



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal

The past few months have been challenging and I appreciate the support from our community as we have transitioned back to school.

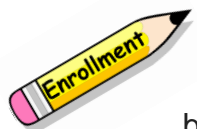
Getting back to a normal routine is important for the health and wellbeing of your children and being around their peers and teachers will help them feel in control and reassured. We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school and making it a positive experience for them and for you. We have planned some special well-being events to make the return to school a positive experience.

77% of our students have now returned and I can assure those still at home that our environment is safe and we are practising strict protocols.

Regularly attending school really matters when it comes to your child's learning and their future. We are here to help and will be happy to talk about any challenges you have in ensuring your children's return to school.

Children under 16 are legally required to attend school every day, unless they are unwell. If they are unwell, please let us know so we can support you. Otherwise, if your children have not returned to school yet we look forward to hearing from you to advise us when they will recommence their learning at school.

New enrolments



Our roll has grown significantly this year and we welcome the many new families to our school. If you have a child turning 5 before the end of the year you can pre-enrol them at any time. This helps us to forward plan and arrange visits for children before they start.

Water bottles

We have closed our drinking fountains under level 2 restrictions. Please send your child to school with a named water bottle to ensure they stay hydrated.



From the Desk of Steven Pickett:



Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme - Early next term we are doing the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. Keeping Ourselves Safe is a personal safety programme designed by the New Zealand Police. It enables children to learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. Students recognise the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and those who have been or are being abused are encouraged to seek help.

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.

If you would like any further information please contact me spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz or alternatively attend the parent information meeting hosted by Senior Constable Carl on Thursday 25 June in the school staffroom at 2.00pm. If attending please come to the office first to sign in.



Yr 5/6 Monday After School Netball

As we move closer and closer to 'Alert Level One' things are slowly moving back to normal. Community sports teams are able to begin training as of last week and the competitions are starting in mid June. Monday after school netball at Te Pai courts starts on Monday 22 June. The teams have started training and the players are get started. Official training days/times will be confirmed once all the teams have been confirmed. If you have not confirmed your child's place in a Year 5 or 6 team please contact Mrs Manning as soon as possible. Her email is pmanning@kelstonprimary.school.nz. It is important that we receive all netball fees before the first game. Please contact Mrs Manning if there are going to be any issues with this. We will share the draws and game times as soon as we receive them. Thursday after school Yr 3/4 netball games at Te Pai courts do not start until Thursday 30 July, which is after the school holidays. Finally some sport!

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Internet Banking – Please remember to use your child's name and reason for payment as your reference. Account Number is ASB 123051 0387085 00. Feel free to email us that you have paid.



Interschool Sports

Unfortunately, all interschool sport has been cancelled for this term. Our first competition is hockey which is happening early in term 3. We will start lunchtime training for this next week. More information will come out once it is available :).

The Children's Community Dental Service. During COVID-19 Alert Level 2, the Children's Community Dental Service has reopened some of its clinics for children with urgent dental care needs. We will be in contact with you if your child requires an urgent appointment. Alternatively, if your child is in pain, or you have immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak with one of our therapists. We are not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes. This means that your child's routine appointment may be delayed. For more information, search for 'ARDS' on the Waitematā DHB website. Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.



Coming Events:

Wed 17 June	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm
Thurs 25 June	Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting 2.00pm
Fri 3 rd July	Last day of Term

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.

The **KELSTON HIPPY** (Home Interaction Programme for Parents and Youngsters) programme has now been operating for 21 years in the area and we are currently recruiting families with children between **3 years and 4 years old** to start the programme.

Our new curriculum is exciting for both children and parents and covers early literacy, maths and songs and rhymes which help children to become competent learners. By parents working with their children at home on the fun activities in HIPPY parents are helping lay down foundations for children to be successful in school and later life.

Please ring Lynda On 8134949, 0212676467 or visit the HIPPY office behind the Kelston Early Childhood, 9 St Leonards Rd or contact on email hippykelston@xtra.co.nz to find out more.

