and Chris Miller for their contribution and commitment to our board and school over many years and know they have helped set a strong platform, along with other previous board members for the new board to build on.

#### 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 16<sup>th</sup> September.



## TOUCH RUGBY – TERM 4 (ALL GAMES START ON THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER)

We are looking for expressions of interest for children from Years 1 to 6 wanting to play touch in Term 4. Please write the child's name, room number and year group in the comments on the Facebook post on our school Facebook page.



### WE NEED COACHES FOR OUR TEAMS.

Please only write names if child is committed to trainings and can make games at Fraser Park. **ALL FEES WILL NEED TO BE PAID BEFORE CHILDREN CAN PLAY.** 

Based on current numbers it is likely that the cost will be \$21.00 per child. More info to come once we have an idea of interest.

#### 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.

### **CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY**

Next Thursday, 25 August, we will be having a cultural celebration day at school. We will celebrate the many cultures we, as students and staff, identify with and derive from. Staff will be running workshops on the various countries. We would love it if some of our parents and school community would like to be involved. If you would like to be involved in a particular workshop, please let the office know. The person running that workshop will get in touch with you.



### **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.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL



#### MATHS FUN IN ROOM 23

In Room 23 we are learning about Multiplication & Division. We have been learning that we can count in different ways by grouping and making sets. We have been using a lot of interesting and everyday items to help us with our maths.

#### SCIENCE ALIVE IN ROOM 15/12

This week Room 12 have been investigating the quality of the soil around the area we planted our fruit trees to see if it is a good place to grow plants. Below is a summary of what Mac, Ana, Dakota and Cairo shared about what they did and what they learnt.

- Each group had four people and we had to dig in different areas around the old top playground and fruit trees.
- We had to cut a 20 cm square of soil up and throw it on the tarp on ground 3 times to loosen it up then cut it into 4 parts.
- We pulled it apart to inspect it and find out how many worms there were and how rocky the ground is.
- Once we had gathered the information, we had to compare it to a chart, rate it on a number scale and decide how good or bad the soil is.
- We found that our soil wasn't very good. It didn't have many worms and it was very rocky.
- We learnt that the fruit trees that are planted there will need lots of food and compost to help them grow well.
- At the end we had to share back our findings to the other groups, and we could compare what we learnt to other groups. Not all the groups found the same thing and it was interesting that the area closer to the fence where people walk less had less worms than the area closer to the playground.





# **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 <a href="https://koraunui.school.nz/this-is-us/covid-19/">https://koraunui.school.nz/this-is-us/covid-19/</a>

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 <a href="https://koraunui.school.nz/contact-us/absence-notification/">https://koraunui.school.nz/contact-us/absence-notification/</a>

### **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 5

• Thursday 25 August: Cultural Day celebration

#### 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

Dave Lamont Principal





# What Is CPNZ?

Community Patrols of New Zealand is a National organisation that was formed in 2002. It supports thousands of volunteers across over 170 Patrols throughout New Zealand

Community Patrols are organised and operated by their local community and raise their operating expenses through local sponsorship and donations.

CPNZ volunteer Patrollers are the extra 'eyes and ears' of NZ Police. Working together to assist police and other agencies in building safer local communities

CPNZ works closely with NZ Police through a Memorandum of Understanding which enables patrols to receive regular Police guidance, training and taskings.



# What We Do.....

- Patrol residential, business and industrial areas to deter or identify criminal activity
- · Report signs of suspicious activity
- Gather information for police through note taking and recording
- · Assist in accidents and crime scenes
- Watch out for stolen vehicles and other property reported as stolen
- Watch out for missing and wanted persons
- Assist the public at community events including crowd control





# **Our Vision:**

A New Zealand where everyone feels safe

# **Our Mission:**

In partnership with others, we prevent crime and reduce harm through the active presence of trained patrollers

# Our values:

Professionalism

Aroha

Trust

Respect

**O**penness

Leadership

Service

## **Our Priorities:**

- · Empowered Patrollers
- · Organisational Excellence
- Trained Patrols
- Effective Relationships