

# KIA ORA GREETINGS



# From the Desk of the Principal:

Many of our children have been unwell lately. We had 121 children away on Monday this week which is the highest number of absences I can recall since the end of our covid restrictions.

If your child has a cough or fever please keep them home and seek medical attention. We want to limit the spread of illness and this does appear to be a particularly nasty strain of flu that needs prescribed medication.



# Early Arrivals at School



There are some children coming to school before 8am. We do not have teachers onsite at this time and the grounds are generally unsupervised. It is also very cold in the morning and children are at risk of becoming unwell. Teachers are available and classrooms are open from 8.30am.

If you do need to drop your child off early please enrol your children into our before school Skids programme which is based in the school hall.



**Staff News** At the end of this week Ms Emily Featherstone will be leaving us to have her baby. We wish her all the best for this exciting event.

Ms Gillian Appleby will be taking Room 8 for the rest of the year from next week.

**End of Term** This term ends on Friday 22 September at 3pm and term 4 will start on Monday 9 October. I will be having a special Principal's assembly at 2.15pm on the last day of term. All whanau are welcome to attend.

# From the Desk of the Mr Pickett:

## Inter-school Rugby

Well done to all our teams who competed with a great attitude and never gave up even though some of the teams had minimal reserves. All teams had a large



number of students who had never played rugby with many playing like seasoned professionals by the end. A big thank you to those who volunteered their time to run the teams around on the day.

#### Inter-school Netball

Next Thursday 13th September we are taking four teams (2 girls and 2 boys) to the inter-school netball tournament at the Te Pai Courts in Henderson. The bus will be leaving at 9am and returning back to school around 2:30pm. The teams will be finalised this week and those who make a team will receive a notice with all the needed information.

#### Kelifest 2023

We are just over a week away from Kelifest 2023! Kelston Intermediate is once again the organisers and hosts for this wonderful event and we appreciate all the work they do to support cultural performance in Kelston. We have three groups performing this year, our Kapa Haka group, Samoan group and Tongan group. All the groups are in their final stages of practice and are excited about performing next Friday 15th September! The Samoan group is on the outside stage at 11:45am, Kapa Haka is on the outside stage at 12:20pm and the Tongan group is on the inside stage (the hall) at 1:20pm. We welcome all whānau to come down and support all the groups. There will be food stalls providing a variety of snack and lunch options (cash only - no Eftpos available).



## **Coming Events:**

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Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Junior school Corbans Art Trip Rms 11 & 12
Wednesday 13th September	Interschool Netball
Wednesday 13th September	School Trustee Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Kelifest
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Daffodil Fun Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Principals Assembly, Last Day of Term
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Daylight Saving Starts
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 4 Starts

#### 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 <u>each</u> day. You can phone on **827 2187**, email at admin@kelstonprimary.school .nz, text us on **0211647819** or log an absentee on our website or Skool Loop App. Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence.

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