



## KIA ORA GREETINGS

### From the Desk of the Principal

#### **Teacher Strike- Monday 12 November**



Our school will be closed on Monday 12 November as our teachers will be on strike following a rejection of the latest Ministry of Education contract offer. There will be no staff on site and the Skids programme will not be operating. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### **Maori Consultation- Hui ngā mātua Māori**

Tomorrow night, Thursday 1 November from 6-7.30pm we are having a special meeting and supper for our Maori and other interested parents in the staffroom.

The purpose of this meeting is to share data on the achievement of Maori students at our school and talk about our goals for Maori students and invite feedback from parents and caregivers on our future plans and programmes.

You will have received a notice about this on Monday and it is important that you let the office know if you are attending as we are providing supper. All parents are welcome.

#### **Children turning 5.**

If you have any children turning 5 before February next year you can enrol them now so that they can start immediately on the first school day of 2019 - 4 February. We can also arrange visits for these children so that they can be better prepared for school. Just contact the school office or Miss Gardner for more information.



#### **Traffic Issues - Riverview Road - Ongoing issues**

The traffic congestion at our Riverview Road entrance is heavy and often very dangerous. Many of our young children use this exit and have a tendency to hurry out of the gate, often they are not visible to traffic. That is why we have yellow lines at the end of the road for no parking.

**Please do not park in driveways or on the yellow lines to collect your children. A short walk is safer than putting our children at risk.**

We also ask that you do not drive through the school and drop your children off in our driveway. We have approx. 250 families at our school and if every parent drove through it would be chaos.

### From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

#### **Kelifest**

Congratulations to our four amazing groups who performed at Kelifest on Friday. Our Kapa Haka and Tongan groups were the first to perform, they did a fantastic job and made us all very proud of them. A big thank you to Whaea Pare for all the work she has done getting our Kapa Haka group ready. Our Samoan

and Cook Island groups performed near the end of the festival and once again were a bit hit with the audience. Thank you to their amazing tutors Feleni Salamo and Linda Zoll. It was great seeing so many cultures sharing their talents with the Kelston Community.

## Interschool Soccer

Last Thursday and Friday our girls and boys teams travelled to Riversdale Reserve in Avondale to compete in our interschool soccer tournaments. All our teams did extremely well! Congratulations to our Girls A team who finished 4th overall and our boys top team for finishing 2nd in the B grade. Our other two teams just missed out on semi-final spots making both tournaments a great success. :) A big thank you to Kristie for all her work coaching the boys teams :).

## Saturday Cricket

On Saturday our girls and boys cricket teams played their first game of the new season. The girls played East Coast Bays Cricket Club at Te Atatu Park and had a good win. Congratulations to Lily for being player of the day for scoring the most runs. Our boys team played at school against the Waitakere Cricket Club Strikers. They had a very close win by only 6 runs. Congratulations to Koupa for being player of the day for scoring 58 runs and bowling a maiden (gave away no runs) in the final over of the game. The girls team have no game this Saturday and the boys are playing Oratia Cricket Club at School. The game starts at 9.30am. Good luck boys!

### Other Info:

Head lice – often an ongoing issue – please check your children’s hair regularly and treat if needed.



## Coming Events:

Thursday 1 Nov	Maori Consultation Evening 6.00pm
Friday 2 Nov	Junior Diwali Lunch
Thursday 8 Nov	Middle School MOTAT Trip
Monday 12 Nov	Strike Day – School Closed
Friday 16 Nov	Principals Assembly
Monday 19 Nov – <b>new date</b>	School Athletics Day – Trust Stadium
Tuesday 20 Nov	Snr/Mid School Swimming Starts
Thursday 22 Nov	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 26 Nov	Yr 3 Trip to Corbans Art
Thursday 29 Nov	Interschool Athletics
Friday 30 Nov	Yr 4 Trip to Corbans Art
Friday 7 Dec	Reports go Home
Wed 12 Dec	Waterday – at school
Thursday 13 Dec	School Prizegiving Yr 6 Graduation – during the day – time to be confirmed.
Friday 14 Dec	Last day of Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School 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.