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From the Desk of the Principal:

Welcome back to term 3 and hopefully a better term temperature wise with Spring on the horizon. We are looking forward to another great term of learning so please keep an eye on our newsletter and Facebook page for forthcoming events.



Staff News

Miss Mitchell will be teaching full time in Room 10 this term as Mrs Sharma will be on leave for surgery.

Attendance and Punctuality Trophies

I am pleased to announce the class winners for the following awards.



The class with the least number of children arriving at school late over each half term - our Beat the Bell trophy.

Years 1-3 - Room 11

Years 4-6 - Room 3

Best attendance trophy for each area - the Attendance Avengers trophy.

Years 1-3 - Room 8

Years 4-6 - Room 3

Our overall attendance rates for term 2 showed 62% of our students attending for 90% of the time. This is a big improvement from 42% at the end of last year. We appreciate the support from whānau with our goal of better overall attendance.

Schoolwide Lockdown Drill

On the morning of Monday 27th July we will be conducting a whole school lockdown drill with the support of Harrison Tew Ltd who are specialists in emergency protocols.

Children and staff will be given training followed by a lockdown exercise. During this time you will be unable to enter the school grounds or contact the school. This will be for a relatively short period but we will be following the correct procedures for a real lock down event.



Enrolments

If you have a 4 year old at home starting school soon please let the school office know so we can pre-enrol your child and arrange visits before they turn 5. This also helps with our future planning.

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Math-a-thon 2026 - kicks off next week!

This year we are focusing on the students learning their times tables and corresponding division facts (Year 2-6) and addition and subtraction facts (Year 0-1). These facts are required much earlier in our new Maths Curriculum and are vital for ensuring



Math-a-thon 2026
PRIZES TO BE WON!

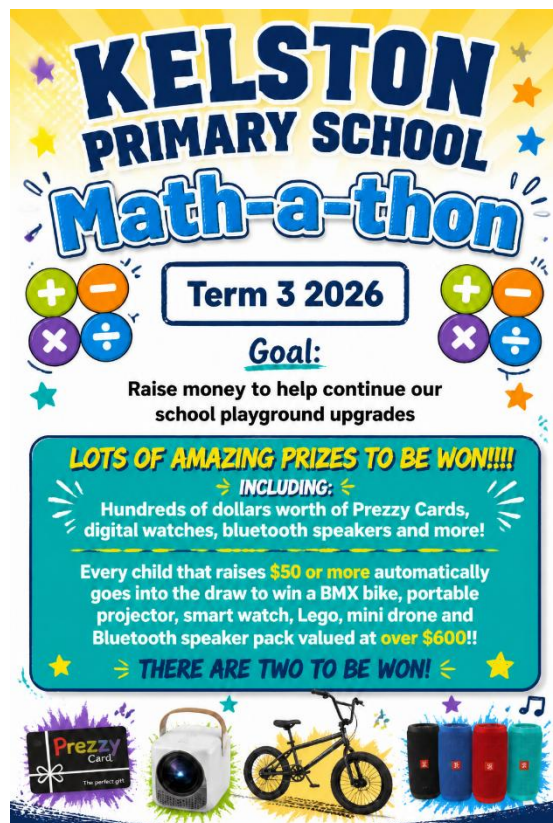
Raise the most money in your class
Choose from a mini drone, smart watch or bluetooth speaker!

The class that raises the most money
Pizza Party (including drinks and lollies) plus a free mufti day

Bring \$5 - \$9.90
And you automatically win an ice block and a lollipop!

OR - UPGRADE!
Bring \$10 or more
And you automatically win an ice block, lollipop, lego mini figurine, a glow stick and a \$3 McDonald's voucher. Wow!

your child can be successful as they move from year to year. Of course, a Math-a-thon has a dual purpose, and we are also fundraising to continue our playground upgrades throughout the school. One of the first projects is to fill the big gap at the front of the senior playground with a large climbing tower. We hope that all families get involved and help their children learn their facts and get a few sponsors as well. For as little as \$5, every child can win a prize. All the math-a-thon information, including instructions, important dates, sponsorship form, maths questions, and prize information, will be coming home on Tuesday next week.



KELSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Math-a-thon

Term 3 2026

Goal:
Raise money to help continue our school playground upgrades

LOTS OF AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!!!!
➤ INCLUDING: ➤
Hundreds of dollars worth of Prezzy Cards, digital watches, bluetooth speakers and more!

Every child that raises \$50 or more automatically goes into the draw to win a BMX bike, portable projector, smart watch, Lego, mini drone and Bluetooth speaker pack valued at over \$600!!

➤ THERE ARE TWO TO BE WON! ➤

Prizes shown: Prezzy Card, digital watch, BMX bike, Bluetooth speaker pack.



Monday 27th July

School-wide Lockdown Drill

Tuesday 28th July

Math-a-thon booklets to go home

Friday 7th August

Crazy Hair Day and Disco –
P@K Fundraiser

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.

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.