



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

NEWSLETTER TWO, TERM THREE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

With some COVID-19 cases popping up around the school over the past week, we have had to be flexible and adapt day to day to cater for tamariki at school. This has meant that we have had to split or combine classes where we have not been able to get relieving teachers at short notice. Where possible we will send information to parents about any changes for their tamariki's class in advance of this happening, but this is not always possible. If you arrive at school and there is no one in the classroom, please check with the class next door or come to the office and we can point you in the right direction.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

The Triennial Board of Trustee elections are planned for September this year. Nomination forms have been posted to our parents and whanau. **Nominations close on Friday 12 August at 12.00pm**

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

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/>



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.

COVID Orange Light Processes – **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

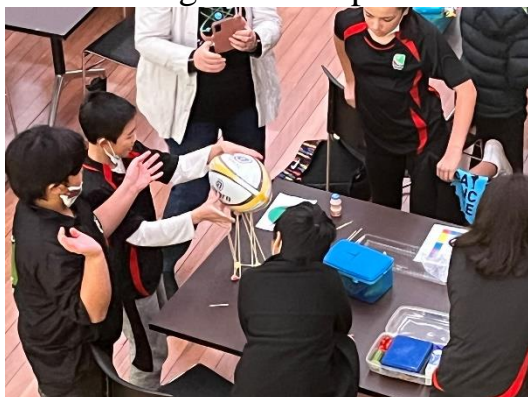
- This week we have continued to see positive cases of COVID pop up at school. Thank you to those affected by this for notifying us so quickly, this has enabled us to inform our school community. It is important that we all work together to help keep everyone safe.
- Along with COVID, there is the flu 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.

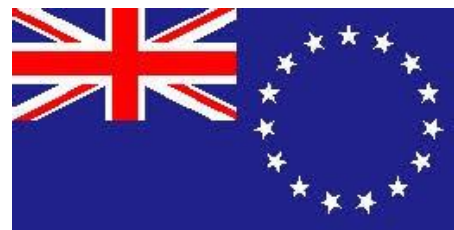
HUTT SCIENCE STEMM CHALLENGE

Yesterday eight of our senior students took part in the Lower Hutt STEMM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, & manufacturing) challenge at the Lower Hutt Town Hall. The teams took part in a series of quizzes and challenges with 28 other schools from around Lower Hutt. We are very proud of the way our tamariki engaged in this event and represented our school. This was a great opportunity for them to demonstrate their STEMM skills and knowledge and compete with schools from around the Hutt Valley.



COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK

This year's theme for 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani – Cook Islands Language Week is 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna which means, connect me to the soil of my ancestors.



'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna reflects on the journey of Cook Islands peoples in New Zealand, as well as the longing of young Cook Islanders to connect with their language, culture, and identity. Information and links to activities can be found on the Ministry for Pacific Peoples website [here](#)

CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY

On 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.

YEAR 6 INFORMATION

Year 6 Runathon fundraiser – this Friday after morning tea, our Year 6 students will be taking part in a runathon fundraiser for their end of year camp. Sponsorship forms have been sent home with the children. It is up to them and their parents if they wish to get sponsors.

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.

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?

Term 3

Week 2

- Thursday 4 August: WoW Year 6 Trip (Group 1)
- Friday 5 August: Year 6 Runathon fundraiser for camp

Week 3

- Thursday 11 August: Cricket workshops at school
- Friday 12 August: Cricket workshops at school

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

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