

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

NEWSLETTER SIX, TERM FOUR

Thursday 27th November 2025

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, MĀLŌ E LELEI, AND WELCOME

Koraunui

Week 9

• Monday 1st December: School Christmas Carols Gathering 4.00pm

WHAT'S COMING UP IN TERM 4

- Saturday 6th December: Stokes Valley Christmas Parade Koraunui School Float Week 10
 - Wednesday 10th December: Year 6 Graduation in the hall
 - Thursday 11th December: Year 6 Mystery Bus tour
 - Friday 12th December Last day of term School finishes at 12.00pm

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD - TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

At our board meeting last night we discussed the recent discussions and legislative changes at a national level regarding requirements for schools in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Within the next week we will be sending a letter to the Minister of Education and our school community confirming our commitment to honouring and giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

We feel it is important that we continue to recognise Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand and as a cornerstone of our country's identity.



CHRISTMAS CAROL PARTY

Come and join us for a Christmas celebration on Monday 1st December at 4.00pm. This is a chance for our school community to come together, have a sing-a-long and share some kai and get into the festive spirit. See the poster towards the end of this newsletter and on our Facebook page.

SOLOMON ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK

SOLOMON AELAN PIJIN

The 2025 theme is "Protektim languais an kalsa blong yumi - Protect our language and culture".

We started the week raising the Solomon Island flag. Tamariki have been celebrating Solomon Island

Language Week with a range of activities to help everyone learn more about Solomon Island culture.



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates for last week against the Ministry of Education headings. It makes such a positive difference to learning and friendships if tamariki are at school every day.

Ministry Headings	Attendance at school	Percentage students attend school		
Regularly attending	90%+	65% of students attended school 9/10 days a		
		fortnight		
Irregular absence	80-89%	2% of students attended school 8/10 days a		
		fortnight		
Moderately absent	70-79%	15% of students attended school 7/10 days a		
		fortnight		
Chronically absent	less than 70%	19% of students attended school less than		
		7/10 days a fortnight		

For tamariki who have been chronically absent they will miss at least 2 ½ weeks of school each term if they continue with this pattern of attendance.

If your child can be at school, please get them here. If you need help of any type, please reach out and ask. We are here to help.

STOKES VALLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE (Saturday 6th December)

We are getting organized for our Christmas float again this year. We will need a maximum of 20 students who can be a part of our float on **Saturday 6 December**. Christmas dress (green and red, elf hats if you have them would be great) . Please let the office know if your child can be on the Koraunui School float.



Friday 12th December – Last day of term School finishes at 12.00pm

KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Information about the KCC holiday programme for the December / January holiday break is available on our school Facebook page, has been emailed to parents and is outlined below. Please contact the office for an Expression of Interest form or complete it here. All bookings need to be into the office by Monday 1st December so we can confirm programmes and staffing.

Koraunui Care Centre Holiday programme will be operating from Monday 15th December to Friday 19th December and then Monday 19 January to Friday 30th January. There is the possibility we can be open from the 12th of January if we have enough interest. A decision will be made on Friday 28 November – so make sure you get your forms back early if you are wanting your child/ren to attend the programme the week of 12-16 January

Please see the request to enrol form at the end of this newsletter or collect one from the the Koraunui School office. <u>All forms need to be returned by Monday 1st December.</u> 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 Thursday 4 December 2025.

For further information on programme details please contact Janice at Koraunui School office. Thursday 18th December Monday 15th December Tuesday 16th December Wednesday 17th December Friday 19th December Decorate a Mug Decorate cookies Stokes Valley pool & BBQ Fish Tanks Carnival Day Friday 16th January Monday 12th January Tuesday 13th January Wednesday 14th January Thursday 15th January Decorate swim bags Amazing race Around Stokes valley fire House Wet play Day **Hip Hop Class** and Fairy Houses School Monday 19th January Tuesday 20th January Wednesday 21st January Thursday 22nd January Friday 23 January Foam boats out of pool Treasure hunt Horoeka Scenic Reserve Build an Obstacle noodles course Closed Wellington Anniversary day Monday 26th January Tuesday 27th January Wednesday 28th January Thursday 29th January Friday 30th January Avalon Park & mini golf Minecraft & Movie Day My Kitchen Rules **Buddhist Monastery** Horse racing and make your own board game

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.

GARDEN OF APPRECIATION

Thank you to Bodhi and Eliana for representing Koraunui School at the Te Omanga Hospice Garden of Appreciation ceremony last week. We are really proud of the way they represented our school and supported whanau who were there to remember loved ones during the brick laying ceremony. We have received a message from the organizers acknowledging what a great job they did in front of such a large gathering.



END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of year reports will be sent home Wednesday 10th December. If you require a second report, please let the office know and one will be emailed to you at the time the paper copies are sent home.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

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.



TOKOMANAWA QUEENS BASKETBALL SESSION

While the Year 6 tamariki were away at camp last week the Year 5 tamariki were lucky to have a visit from members of the Tokomanawa Queens basketball team. This was to help celebrate our new basketball hoops that have been installed at school and to run a skills session for our tamariki. Everyone had a great time practising and learning new skills. We would like to thank the Tokomanawa Queens players and Rutherford and Bond team for helping organise this session for our tamariki.







SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS



Can ALL school sports uniforms please be returned to school as soon as possible so they can be put away for 2026.

We are missing basketball uniforms - PLEASE CHECK and see if you have one at home.

Once found please return directly to the school office - we just need them back.

KAURI BLOCK ACTIVITIES

For the past two weeks the Kauri team have been doing a lot of fun activities outside the classroom.

They started with a whole school rubbish pickup which they really enjoyed!!!

The school looked amazing after that ²²

This was followed by an afternoon of chalk drawing on the asphalt- which sadly got washed away by rain that evening.

On another day, some very responsible students from Room 4 organised a sports rotation for the team. They did a wonderful job. Everyone was very hot and tired after the event!

On Monday we held a Teddy Bears picnic. There were a lot of tired little teddy bears after *that* day.

Yesterday was sand saucer day where all the Kauri team children made beautiful arrangements in plates of sand.

And of course, the children have been swimming and practising Christmas songs ready for the concert.

EOTC is certainly going well in the Kauri block!



PEDAL READY

It has been great to have the Pedal Ready team from the Greater Wellington Regional Council back at school this week. They have been working with our tamariki developing their cycling and scooter skills and confidence. As a part of the programme this year, some of our Year 6 tamariki will be going out on the roads around Stokes Valley with the instructors to put into practise all the skills they've learnt so far. It has been fantastic to see tamariki so involved in the sessions.







SUN HATS

All children are required to wear sunhats at school during Term 4. <u>Please</u> 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.

STOKES VALLEY SCOUTS FUNDRAISER

Stokes Valley Scouts are running a raffle to raise money to help their scout troop get to the National Scout Jamboree next year. We have some tickets at the school office if you would like to buy some. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information.



START OF 2026 DATE

Our start date for 2026 is Wednesday 4 February. We will have staff only days on the days before this.

COMMUNITY USE OF THE SCHOOL POOL



We have keys to hire out this summer. <u>Preference will be given to families who do not have outstanding debt with our school.</u>
KPG are taking on the hiring of the pool keys for us. If you are interested in hiring a key, please email Leigh Te Puia at

50 Cent Stalls



Only Year 5 tamariki will be selling at 50 cent stalls in Term 4.

leigh.tepuia@koraunui.school.nz.

This will help them get a head start on fundraising for their Year 6 camp in 2026. 50 cent stalls will be every Friday at morning teatime outside Room 12 and 13. If wet this will be on the



Kowhai Block deck. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit per child.

SCHOOL INVOICES

School invoices have been sent home. We woul dliek these to be cleared before the end of this year. Thank you to all families who make regular payments and who contact us about outstanding payments for school and sporting activities. If you haven't done so already, we ask that outstanding debts are either paid in full or regular part payments are made to clear amounts owing as soon as possible.



If invoices go unpaid, even the \$5.00 that we ask for stationery and tissues, we will find it difficult to continue providing stationery, entering sports teams and providing KCC and 2 PM Club.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

Remember to keep up to date with what we are up to via our <u>school Facebook</u> group and <u>website</u>.



BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for items, event or sports fees during the year. If you would like to do this, please come and talk to Maree and she 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

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.



Ngā mihi, Dave Lamont Principal

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Childs Name(s):		

Parent Name: _____Contact Number:

Please fill in spaces for sessions you would like your child to attend and return this booking form to the school office no later than Monday 2nd December.

If you want your child to attend the week 12-16 January your form needs to be returned by Friday 28 November as a decision to open for this week will be made dependent on the number of enrolments we receive.

No late bookings will be accepted!!!

December	7-8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5:45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 15	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Tuesday 16	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Wednesday 17	\$5.00	\$45.00		\$3.80	\$30.00	
Thursday 18	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Friday 19	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Total to pay						

January	7-8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5:45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 12	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Tuesday 13	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Wednesday 14	\$5.00	\$45.00		\$3.80	\$30.00	
Thursday 15	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Friday 16	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Total to pay						

January	7-8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5:45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 19	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	' '
Tuesday 20	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Wednesday 21	\$5.00	\$45.00		\$3.80	\$30.00	
Thursday 22	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Friday 23	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Total to pay						
January	7-8am	8am-12pm	12-5pm	5-5.45pm	9-3pm	Total to pay
Monday 26*	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Tuesday 27	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Wednesday 28	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
Thursday 29	\$5.00	\$45.00		\$3.80	\$30.00	
Friday 30	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$30.00	
		Total to pay				

^{*}As per our policy, fees will apply for any public holidays that fall on any of your child's regular days of care.

As we will be using the school pool throughout the <u>programme</u> please send your child's togs with them every day



PLEASE JOIN US FOR SINGING AND KAI.

BRING A PLATE OF AFTERNOON TEA TO SHARE

STARTS AT 4PM



Stokes Valley Scouts Jamboree Raffle

Win an NCM Aspen E-bike worth \$2,600! (This would make a fantastic Christmas gift!)

\$15 per ticket



Don't miss your chance to win amazing prizes and support Stokes Valley Scouts!

NCM Aspen Plus E-Bike, 48 volt 500W motor, 16 AMP hour battery, 21 speed gears, hydraulic brakes, thumb throttle, refurbished with 348km on speedo

Prizes drawn on 20th December 2025 provided the minimum number of tickets have been sold by this date, winners will be notified by phone