



From the Desk of the Principal:

We have had a great start to the year and the learning is well underway. I have been impressed with the way children have settled quickly into the new school year and I have seen some fabulous work from students at all levels.

Cornwallis Picnic - Our annual Cornwallis Beach picnic last Friday was another great day out. Thank you to the whānau who supported us on the day, especially those who supported the staff with the supervised swim. Once again our children were well behaved and made us proud.

Family Fun Night - Next Tuesday 3 March between 5.30pm -7.30pm we are having our annual Family Fun Night. There will be bouncy castles onsite and a wide range of activities and stalls. We would love to see everyone joining us for this great annual event.

Principal's Assembly - This Friday 27 Feb I will be having my first Principal's Assembly for 2026. All whānau are welcome to attend. The assembly will be in the hall at 2.15pm.

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Cornwallis Beach Trip - Last Friday, we spent the day at Cornwallis Beach. The weather was amazing, and we all had a wonderful day. The students enjoyed walking along the beach, creating amazing beach art, and cooling off with a refreshing swim at the end of the day. It was great to see so many families joining us for a great day out!



Water Safety Lessons - Start this Friday for all Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students - All Year 3-6 students receive funding for 4 x 1-hour in-pool water safety sessions. These sessions are held at the Swimsation Pool in Te Atatu on Fridays starting this week. All students must attend these sessions. Learning these skills helps each child be more safety-conscious and aware of dangers when in or around water. No goggles are allowed during the sessions. Please have all school uniform and swimming gear labelled, and don't forget to pack a towel! 😊



These photos capture some of our awesome Travelwise monitors out in force for a back-to-school road safety activation. Supported by our amazing P@K (Parents at Kelston) team, they helped remind drivers to slow down and take care around Kelston Primary School.

Parking

Respect your school community. **Do not** park on footpaths, driveways, or crossings.



Coming Events:

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| Board Meeting | Wednesday 25 th February |
| Water Safety in Pools sessions start (Years 3-6) | Friday 27 th February |
| Family Fun Night | Tuesday 3 rd March |
| Inter-school Cricket | Tuesday 10 th March |
| Cross Country/Fun Run | Tuesday 31 st March |
| Principal's Assembly 2.15pm and last day of term | Thursday 2 nd April |

Stop chaos at the school gate

Never stop on yellow lines or double-park around the school. Parking like this can block the view of students and motorists making it hard for students to safely cross the road.

Develop your child's road sense and let them walk the last 500 meters to school.



Kelston Primary School
invites you to our

Family Fun Night

Tuesday 3rd March
5.30 - 7.30pm



Bouncy Castle (free)
Face Painting
Go karts (free)
Lucky Dip

Activities include:

Ring Toss (prizes to be won)
Guess the Lollies
Rocket Kick (prizes to be won)
Meet your child's teacher (free 🍌)



Range of food available to purchase:

- Cheeseburger \$4
- Pizza \$2 per slice
- Sausage sizzle / Hashbrown \$2
- Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate \$1
- Baked goods from \$1
- Ice blocks from \$1
- Lollies and Drinks from \$1
- Otai available to buy

Raffle

Large family meat box
Tickets \$3 or 2 for \$5



1 free sausage per Kelston Primary student or Hashbrown (halal and veg option)

We are looking for support

We will shortly be having a brand new full colour design of our school newsletter with new front cover.

The newsletters are made possible through the support of advertisers whose businesses will appear on the back of the newsletters for twelve months. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge.

Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement on the back of our school's newsletter please contact Craig or Jeanette Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited, ph (09) 817 3867, or 021 535 308 or email newsletters@xtra.co.nz.

This is a great way to keep your business in front of the local community and also help our school.

NO CASH ACCEPTED AT THE STALLS OR ACTIVITIES

- All purchases to be made with **money vouchers** (\$5 or \$10)
- Money vouchers will be **sold at the school office - cash or eftpos**
- Voucher sales start on **Wed 25th Feb** and are available on the evening as well
- Vouchers can also be **purchased via online banking** (12 3051 0587085 00) and collected on the night. Please use child's first name, room number & FN as a reference.
- Refunds on unspent vouchers will be available from the school office from Wed 4th to Fri 13th March

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 no. and reason for absence.