Newsletter 15 – 14 October 2026

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From the Desk of the Principal:

Welcome back to the final term of 2026. I hope everyone had a good break and is ready for a busy and exciting end of year. This week is already a busy one as we prepare for Kelifest at Kelston Intermediate on Friday. I look forward to seeing our wonderful groups perform.

Attendance and Punctuality Trophies

I am pleased to announce the following class winners for our new awards from the end of term 3. Last term was a tough one for our school with a significant number of students unwell. Overall only 41% of our students attended for more than 90% of the term.



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 10
Years 4-6 - Room 1

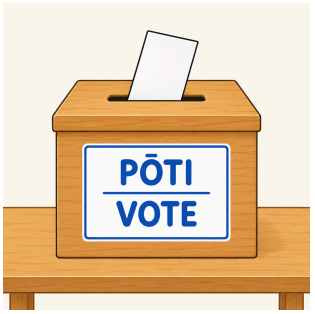
Best attendance trophy for each area – the ***Attendance Avengers*** trophy
Years 1-3 - Room 12
Years 4-6 - Room 3



Labour Day Holiday and Teacher only Day

School will be closed on Friday 23 October for a Teacher Only Day, to enable teachers to upskill on the new curriculum. We will also be closed on Monday 26 October for the Labour Day Holiday.

2026 General Election



With the New Zealand elections coming up on **Saturday, 7 November**, we encourage all eligible parents and caregivers to check that they are enrolled to vote.

🗳️ **Need to enrol or update your details?** Visit https://vote.nz for official information.

Some of our teachers may discuss the elections as part of classroom learning and encourage students to understand the democratic process. However, please be assured that **our school remains politically neutral**. We do not support or endorse any particular political party, candidate, or viewpoint. Our role is to support learning, encourage respectful discussion, and help students understand the importance of informed and independent thinking.

We encourage parents and whānau to make their own informed choices and participate in the democratic process if eligible.

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Kelifest - This Friday, 16th October



This Friday, 16th October, Kelifest is happening down at Kelston Intermediate. We have five groups performing. On the inside stage: Tongan Group - 10.50am, Cook Islands Group - 12.50pm and the Filipino Group 2.10pm. The outside stage: Samoan Group 1.10pm, and Kapa Haka - 1.20pm. The groups will be walking down to the intermediate at different times, getting ready down there and watching other performances before and after their own. All students will be walking back to school at 2.40pm. All family and friends are welcome; please note there is a gold coin donation at the gate for spectators. The full-size programme can be viewed on our Facebook page.



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. A notice will be coming home next week with all the information. 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 next week's notice.



Friday 16th October	Kelifest @Kelston Intermediate School
Wednesday 21st October	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 23rd October	Teacher Only Day – School Closed for Students
Monday 26th October	Labour Day – School Closed
Wednesday 28th October	Inter-School Soccer – Girls and Year 3 & 4 Boys
Thursday 29th October	Inter-School Soccer – Year 5 & 6 Boys

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.