Newsletter 17 – 11 November 2026

Kia Ora!

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From the Desk of the Principal:



We are halfway through our final term of 2026 and the next few weeks at school will be very busy. The senior students will be receiving their reports and we are organising our end of year awards ceremony and concert. Please note the important dates at the end of this newsletter.

Water issues

Unfortunately, we had to close the school yesterday as we had no water. Kelston Girls College and Ko Taku Reo were also impacted and had to close as well. Thank you to all of the whānau who collected their children and sorry for the inconvenience it may have caused.



2027 Classes

Shortly we will be collating school classes for next year. Once again, we will try to accommodate the need to separate children who may not work well together or children who respond better to certain teaching styles. Please contact myself or Miss Gardner & Mr Pickett if you have any particular requests for 2027 classes.

Unfortunately, due to changes in the new NZ Curriculum and its year based format we will not be able to offer a Boys' Class in 2027. The Boys' Class has been at our school for over 15 years and we are sad that we cannot continue it as it has had many successes. Mrs Duggan will carry on with her great work in Room 1 despite this change.

Enrol Early!

If you have a child turning 5 in January, February or March 2027 you can enrol them now so that they will be ready to start school on their 5th birthday. You may also wish to arrange visits to school before their start date. New enrolments need to provide a birth certificate or passport, and visits can be arranged by contacting the school office or Miss Gardner.

Māori Hui

I would like to thank all whānau who attended our Māori Hui last week and provided feedback on our new strategic plan. Our kapa haka group did an amazing job with their performance supported by the whānau and staff who made the evening such a successful one.



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.

Payments to school –
Reminder that if you need to make a payment our school bank account is -
Account name: Kelston School Board
Account number: 12 3051 0387085 00
Please remember to include child's name and reason for payment. Thank you.



Friday 13th November	Whole School Athletics Day – Trusts Arena
Tuesday 17th November	Vision & Hearing Screening – Year 0-2 students
Wednesday 18th November	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 20th November	Netball Prizegiving 12.15pm
Friday 20th November	Principals Assembly 2.15pm
Tuesday 24th November	Inter-school Athletics

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Whole School Athletics Day – Friday 13th November



Only 2 days to go!!!!!! This Friday, 13th of November, the whole school is off to the Trusts Stadium track and field (Central Park Drive, Henderson) for our annual athletics day. This is a fun day with a mix of competitive and non-competitive action that gives all students the opportunity to get involved. We ask the students to wear a specific shirt colour (if they have one; otherwise, any T-shirt is fine) for their age group. (See list below).

Please note that for the 8, 9, & 10+ age groups, it is how old they will be on November 24th, not the day of the event.

5yr olds – Blue, 6yr olds – Orange, 7yr olds – Yellow,
8yr olds – Green, 9yr olds – Purple, 10+yr olds – Red

It looks like the weather is going to be great, but please send your child prepared for all potential outcomes (sunhat, sunscreen, raincoat/jumper, shoes to run in (the track can get hot!), a water bottle, morning tea and lunch).

A BIG thank you to all the families that have offered to help out on the day. All have been contacted to confirm. If you have not received a text from me and you are helping, please email me at spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz to confirm.

Vision and Hearing Screening

The NPHS -Northern Region Vision and Hearing Screening team will be visiting our school on 17th November 2026.

This screening is for **Years 0-2 students** who have **not yet completed** their B4 School Check, or any required **follow-up rescreen**. (Further information: B4 School Check – Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora).

If you **do not want your child** to take part in the vision and hearing screening, please let the school know **before the visit**.

Your child's screening **results will be sent home** with your child. These results may also be shared with the school, including your child's teacher to support their learning and wellbeing."