



## KIA ORA GREETINGS

### From the Desk of the Principal

Next Wednesday 28 Feb we will be having our Family Fun Night here at school. There will be food, bouncy castles, activities and a discussion about forthcoming events at Kelston Primary School this year. This will be from 5.30-7.30pm. The library will also be open for parents to visit from 5.30-6.30pm.

Cornwallis Beach day – was a great success – thank you to all the parents who joined us and a huge thanks to our Duffy Sponsors, Emma and her team at Owen's Transport for the lunch.



**Old School Desks and Furniture Available** - We are having a clear out of old school desks and tables to make space in our school. Some of this furniture is in great condition and may be useful for homework or activities at home. Mr Zarins will put the furniture out at the front of our senior block on Thursday and Friday of this week from 2.30pm. If you wish to take any items, a donation of any amount to our school would be much appreciated. First come, first served. We will not be able to hold items as I am sure the demand will be high.

**Teacher Stop Work Meeting 14 March** - On Wednesday 14 March school will be closing at 12.40pm so that the teachers can attend a Union Stop Work meeting. There will be **no** teaching staff on site or classroom programmes. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The Skids after school programme will be operating from 12.40pm should you require supervision (this needs to be pre-arranged with them).



**Million Dollar Mission** - Kelston Primary is a finalist in the Trusts Million Dollar Mission and we are hoping to get an electronic sign for the front of the school. Every vote our school gets means \$5 goes towards our project. The following link gives information about the Million Dollar Mission <https://www.milliondollarmission.co.nz/finalists/>

The contest begins on **1 March** and we will have more information on our Facebook page. Please tell all your friends and families to vote. It costs nothing and helps our school.

### From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

**Archibald Road School Crossing** - In the last few weeks we have noticed a few parents crossing with their children prior to the school crossing. Not only is this very dangerous, it is also showing other students (who are not with their parents) that it is ok to cross in this way. As Archibald Rd is a very busy road we need to make sure we are all modeling the safest way. Please remember to use the pedestrian crossing at all times (whether crossing your child or returning without your child). When using the crossing please wait for 'cross now' before walking across. Thank you for helping keep all of our kids safe :).

**Year 5 & 6 Camp- Carey Park Monday 28th - Wednesday 30th May 2018 (Term 2)** - It is time to start thinking about year 5/6 camp once again. All year 5 & 6 students should now have returned their permission slip saying yes they can go or no they can't. If your child is yet to return their form please do so asap as we need to start finalising our plans which depend immensely on our final student numbers. In the coming weeks we will be sending home lots more information about camp and contacting parents who expressed an interest in being a helper on camp. It is going to be a fantastic camp and we hope all our year 5 & 6 students can attend. Please come and see me or email me on [spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz](mailto:spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz) if you would like to discuss any aspect of camp, especially in regards to money. There will also be a meeting regarding camp (a great time to ask questions :) at the Family Fun Night on Wednesday 28 February.

**Please remember that boxes of chocolates are now available to sell to help pay for camp. For every box you sell you get \$24 off your child's camp. These boxes must be prepaid at a cost of \$60.**

**Saturday Cricket** - This year our cricket team has continued. They play every Saturday in term 1 at school. This year we have 8 new players joining the team that have never played hard ball cricket before. They have played two games so far and are doing outstandingly well! They have played teams that have been playing for years and have lost in the last over on both occasions. A great effort everyone! Special mention to Jahzeel Misa for outstanding bowling and batting and Max McGregor for showing a fearless batting attitude against some pretty quick bowling. A big thank you to Mr Alexander who takes the team each Saturday. Without his support the Saturday team wouldn't be able to play. This Saturday they play a team from the Kumeu Cricket Club. Good luck team :).

**Girls Cricket Team** - Our girls cricket team continues on from last year also. We have 4 players from Kelston Primary and 4 ex Kelston Primary students who are now at Kelston Intermediate in the team. They have continued their impressive form from last year winning their first game last Saturday. They have 5 more games left in the season, with the last game being on the 24th March. A big thank you to Paul Baledrokadroka for providing transport to and from the game. Without his amazing support the team wouldn't be possible. Good luck this Saturday girls! :)

### Other Info

**Missing Bike** – On Monday afternoon one of our students had their pushbike go missing from the bike rack – unfortunately it was not chained up – It is red and black – if you have seen it please contact the school.

We are looking for support - We will shortly be having a new issue of our school's newsletters printed. The newsletters will be used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding school activities.

The newsletters are to be financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on the newsletters for a year. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge.

Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement on the back of our school's newsletter please contact Dennis or Craig Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited, ph (09) 817 3867, or email [newsletters@xtra.co.nz](mailto:newsletters@xtra.co.nz).

This is a great way to keep your business in front of the local community and also help our school.

### Coming Events:

Wed. 28 Feb	Family Fun Night
Fri 2 March	Principal's Assembly
Tues. 6 March	Footsteps Dance Starts
Wed. 7 March	Interschool cricket
Wed. 14 March	12.40 School Closes for Union Meeting
Thurs 15 March	School Cross Country
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Junior Food Festival
Thurs. 22 March	BOT Meeting 7.230pm
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3 Te Uru Gallery
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reporting to Parents Yrs 4-6
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 4 Te Uru Gallery
Fri 30 Mar- Tues 3 April	Easter Break
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Interschool Cross Country
Fri. 13 April	Last day of term 1

### Children Away From

**School:** If your child needs to be away from school, please contact the school office before 9.30am to let us know each day. You can phone on **827 2187** or email at [admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz](mailto:admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz) or text us on **0211647819** -

Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence.

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