



From the Desk of the Principal:



I would like to thank all of our whānau and supporters who attended our Family Fun Night last week. It was a great evening and it was good to welcome so many new families to our community.

The staff and parent helpers did an outstanding job preparing for the night and making sure all the food and activities were so enjoyable for everyone.

Attendance and Punctuality Trophies

I am pleased to announce the class winners for the following awards:

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 11

Years 4-6 - Room 3

Best attendance trophy for each area –

the **Attendance Avengers** trophy Years 1-3 - Room 8

Years 4-6 - Room 1



Attendance is a big focus for us this year as we ended last year with 42% of our students attending for 90% of the time. We are hoping we can improve these figures. Please notify the office if your child is unwell and consider the importance of planning family events and travel during holiday breaks.

New enrolments

We have plenty of space at school for new enrolments so please spread the word as we love it when new children join our school. If you have a child in your family turning 5 soon please enrol them at any time, we can also arrange visits to school before their 5th birthday. This makes it so much easier for children on their first day.

Tell your friends and neighbours what a great school Kelston Primary is!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners from Family Fun Night

Guess the Lolly Jar – Poseidan, Room 1

Meat Pack Raffle – Hirani-Marie, Room 9

Girls Raffle – Brooklyn, Room 14

Boys Raffle – Nikau, Ko Taku Reo

Draw for Woolworths Voucher – Taimani, Room 3

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our 2026 Family Fun Night event sponsors for their generous support towards our fundraising efforts. Please support these local businesses whenever you can.

Discount Meats Kelston

Avalanche Coffee

Woolworths Kelston

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From the Desk of Mr Pickett:



Inter-school Swimming

Last Wednesday, a team of 12 Year 4-6 students travelled to Westwave to compete in the Inter-school Swimming Sports Competition. While we didn't win any silverware, the students gave it their all and can be very proud of their efforts. A big thank you to Miss T.Gardner for taking the team with a great group of parents there to help out and support the team. We hope to be able to take a bigger team next year! 😊

Inter-school Cricket

Yesterday, 8 teams (four boys and four girls) participated in the Kelston Cluster Inter-school Competition. The competition had 34 teams from 8 schools. It was a fantastic day, and all teams did an amazing job. It was clear to see everyone's cricket skills getting better throughout the day. Congratulations to our Girls' Team 1 for winning the Cup Grade, a wonderful effort! A big thank you to all the staff who helped take teams, Mrs Duggan, Miss T. Gardner, Miss E. Gardner, Mrs Meares, Mrs Curtis, Mrs Omlang, Mrs Connelly and Mrs Duggan's son, Stephen. A special thank you to Stephen for helping me set up the 17 fields required very early Tuesday morning. It was also great to see lots of families helping and cheering on the teams. A great Kelston Primary team effort! 😊



Coming Events:

Cross Country/Fun Run	Tuesday 31 st March
Principal's Assembly 2.15pm and last day of term	Thursday 2 nd April
First day of Term 2	Monday 20 th April 2026

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 038785 00 Please remember to include child's name and reason for payment. Thank you.

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.