



# Kia Ora!



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## From the Desk of the Principal:

Work is progressing quickly on our classroom renovations. Rooms 1 to 4 have now been upgraded and are looking great. We are now renovating Rooms 5 to 8. Room 7 has relocated to Room 16 and Room 6 to Room 18 while this work is undertaken.

**Attendance and Punctuality Trophies** - I am pleased to announce the class winners for our new awards.

**Beat the Bell trophy** - The class with the least number of children arriving at school late over each half term – Congratulations to: **Years 1-3 - Room 9**  
**Years 4-6 - Room 1**

**Attendance Avengers trophy** - Best attendance trophy for each area which we are now calling – Congratulations to: **Years 1-3 - Room 15** **Years 4-6 - Room 6**



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## STAR Reading Results (Years 3–6)

Thank you to all our parents and caregivers for your continued support in your child's learning. We've recently completed the STAR Reading assessment, a tool that helps us measure students' reading ability and track their progress over time.

Here are the results for Years 3 to 6:

- 5% of students need extra support with their reading
- 16% are progressing towards the expected level
- 57% are reading at a proficient level
- 22% are exceeding expectations



We're proud of the progress our students are making and hope to see further positive movement in our end of year data.

**Kelifest Friday 12 September** - Our groups have been working hard for the annual Kelifest at Kelston Intermediate next Friday 12 Sept. I would like to personally thank all of the parent tutors and helpers who have worked alongside our staff to prepare our groups. It will be a great day and we welcome all members of our community to support us at this event.

**School Photos** – Our individual and sibling photos were postponed due to the photographer being unwell. They will now be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

## From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

**Inter-school Netball** - Yesterday we took 5 teams to the Inter-school Netball Competition. All the teams gave 100% and played with a great attitude all day. The teams played up to 7 games so were absolutely exhausted (as you can see in the photo) by the end of the day. Congratulations to our Boys Team 1, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. The rest of the teams won more than they lost, with two teams just missing out on 3<sup>rd</sup> place



on a countback of goals scored. A big thank you to our team managers for all their help on the day. A special big thank you to our amazing former Kelston Primary student umpires, organised by Leni Salamo. Thank you, Lavinia, Lara and Dariole for umpiring all day. A great effort all round! 😊

### Kelifest - Next Friday, 12th September at Kelston Intermediate

– We have four wonderful groups performing throughout the day. The Cook Island and Tongan groups are performing on the inside stage at 10:40am and 10:50am, respectively. Our Samoan and Kapa Haka groups are performing on the outside stage at 1pm and 1:10pm, respectively. For the full timetable, please see our Facebook page. Students who are in these groups will have brought home an extra notice today. Gold coin donation for families coming to watch. See you there! 😊



### Duffy Role Model Assembly –

Diamond Langi was our Role Model at our Duffy assembly today. She had our students well entertained. Emma from Owens Transport also joined us and helped give out our boxes of free books. Thank you both for your support.

**Fundraising Oxford Pie Orders** – Our amazing P@K group are running a fundraising venture. Your child should have already brought home an order form. These are due back on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September and delivery will be after the holidays on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The pies are delicious and a great for the freezer for a quick meal/snack. Payment can be done online (details are on the form) but we still need the order form to be returned to school. We have spare forms at the school office.



**School Board Elections** – Have you voted? You still have until 4pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September to have your say.

### Coming Events:

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual and Sibling Photos School Board Elections – Voting closes.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Kelifest
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	End of Term 3
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of Term 4

### 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](mailto: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.