Newsletter 16 – 28 October 2026

Kia Ora!

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From the Desk of the Principal:

Our term had a great start with our cultural groups and their outstanding performances at Kelifest. A big thank you to all of the tutors, staff, children and supporters. You did an amazing job!

Maori Consultation- Hui ngā mātua Māori

On Wednesday 4 November from 6-7.30pm we are having a special meeting and supper for our Māori and other interested parents in the hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the achievement of Maori students at our school, talk about our goals for Maori students, view a slideshow of our achievements and invite feedback from parents and caregivers on our future strategic plan.

Our kapa haka group will be performing and there will be a meal for everyone at 7pm. We look forward to your attendance.



Sun Safe Policy

It is school policy that all students wear a sun hat when playing outside away from shaded areas. We prefer it if children wear our school bucket hat or cap. However, we have made allowances for plain black caps or single coloured hats as an acceptable option too. Children who do not bring a sun hat will have to play in shaded areas.

Traffic Problems - Riverview Road

Unfortunately, people are blocking driveways and parking on the yellow lines when collecting children from our Riverview Road entrance. We are receiving complaints from residents, not to mention the risk children are being placed under trying to navigate such a chaotic environment.

I have also received a report of aggressive behaviour which could result in a report to the Police.

Please park and walk to meet your children if there is no space available in the correct places.



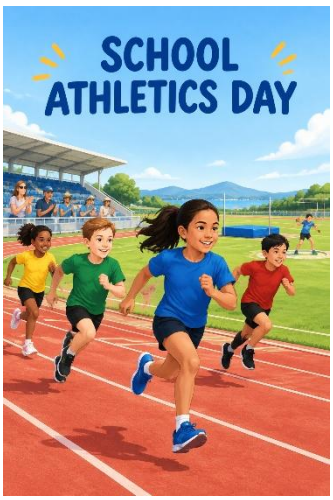
Wednesday 4th November	Maori Hui 6pm in the hall
Friday 13th November	Whole School Athletics Day – Trusts Arena
Tuesday 17th November	Vision & Hearing Screening – Year 0-2 students
Friday 20th November	Netball Prizegiving 12.15pm
Friday 20th November	Principals Assembly 2.15pm

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Kelifest 2026

Our five groups (Kapa Haka, Samoan, Tongan, Cook Islands, and Filipino) performed exceptionally well on stage. I am very proud of the commitment and effort they have shown over the last two terms; they can also be very proud of their performance. A big thank you to all of our tutors for their amazing energy and hard work in making the groups as great as they were! I would also like to thank our teachers and parents for all of their support in preparation for and at Kelifest. An amazing Kelston Primary team effort! 😳 We will be uploading videos of the performances to our Facebook page next week.

Whole School Athletics Day - Friday 13th November



Once again, we are taking the whole school to the Trusts Stadium track and field 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

We do require some assistance on the day, handing out place cards for the sprints, or helping get the kids into lanes, measuring throws and jumps, etc. If you are keen to help, please return the reply slip on the notice that has been sent home.

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.



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."