



Kia Ora!

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From the Desk of the Principal:

Unfortunately we have had a bad spell of illness across the school with many sick children and staff. Some children are presenting with a high fever at school and we have had some difficulty contacting parents. Please ensure the school office has your current contact details. If your child is unwell please keep them home until they recover.



Principal's Assembly

I will be having a special Principal's assembly on Friday 14 August at 2.15pm in the school hall. All parents and whānau are welcome to attend.

Math-a-thon thank you!

I would like to thank all of the whānau who are supporting our children with the current Math-a-thon. Your support helps us improve our school environment and we are hoping to further develop the senior playground area as well as look at additional in-class resources. Our last fundraiser helped us achieve our goal of a new playground for the middle school.



This week is Cook Island language week. To celebrate you may wish to learn some of the following phrases.

Au Tuatua Rā 'Ua Nei Everyday phrases	
Common Phrases	
Kia orāna	Greetings / Hello
Kia orāna kōtou kātōtoā	Greetings to you all
'Aere rā / 'Aere atu rā	Goodbye to those who are leaving (only if it applies)
'E no'o rā / No'o ake rā	Goodbye – to those who are staying (only if it applies)
'Inē?	Please
Meitaki	Thank you
Tatarā'ara	Apologies / Sorry
Inā / Inā ake ana	Excuse me
Ko'ai tō'ou ingoa?	What is your name?
Ko _____ tōku ingoa	My name is _____
Nō'ea mai koe?	Where are you from?
'E tangata au nō _____ mai.	I am a person from _____
Nō _____ mai au.	I am from _____
'E 'anga'anga ana koe ki 'ea?	Where do you work?
'E 'anga'anga ana au ki _____	I work at _____
Pō'ea kōrua?	How are you both?
Meitaki ma'ata au	I am very well
Kua kaikai koe? 'Aere mai kaikai	Have you eaten? Come and eat

CRAZY HAIR DISCO

Friday August 7th

Get ready to let your imagination run wild! 🎉 It's time for our Crazy Hair Disco! Come to school with your wildest, wackiest, and most colourful hair!

Gold coin mufti donation
 senior - middle block
 junior - last block

POSTPONED
 UNTIL LATER IN THE TERM
 DUE TO ILLNESS OF
 STAFF AND STUDENTS

chips & ice blocks \$1 each

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:



Math-a-thon 2026

Four weeks left for the students to learn their maths questions and to get as many sponsors as possible. Lots of prizes to be won! Every student who brings at least \$5 is guaranteed to win a prize on the last day of school this term. The students will be tested on Wednesday 2nd September, with all money due in by Thursday 24th September at the latest. All the prizes will be given out at our special prize assembly on Friday 25th September, starting at 11.45am. Good luck, everyone!



Inter-school Hockey



Next Wednesday, 12th August, we are taking four teams to the Inter-school hockey competition, being held at the Waitakere Hockey Turf at Henderson High School. The students who have made a team should have received their notice with all the information. Mouthguards are compulsory and can be purchased from the office for \$6 if needed. It is important that players arrive at school by 8.30am on this day to ensure we make the first round of games at 9.30am. Family and friends are more than welcome to come along to cheer on the teams. 😊

ICAS Assessments

These tests start next week. First up is English, then Spelling the following week and finishing with Maths the week after that. Students have had previous tests to practice with at home and are encouraged to bring them back to school for our practice sessions, which will be held on Monday of the week of each test.



Wednesday 12th August

Inter-school Hockey

Friday 14th August

Principal's Assembly 2.15pm

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**, email at admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz, text us on **021 164 7819** - or log an absentee on our website or @school App. Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence.

Thank you.

Health Alert - Scabies

There are currently many cases of scabies in communities across New Zealand. Scabies is a contagious skin condition caused by tiny mites. It usually appears as a very itchy rash with small red bumps or thin, wavy lines, often between the fingers, around the wrists, under the arms or around the waist. Itching is often worse at night.

Scabies will not go away without treatment. Please speak to a pharmacist or healthcare provider if you think your child may have it. Everyone living in the household should be treated at the same time, even if they do not have symptoms, and treatment usually needs to be repeated after seven days.

Clothing, towels and bedding should also be washed as directed.

Children with scabies must stay home and can return to school 24 hours after their first treatment.