

Kia Ora Greetings

Our school year has started well and I would like to thank all the parents for supporting us by providing their children with stationery and uniforms, also a big thank you to all those who have paid their school donation either for this term or the whole year. Our lessons are well underway and it is important that children complete home reading and other homework tasks. Parents can support us by reading with their children. If you speak a language other than English read in your own language if you wish. All reading is important and helps children to learn and access new information.

Subway Lunches: On Monday we will be sending a special notice home about our new subway lunch programme. Every Thursday children can receive a lunch from subway if they wish. Orders have to be in the day before (Wed) for delivery on Thursday. Exact money needs to be given as Subway count the money for us and prepare the orders. Full details will be provided in the notice on Monday and order envelopes will come home on Tuesday. The first Subway lunch day will be Thursday 25th February.

Health & P.E. Survey: Enclosed with this newsletter is a student needs survey regarding our health and Physical Education curriculum. Please assist us with planning programmes by completing the survey and returning it to the school office or to your child's teacher. Thank you for your help. Your feedback is important.

Staff News: It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of one of our past teachers – Mrs Donella Manihera. Donella was well known and respected in the Kelston Community. She taught at Kelston Primary for 12 years. Her funeral service will be at the Massey Presbyterian Church on Thursday 18th Feb at 10.00am.

I also regret to announce that one of our long serving teacher aides Maree Evans is leaving us on 5th March to live in New Plymouth. Maree has been involved with Kelston Primary since 1987 as a parent helper and was employed as a teacher aide for the past 15 years. She has assisted many children during this time, particularly with Reading and Writing and her dedication and expertise will be greatly missed.

Uniform: Thank you all of you who have purchased a school hat either from the office (\$10) or from Postie Plus. Our kids look great in the school hats while they play outside in the sun at lunchtime. From next week all children will need to have a school hat or they will be kept out of the sun at lunchtime. There are still a few of the new school caps available here in the office for just \$10. Please do not send your child to school with earrings that hang down. Studs are acceptable but other earrings can be dangerous during play and sport. We also have many children wearing black Roman Sandals, which is excellent as they are great summer footwear. However it is important that these sandals are named as it is difficult to find the owners for lost footwear.

Cornwallis Family Trip – our annual trip to Cornwallis Beach is on Tuesday 2nd March – Keep this day free for a great family school day.

Fun Skills: Last year we trialled a new after school programme called Fun Skills. It runs for an hour after school and teaches children a range of movement skills in a fun way. I am pleased to say that Fun Skills will be starting again next Wednesday 24 February from 3 – 4pm. We are lucky to have our tutor Jessica Hewgill continue working with us. Those who took part last year will be part of the programme again this term. If there are any other Year 1 – 3 children who would like to take part then complete the form below and return it to school. We are also looking for some parents or Year 5 -6 children to come along and help out as leaders. If you are able help out then complete that section of the form below.

Reply Slip Fun Skills Programme

I would like my child _____ from Room _____ Yr _____ (Yr 1-3) to be part of the Fun Skills programme.

I am willing to help as a leader for the programme _____ Phone _____

Parent Helpers: As you are well aware we have a lot of very talented children here at KPS. We also know that many of you reading this are very talented as well. We would love to have any of you come into the school and share your talents with us. We already have 2 wonderful parents who are helping out by coaching our touch rugby teams. If you have a passion for something we want you to share it with us. We want our kids to have as many opportunities as possible so if it's a sports team, dance group, culture group or music group then we want to hear from you. Contact Chris Herlihy here at school on 827 2187 or at cherlihy@kelstonprimary.school.nz.

Touch Rugby: We have entered 3 teams in the local touch competition. They made their debut last week with great success. Our Under 8's team who even have a few 5 year olds had a great game however just lost but did manage to score a try. Our Under 10's Team had two games – the first one they jumped on to help a team who were short showing the great sportsmanship we have here at Kelston. They won that game and then went on to win their game as well in a very tough game. This week our other Under 8's team start up. A huge thanks to Jonathan and Albert who have volunteered to coach the teams. Not only are they there on Thursday afternoons but also coming in twice a week at lunchtime to coach the teams. We look forward to some more great results this week.

Road Safety: A reminder about a few points that will help keep our children safe around the school.

* Please cross using the school crossings

* Please DO NOT pull into the driveway to drop your children off. Park on the street and let them walk into the school or even better yet walk your child into the school and say hi to their teacher! Thank you to those of you who do this on a daily basis. It would be great if everyone did it!

Walking School Bus: Kelston Primary School would like to start several walking School Buses again this year. For this to happen we need your help. This is a voluntary role, which you will be supported in. If you are interested in leading a walking school bus before and after school, please contact Yvonne Limmer on 818-1873 or Ms Gardner in Room 8.



Cellphones at school: If there is a good reason why your child needs to bring a cell phone to school they must collect a form from the school office to take home to be signed by a parent/caregiver. The phone is then to be handed in to the school office each morning and collected at the end of the day.

Coming Events:

Week 5	Tues 2 nd March	Cornwallis Beach Day – Whole School	
Week 7	Thur 18 th March	Parent/Teacher Interviews. School closes at 2.00pm Kelston Expo – Info on Kelston Community Services	
	Fri 19 th March	Bob Bickerton Show – Whole school – at school	School Banking: A reminder – Every Tuesday before school bring your banking along to the boardroom.
Week 8	Thurs 25 th March	BOT meeting 7.30pm	
	Fri 26 th March	Positive Power Day	
Week 9	Thurs 1 st April	End of Term 1 (Term 2 starts 19 th April)	

**Cliff Hughes
Principal**

Children Away From School: If your child needs to be away from school, please contact the school office after 8.30am to let us know. You can phone on 8272187 or email at admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz or text us on 0211647819 - **If texting or sending an email please remember to give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence.**

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Girls' Brigade is taking registrations now!! Calling all girls aged 5-18yrs: come to GB for fun, friendship, camps, crafts and more. Attend our Fun Night and get the next 3 nights FREE!!! We meet on Mondays: 5-8yrs meet from 6pm-7:30pm, 9+ from 6:30pm-8:30pm. For more information and to find out where the 1st night will take place, phone Margaret on 828 3912 (evenings) or Lina on 827 3925 or 027 2921078.