



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal

The term has started well and I would like to give a special welcome to the new families who have joined our school.

Remember if you have any questions about our school or need information please talk to the teachers or the school office. We are always happy to assist!

New Electronic Sign/Web-site - As you are probably aware we received a generous grant of \$16,500 for a new electronic sign from the Trusts Charitable Foundation. The sign is now being designed and constructed and hopefully will be in place at the start of next term. I would like to thank everyone who voted for us, your support is greatly appreciated.

We are also in the process of upgrading our school web-site and refining our school vision. Please stand by for future updates as we hope to get your feedback on this important process.



New enrolments - We have space for new enrolments and if you have a child or family member turning 5 soon they can enrol early and arrange visits before their 5th birthday. Planning beforehand always makes the first day at school so much easier!

From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

Year 5 & 6 Camp- Carey Park Monday 28th - Wednesday 30th May 2018 - There is less than 2 weeks to go!!!! Full payment must be received by this Friday 18th May. The cost of the camp is \$200 or \$170 if you have paid the term 2 activity fee. You can pay directly at the office with eftpos or cash, send money to school with your child or pay online. The school bank account number is 12-3051-0387085-00, **please use your child's first name, last name and camp as the reference.** We are in the final stages of planning. The students have formed their activity groups and will be making their cabin groups next week. We would love all our year 5 & 6 students to attend, so please contact me to discuss any issues which might prevent this.

Please remember that boxes of chocolates are still 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.

Out of School Hours Netball Teams - We have two Saturday netball teams playing at the Te Pai Netball Courts each Saturday. They have had their first two games and are well underway :). A big thank you to Mrs Maddie Gates from Kelston Intermediate for coaching our Year 6 team and Mrs Blakeborough's daughter, Erin and Erin's friend Amy

for coaching the mixed year 5/6 team. Tomorrow afternoon our year 3 and year 4 teams start their season at the same venue. Most of our year 4 team played last year, however most of our year 3 team will be experiencing netball for the first time, exciting times ahead for them. We wish all of our teams, including the players, parents, coaches and managers the best of luck for the season ahead! :).



Other Info:



Absent from school – please remember to let us know why your child is absent from school. A quick call, email or text in the morning on each day your child is away is appreciated. If you know they will be away for a set number of days then let us know the dates. If your child is sick for 5 days or more we require a doctor’s certificate. If you know your child is going to be away from school for 5 days or more for reasons other than medical then please contact the school beforehand – we have a form to fill out for us to keep on file. – these are ministry requirements. Please remember that if your child is away from school and no reason is given then they unfortunately will be marked as truant.

Coming Events:

Thurs 17 th May	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
Tue 29 May	Rm 12&15 trip to Corbans Art Estate
Fri 1 st June	Principal’s Assembly
Tues 5 th June	Rm 9,10,11,21 Trip to Corbans Art Estate
Tues 12 th June	Middle School: Year 3 Trip to Auckland Art Gallery
Wed 13 th June	Middle School: Year 4 Trip to Auckland Art Gallery
Tues 19 th June	Western Zone Rugby League Tournament
Thurs 21 st June	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
Tues 26 th June	Jnr & Mid School Drumming Show
Fri 29 th June	Reports to go home. Yr 6 Intermediate school transition day.
Wed 4 th July	Reporting to Parents afternoon.
Friday 6 th July	End of Term 2

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.**

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Your business can sponsor a science kit. Your business name and logo will be on the science kit which is delivered to the schools and you will receive recognition on our Facebook page. Each kit costs \$2,500 to sponsor for a year.

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<https://givealittle.co.nz/org/house-of-science-west-auckland> We are looking for volunteers to help in all areas, from delivering the science resource kits to schools, to managing our FB page, to helping to secure funding by applying for grants. If you would be interested in helping HoSWA get this initiative off the ground, please contact Jess Singh, phone 027 810 4129 or email jessica.singh@houseofscience.nz