

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

## NEWSLETTER SIX, TERM FOUR

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## KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

Welcome to Dion and his whānau who joined our school this week.

#### STAFFING APPOINTMENTS

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Whaea Ceri and Whaea Shayne, who have both working at Koraunui School this year, have been appointed to permanent teaching positions. We are delighted to have these 2 wonderful young Kaiako as we head into 2023 and beyond.

The Board of Trustees has also accepted the resignations' of Whaea Harata and Whaea Reremoana, who have both been on maternity leave this year as well as Whaea Mel who will be leaving us at the end of the year. We are grateful for the way they have shared their skills, knowledge and passion with our school and tamariki during their time with us.

## PAID UNION TEACHER MEETING

Thank you to everyone for supporting our teachers on Monday afternoon when they attended the paid union meeting about their collective agreement. We are grateful to those parents and whānau who collected their children and for those who remained at school they were well looked after for the afternoon.

#### **NETBALL UNIFORMS**

Thank you to everyone who has returned netball uniforms after the season ended.

We still have 2 uniforms to be returned. Can these please be returned to top the office as soon as possible so we can put complete sets away for next season.



### STOKES VALLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE



This year our theme for the Christmas Parade will be focused on the many cultures of Koraunui School. We need



a maximum of 20 students who can dress in their national costumes of their culture who can go on the float on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Please let the office know if your child can be on the Koraunui School float.

### KIDS MARKET

If you would like to have a table or stall at the Kids Market on the day of the Christmas Parade, please contact Barbara Hay on <a href="mailto:oldgirljazz@gmail.com">oldgirljazz@gmail.com</a> or text 022 170 1927.



## **ROOMS 14 & 15 REPAIRS**

The work to repair the to damage Rooms 14 &15 after the flood earlier this year is almost complete and the rooms are looking great. We are looking forward to getting back into these spaces next year.





#### SUN HATS



All children are required to wear sunhats at school during Term 4. <u>Please make sure that all children bring named hats</u> 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.

## **TERM 4 CALENDAR**



There is a lot going on around the school this term and we encourage everyone to keep an eye on the term calendar as well as checking emails, Facebook and your children's bags for notices and information from class teachers. It can be easy to miss events and activities. If anyone is unsure about what is happening for their child/children, please contact the classroom teacher.

## KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DATES (2022/2023)

KCC will be running between **Friday 16 to Thursday 23 December and Monday 9 to Friday 27 January inclusive**. All bookings for these sessions are due by Friday 2 December 2022. Please contact the office to book your children into the holiday programme. See the back of the newsletter for the holiday programme.

## **START OF 2023 DATE**

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



#### **JUNIOR ATHLETICS DAY 2022**

Wow! What beautiful weather and what an awesome festival of athletics and fun we had last week.

It was wonderful to see so many families come along and watch their children participate in all the activities. These included: High Jump, Standing Jump, Sprints and Relays, Obstacle races, Vortex, Frisbee and Quoits and Beanbag Throw. The children rotated around these 6 activities in teams. The emphasis was on participation, encouragement - and having fun, which it certainly looked like they were having!

Here are some comments from different children throughout the Junior School.

- "I really liked the High Jump because I could jump high"
- "The vortex made a whooshing sound"
- "I ran fast in the sprints"
- "The obstacle course was really fun"

A big thank you to all the helpers; both on the day and also in the practice rounds.











## TANGAROA MURAL

Work on the Tangaroa mural on the old senior playground is almost complete, with only the finishing touches now needed. It has been fantastic to see how our young artists have persevered with the project this year with all of the obstacles and weather challenges they have had along the way.



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Round 5 of Board introductions.

I'm pleased to bring you our next BoT member introduction, this time it's for Chris Blazkow.

Chris is new to our BoT this year and it's his first experience in governance also. Chris brings to the BoT his desire to see all our tamariki get the best out of their time at Koraunui and to always be learning and curious. He makes sure we have the children and their best interests at heart. Welcome Chris, we appreciate your commitment to our Kura.



## Chris says:

My family and I have been part of the Stokes Valley community for the last 11 years, although my wife is Stokes Valley born and bred and attended Stokes Valley School as a child. We moved back to the Hutt Valley after spending 6 years in Melbourne, settling in Stokes Valley to be close to family and our roots.

We have 2 children, Zachary (7) and Zoe (2). Our eldest son Zachary is in Rm 4 with Whaea Dale and it has been a pleasure seeing his interests fostered and watching his confidence grow each day. We are proud to be part of a school community that values respect and individualism and encourages our children to be exactly who they are.

I have been part of the BoT since the start of the year and have enjoyed getting more involved in the school community. I'm grateful that we have enthusiastic board members that bring a variety of ideas and experience to the mix as that can only make for better experiences for our children. Personally, I'm really excited to see the results from both the Structured Literacy and DMIC programmes which are already making a positive impact within the school.



## 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 <a href="mailto:office@koraunui.school.nz">office@koraunui.school.nz</a>. 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 6

• Thursday 24 November: Te Puawaitanga o te Kakano – Staglands trip

## Week 7

- Tuesday 29 November: Year 6 Surf Life Saving day at Worser Bay
- Friday 2 December: Community Tutor Reading thank you morning tea
- Friday 2 December: Umu Festival

## Week 8

- Wednesday 7 December: Board of Trustees Meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom
- Friday 9 December: Road Patrollers Pool Party

## Week 9

- Tuesday 13 December: Year 6 Graduation
- Wednesday 14 December: Year 6 Mystery Bus Trip
- Thursday 15 December: Last day of Term 4 school finishes at 12.00pm

Dave Lamont Principal





# Koraunui Care Centre Holiday Programme

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

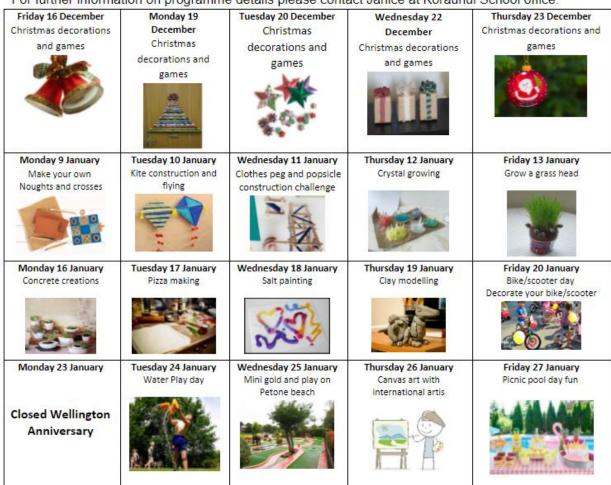
## Parents / Caregivers

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday programme will be operating from Friday 16 December to Thursday 22 December and then Monday 9 January to Friday 27 January. See below for session times and programme details.

We have planned lots of fun activities based at the programme centre. There will be swimming, cooking, art activities and more. Check out details on the programme listing below; if you like the look of things that will be happening, fill in and return the reply slip to the Koraunui School office by Friday 2 December. We will then send you an enrolment form confirming your child(ren's) place. If you require financial assistance, please contact WINZ for information on a subsidy, or a form may be requested from the school office.

Once we have your request to enrol form, you are liable for the charges whether your child attends or not, unless notification of cancellation is received by Friday 9 December 2022.

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



As well as the listed activities there will be various arts and crafts and games offered each day as well as cooking activities on some days.