



**KIA ORA GREETINGS**

**From the Desk of the Principal**

The year is coming to an end and the final few weeks will be very busy. The teachers are busy writing end of year reports and preparing for our prizegiving on 11 December. This will be held at 6pm on the school field.

School will close at **12.00 midday** on Wednesday 18 December and open for students again on Monday 3 February 2020.

**Minister of Education visit**



Yesterday the Minister of Education Chris Hipkins visited Kelston Primary for a brief visit to look at our school property situation. Hopefully we will see some announcement soon about upgrades for aging schools. Our school is 66 years old and some serious capital investment will be needed to bring it up to a 21st century standard.

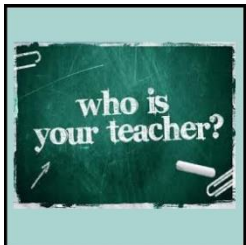


**Congratulations to Room 12 for winning the Attendance Trophy for the first half of this term.**

**No Fees in 2020-Reminder**

In 2020 all school trips and activities will be free with the exception of school camp. We are pleased to announce this and hope it will make things a bit easier for our families.

**Classes for 2020**



Shortly we will be putting together the class lists for next year. If you have any particular preferences regarding combinations of friends or suitable teachers please see Mr Pickett or

Miss Gardner. We understand that sometimes students work better in some situations and we will endeavour to provide the best outcome for your child.

**HIPPY Graduation**

Tonight at 6pm our Cook Island group will be opening the Hippy Graduation for preschoolers in our school hall. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**JOIN US: TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER**  
(the second to last day of school)

Wear sunscreen and a hat.

Don't forget your helmet

**SUNSAFE WHEELS DAY**

**Wear mufti and bring some wheels!**

Encouraging the skills of biking, scootering and skating. Promoting sun safety and wearing hats.

## From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

### **Athletics Day 2019**

It is happening this Friday!!!! The whole school is travelling to the Trusts Arena to use the Douglas Track & Field for our athletics day. **The cost is \$9** which covers the bus, stadium and equipment hire. We want all our students to attend so please send payment or pay online as soon as possible. The **school bank account is 12 3051 0387085 00** please use your child's First name & Surname and Athletics as a reference. The first event starts just before 10am with the whole finishing at around 2pm. Students competing in the 9, 10 & 11 (and some 8 year old) groups will have a chance to qualify for the Interschool Athletics Day on Tuesday 3rd December. A notice will come home on Monday with those that qualify. It's going to be a fantastic day so come along and join in the fun!



### **Year 5 & 6 Camp 2020-February 17-19, 2020**

**We only have three weeks left of school! Please note that we need at least 50% of the \$200 camp cost paid by Wednesday 18th December** (the last day of school this year). If this is not possible but you would like your child to attend camp then please contact me at school [spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz](mailto:spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz) or 8272187 to discuss other options. There are still fundraising chocolates available. These can be purchased for \$40 a box. Once the school and this will come straight off students who have not brought back be returned asap so we can make and dietary requirements. We still have a number of their Camp Consent/Health Form. This must sure we are prepared to cater for all health



### **Boys' Class 2020**

We are currently looking at classes for next year. One of the unique classes we offer for Year 5 & 6 students is our boys' class. A notice came home today with all Year 4 & 5 boys outlining more information about this class. There are three options to choose. 1. I would like my child to be in the boys' class, 2. I don't mind if my child is in the boys' class (if the teachers think this is best) or 3. I do not want my child to be in the boys' class. Please take the time to fill in and return the reply slip with your chosen option. This information will help us to choose the right students for the boys' class in 2020.

**Online Payments for Activities – Recently we have received a few online payments with reference that don't include the child's name – If you think this maybe you please contact us so that we can allocate the payment. Email**

**[admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz](mailto:admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz) or phone 8272187 or text 0211647819**

### **Coming Events:**

Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Interschool Athletics Day
Wed 11 Dec	End of Year Concert/Prizegiving 6.00pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Principals Assembly 1.45pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Water Day
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Positive Power Wheels Day
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of Term

#### **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** or email at [admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz](mailto:admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz) or text us on **0211647819** - **Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence.**

Internet Banking – We are happy to receive school payments by Internet Banking. Please remember to use your child's name and reason for payment as your reference. Account Number is ASB 123051 0387085 00. Feel free to email us that you have paid – especially if it is close to the day of a trip etc.