



Kia Ora!

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From the Desk of the Principal:

Welcome back to the final term of 2025. I hope everyone had a good break and is ready for a busy and exciting end of year.

Māori and Curriculum Update Hui - We are having a special meeting in our hall next Thursday 16 October between 6-7.30pm. We will be discussing Māori achievement and there will be a performance by our kapa haka group. There will also be a chance for all parents to contribute and provide feedback. All parents are welcome to this event.



Attendance and Punctuality Trophies - I am pleased to announce the following class winners for our new awards from the end of term 3.

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—
 Congratulations to: **Years 1-3 - Room 15** **Years 4-6 - Room 4**



Industrial Action and Teacher Only Day- school closed - As a result of nationwide industrial action proposed for the 23rd of October school will be closed on this day. We will not have enough staff available to ensure a safe environment for children.

We have also scheduled a teacher only day for the new mathematics curriculum and this is on Tuesday 28 October following the Labour Weekend break. School will also be closed for tuition on this day.



I am sorry for any inconvenience these closures may cause for families. We have been informed that the skids before and afterschool programme will not be available on those days.

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Yummy Sticker Promotion - It is time to return all sticker/cut-out label sheets so we can collate them and send them to the Yummy Fruit Company for verification. **The last day to return your collection is this Friday, 10th October.** The more stickers/cut-out labels we gather, the more sports gear we can win for our school. Three students who bring the most stickers/cut-out labels will win a box of Lego.





Inter-school Soccer - We have two competition days scheduled for Wednesday, 29th October (Girls and Year 3/4 Boys) and Thursday, 30th October (Year 5/6 Boys). These two days are the week of the Labour Day Holiday (Monday 27th October) and our Teacher Only Day (Tuesday 28th October), which means the Wednesday players will need to come ready to play on their first day back. All students who have made a team will receive a notice with more information.

Whole School Athletics Day - Trust Arena - On Friday, 7th November, we are taking the whole school to the Douglas Track & Field at the Trusts Arena to participate in a fun day of athletics events. All students are encouraged to take part, and there are also lots of other fun activities like throwing rubber chickens, elastics, sack races and much, much more. The day finishes with a Year 5/6 relay event versus parents, versus teachers, versus KBHS Year 10 helpers. This is a fun way to finish the event, and we welcome as much parent participation as possible! :) The students will leave school asap after 9am and will return by 3pm. The events run from 10am until 1.45pm at the Stadium. There will be a notice going home next week with all the information.



Photolife School Photo Update - Student photos have now been uploaded to their website and are ready to be viewed and ordered. They are trialling a new method of delivering Key Codes to you. As this is a new system, please check your **junk, spam, or promotions folders**, in case the email message was filtered. - **Please note:** Free delivery is available for all orders placed before **MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2025**. For parent enquiries please use enquiries@photolife.co.nz

Coming Events:

Friday 10 th October	Last day for Yummy stickers
Tuesday 14 th October	Fundraising Pie Delivery
Thursday 16 th October	Shake Out Earthquake Drill Māori Hui 6.00-7.30pm – All Welcome
Thursday 23 rd October	Teacher Strike Day – School Closed
Monday 27 th October	Labour day – No School
Tuesday 28 th October	Teacher Only Day – No School
Wednesday 29 th October	Interschool Soccer Girls & Yr 4 Boys
Thursday 30 th October	Interschool Soccer Yr 5&6 Boys
Friday 31 st October	Principal's Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 7 th November	Full School Athletics Day – Trust Stadium
Wednesday 10 December	End of Year Concert/Prizegiving
Monday 15 th December	Certificate Assembly
Wednesday 17 th December	Last Day of School – 1.00pm Finish

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 **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.