



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

NEWSLETTER EIGHT, TERM FOUR

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to Lemmy, Audrey, Tatana and their whānau who joined our school this week.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

We are happy to be able to end the year with many of our traditional celebrations this year. Please keep an eye out for messages from your child's classroom teacher as some classes are holding shared kai and beginning their celebrations. Next week is a busy week with something happening on most days. Please see the last page of the newsletter for details.

STOKES VALLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE

We had a fantastic time at the Stokes Valley Christmas Parade again this year and were proud of the way our float turned out.

It was great to see so many onlookers being excited about seeing their flag represented on our float. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the parade and to the tamariki for representing our school so well while on the float. We will have to put our thinking caps on for a design for next year's float now.

**CHRISTMAS
PARADE**



UMU FESTIVAL

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out with the preparation of the Umu Festival last Friday, especially Whaea Tina and Whaea Kim who did so much of the preparation for the day, Teru Time and Mati Sulusi who prepared the Umu and explained everything to the tamariki. Thank you also to Dan Olive and some former students who came and help out and the Pilcher whanau who gifted a pig for the feast. It was a fantastic experience for us all to see and be involved in and we were treated to an amazing meal in the afternoon. This was a wonderful celebration of Pacific Island culture and a wonderful chance for us to come together as a community after not being able to do this since 2019 when COVID-19 entered our lives.



KAPA HAKA AND PASIFIKA GROUP PERFORMANCE

Yesterday we had the privilege of taking our Kapa Haka and Pasifika performance groups to the Stokes Valley Hub to perform for the Friendship Group (formerly Probus) at their end of year lunch. This was a great opportunity for our tamariki to share their performance skills with members of the Stokes Valley community and we are really proud of tamariki.



END OF YEAR REPORTS and 2023 CLASS LISTS

We are aiming to send home end of year reports with tamariki by Tuesday 13 December. We are just waiting on some final format adjustments to be made. The class and teacher will also be included with the report on a separate slip of paper.

If children are not at school these will be held at school.



KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME DATES (2022/2023)

Unfortunately, we have had to change the programme for Wednesday 25th January as we have not had enough enrolments to go on the trip planned for this day. Alternative activities will be organized for this day.

KCC will be running between **Friday 16 to Thursday 22 December and Monday 9 to Friday 27 January inclusive**

START OF 2023 DATE

Our start date for 2023 is Tuesday 31 January. Staff only days will be in the days before this.



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.



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. We do not provide sunblock in classes as some children have had reactions in the past.

Please put sunblock on your children before they leave home in the morning.



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 before the end of the school year. 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.

KORAUNUI SCHOOL 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, email office@koraunui.school.nz. We are happy to talk with parents about our school and show them round so they can get a feel for how we operate.

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.



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.

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 4

Week 8

- Friday 9 December: Road Patrollers Pool Party
- Friday 9 December: Room 14 shared kai
- Friday 14 December:
- Kauri Team Christmas concert – 12.00pm

Week 9

- Tuesday 13 December: Year 6 Graduation in the school Hall – 6.00pm
- Wednesday 14 December: Year 6 Mystery Bus Tour – 2.30pm until late
- Wednesday 14 December: Room 7 shared lunch
- Thursday 15 December: Final assembly and farewell to leaving staff – 10.30am in the school hall
- Thursday 15 December: **School finishes at 12.00pm**

Dave Lamont
Principal