



Kia Ora!

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From the Desk of the Principal:

Work is now underway on the upgrade of our classrooms. I would like to thank the students and staff for making the movement of rooms and resources such an easy process.

This work will be ongoing across the school for the rest of the year and all classrooms will be upgraded and looking great for the start of the 2026 school year.

Attendance and Punctuality Trophies

At my assembly on Friday I will be giving out 4 new trophies. There are 2 trophies for year 1-3 classes and 2 trophies for year 4-6 classes. Each area will receive a trophy for the class with the least number of children arriving to school late over each half term – this will be our new **Beat the Bell** trophy. Also there will be an attendance trophy for each area which we are now calling the **Attendance Avengers** trophy.



Parent/teacher interviews

A big thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who attended our recent parent/teacher interviews. We had 87% of our parents and whānau attend and I know the teachers were very impressed with the support you are giving to help your children learn. All the students who had someone come to a meeting went into the draw to win a box of Lego. Our winners were; Junior School – Honour Rm 11, Middle School – Nada R7 and Senior School – Matthias R3. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you for your wonderful support!



School Board Elections

Today you should receive an email listing the 7 candidates who are standing for our school Board as well as voting instructions. There are 5 vacancies to be filled on our Board.

Principal's Assembly

This Friday 15 August I will be having my Principal's Assembly at 2.15pm in the school hall. All whānau are welcome to attend.



Parking/stopping on Archibald Road

We have noticed a few people parking or stopping on the yellow lines, on the footpath near our main gate and in our gate driveway. Please do not! This makes it unsafe for our children who are walking and unsafe for our road patrol operators – it makes it difficult for them to see oncoming cars. If this continues, we will be forced to record licence plate numbers to give to Auckland Transport.

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Yummy Apples Sticker Sports Gear Promo

This promotion runs until early October, with all sticker/cut-out sheets needing to be returned to school by Friday, the 10th of October. Our final checkpoint is on Tuesday, 9th September. Bring in your completed/partially completed sticker/label sheets (even those you brought in for previous



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checkpoints). The class with the most points will win a free mufti day later that week. *To help encourage families to collect the stickers, there are 3 x LEGO prize packs for the Top 3 students who have the most points.*

Cultural Group Fundraiser

All money (and the form) needs to be returned to school by this Friday, 15th August at the latest. A big thank you to all those who have taken the time and effort to help fundraise for our wonderful cultural groups.

Inter-school basketball



Yesterday, our two boys' basketball teams competed in the inter-school competition. It was a great event held at the Synergy Sports Centre on Portage Rd, New Lynn. There were some great teams on display, with both of our teams winning two out of their four games. The boys played with a great attitude and gave it their best. Well done, boys! The girls have their tournament tomorrow.

Maybe a Miracle! Show

All classes will be watching Maybe a Miracle! on Monday. There will be two sessions during the day, one each for the junior and senior classes. It is a highly interactive musical exploration of making the most of even the most ordinary situations, and a celebration of the power of positive thinking.

MAYBE A MIRACLE! is a joyful leap into the world of imagination that books inspire every individual to be part of, while featuring the BEST Aotearoa New Zealand Children's Books of 2025. The students will be completing pre- and post-show activities in class to help deepen the experience.



Congratulations to Zion Tukerangi-Roma – Room 1. Zion paddles for Waitakere Outrigger Canoe club (Waka Ama). This is his second year with this crew and he came 3rd in a recent Waka Ama competition



Coming Events:

Thursday 14 th August	Interschool basketball - girls
Wednesday 13 th August	School Board meeting 6.30pm
Friday 15 th August	Principal's assembly 2.15pm
Monday 18 th August	"Maybe a Miracle" show – at school
Monday 25 th August	Class and individual photos
Tuesday 2 nd September	Interschool Netball
Wednesday 3 rd September	Duffy Role Model Assembly
Friday 12 th September	Kelifest
Friday 19 th September	End of Term 3
Monday 6 th 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, 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.