



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal

It was great to see so many families last week at our Family Fun Night. I hope you had the chance to meet your child's teacher and enjoy the activities and food. I would like to thank the staff and parent helpers who made the night a great success.

I would also like to thank Mr Pickett for his informative talk about camp for year 5 & 6 students. We want as many children as possible to attend camp so please see Mr Pickett or myself if you have any questions or concerns about camp.

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. So far we have raised almost \$5000 but we need to get everyone to vote everyday to hit our target. Many thanks to all those who have supported us already.

Please use the following link and vote for us.

<https://www.milliondollarmission.co.nz/finalists/kelston-primary-school>



Healthy Lunches - Please consider providing your students with fruit and sandwiches rather than packet foods which are highly processed. We do not allow sweets, big bags of chips or fizzy drinks at school. Children are provided with milk and water is readily available throughout the day.



From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

Interschool Cricket Tournament - This was postponed today. A new date will be found in the next few days. Once confirmed a new notice will come home with the students who are in one of the teams.

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. 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 if you would like to discuss any aspect of camp, especially in regards to money. There are extra forms coming home today. Please complete these and return to school as soon as possible.

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.



Kelston Primary Whole School Cross Country Event - Next Thursday 15th March we are having our whole school cross country event. There will be age group races for 5 year olds, 6 year olds, 7 & 8 year olds, 9 year olds and 10 year olds (please note that ages for students 7 years or older are as of Tuesday 10th April) There will be separate races for girls and boys. The event will start at approximately 9.15 with our 5 year old races. Family are more than welcome to come down to support our runners :).



Footsteps Dance - All the students who have paid their term 1 activity fee or the individual \$15 fee attended the first dance workshop of 5 on Tuesday. The students who attended had an absolutely wonderful time. It is not too late for your child to attend the remaining 4 sessions. Simply send payment of \$15 or pay the term 1 activity fee and your child can attend next Tuesday's session. At only \$3 a session, it is fantastic value :).

From the Desk of Elise Gardner:

Safety First - Last week the junior school had a fantastic visit from Constable Carl! Constable Carl came in to teach the children all about crossing the road safely. The key messages he emphasised was to stop, look and listen before crossing the road. He also encouraged them to continue looking both ways, left and right, while crossing with an adult. On his second visit Constable Carl taught the children how to put on their seat belt correctly when they travel in the car and when to use a booster seat. We are very fortunate to have Constable Carl come in and teach these key safety messages to our children. We would like to encourage parents to talk about and practice, these with their children as well.



Coming Events:

Wed. 14 March	12.40 School Closes for Union Meeting
Thurs 15 March	School Cross Country
Wed 21 st March	Junior Food Festival
Thurs. 22 March	BOT Meeting 7.230pm
Fri 23 March	School Disco 5-7pm
Mon 26 th March	Yr 3 Te Uru Gallery
Wed 28 th March	Reporting to Parents Yrs 4-6
Thur 29 th March	Yr 4 Te Uru Gallery
Fri 30 Mar- Tues 3 April	Easter Break
Tues 10 th 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 or text us on **0211647819** - Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence.