



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal

The term has started well and it is great to see so many new families join our school. We have a busy second half year ahead and hope to end the term with a special school concert. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and newsletters as more information becomes available.

Staff News - I would like to welcome back Mrs Duggan to Room 1 and Mrs Raju to Room 6 whilst Miss Featherstone is on leave.

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to Room 2 for winning the Attendance Trophy at the end of term 2.



Teacher Strike - As you may be aware there will be a strike day on 15 August for all teachers and Principals. There will be no school on this day and staff will not be present to supervise students.

At present negotiations are ongoing between the Ministry of Education and the teacher's union so this situation may change, however please be prepared for the likelihood of no school.

Electronic Sign - You may have noticed the new electronic sign at the Archibald Rd entrance to our school. We will soon have the sign connected and hope to share our school events and information with the community. The Trusts Charitable Foundation generously donated the funds for this sign through the recent Million Dollar Mission campaign. Once again I would like to thank all those for voting for us and helping us achieve our goal.

From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

Kelston Primary Cultural Show - As I mentioned last term we have had a number of cultural groups happening and this term we are bringing them altogether for a showcase extravaganza. All our groups plus the middle school and junior school will be performing, that means that every child in the school will get to go on stage and perform. What an exciting time! We will be having professional lighting and stage curtaining to help create a wonderful show atmosphere. We are having two shows and both will be ticketed. There will be a Matinee show on Tuesday 18th September starting at 12.10pm and an evening show on Wednesday 19th September starting at 6.30pm. Look out for the letter coming home next week which outlines how to buy tickets plus all the other important information about the shows. The kids are all very excited about putting on an amazing show for you all.

Keeping Ourselves Safe - Over the next few weeks we will be teaching the personal safety programme Keeping Ourselves Safe. Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give students the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- *To develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people;
- *To support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- *To make teachers and parents/caregivers more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

Keeping Ourselves Safe will be taught by your child's teacher with support from the local Police Education Officer – Senior Constable Carl. To be successful, Keeping Ourselves Safe needs your help and support. Your child will have homework activities to work on with you. It is important that you

participate as often as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will help reinforce the messages the school is giving, and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

A big thank you to the parents who attended the parent information meeting yesterday. If you were not able to attend this meeting and you would like more information please come in and see me at any time.

Blue light Disco and Mufti Day - This Friday – Please remember your gold coin donation for the mufti day and the disco is free entry. There will also be a free sausage sizzle during the disco for all students and the tuckshop will be open selling small snack items. Children must be picked up afterwards by an adult no later than 5.00pm. A huge thank you to Constable Carl and his team for running this disco with us.



Hamper Raffle – to be drawn at the disco – Thank you to the families who have already donated goods for our raffle (we will continue to accept items until Friday morning) – please remember these need to be canned or packet products, not fresh food. Tickets will be on sale at the disco \$3.00 per ticket.

Kelly Sports After School Sports Programme - At Kelly Sports we aim to have heaps of fun with your friends while playing a range of dynamic and active sports over the term. Sports are covered in a fun, non-competitive way and children will learn life-long skills, including teamwork, fair play and communication skills."

Kelly sports are wanting to run an after school sports programme at Kelston Primary later this term. There will be 6 weekly sessions on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.05-4.05pm. The cost for all 6 sessions is \$60. This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings - giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

If you are interested in your child getting involved in these sessions please get in contact directly with Bart from Kelly Sports on 021 903 930 or via email on Bart@kellysports.co.nz. If you book early there is a discount available. Please note there is a minimum number of students required before the sessions can start.

Activity Fee – If you need to pay the \$30.00 activity fee for this term you can do so by sending money with your child, pay at the office or direct into our bank account – using your child's name and reason for paying as a reference. Our account number is 12 3051 0387085 00

Class and Individual Photos - will be on 3rd of September – forms will be coming home shortly for pre orders.

Swimming – just a reminder that the Junior school swimming programme starts next week – If you haven't seen the notice regarding this then please check your child's bag or contact the office for a copy.

Coming Events:

Friday 3 rd August	Interschool Hockey, Blue Light Disco, Mufti Day
Thursday 9 th August	Junior Swimming Programme Starts
Wednesday 15 th August	Proposed Teacher Strike
Friday 24 th August	Principal's Assembly

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.