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From the Desk of the Principal:

I would like to wish everyone a happy new year and a warm welcome back to another school year. We have some new families who have joined us this year and I am pleased to extend a special welcome to them. This Friday 16 February we are having a Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new students, families and teachers. Families are welcome to attend - please be seated by 9am in the Hall.



Remember that our newsletter is sent home every fortnight but we also have a Facebook page which reports regular events and activities at school. You can also find us on the Skool Loop App for notices and information.

No activity fees - Once again I am pleased to announce that we will not be charging for any trips or shows this year.

Stationery Sales – Thank you to all the families that have already purchased stationery. It is great to have so many already purchased so the students can get straight into learning.

Welcome to new staff - I would like to welcome Judy Simon who will be teaching in Room 15. Judy joins us from New Windsor Primary. Also welcome to Brooke Paulson who is starting her career with us and will be teaching in Room 11 and Ang Thorogood who has taught with us before and will be teaching in Room 8 this year.



Family Fun Night - On Wednesday 6 March we will be having our special Family Fun Night from 5.30-7.30pm. This is a chance to meet our staff and other parents in a fun way with stalls, food, bouncy castles and other activities. Remember to keep this date free!

School Organisation 2024 - This year our school is organised into 2 areas for assemblies and syndicate activities. They are Years 1-3 and Years 4-6. There will still be awards for all classes and there may be some adjustments when planning trips. Mr Pickett will lead the Yr 4-6 classes with Mrs Duggan also being the supporting Senior Teacher and Miss Gardner will lead the Year 1-3 classes with Mrs Gujral as the supporting Senior Teacher.

Class Teachers Are:

Rm 1 Mrs Cushla Duggan	Rm 9 Mrs Tania Rodrigues
Rm 2 Miss Tennille Gardner	Rm 10 Mrs Keren Simon
Rm 3 Miss Leila Teo	Rm 11 Miss Brooke Paulson
Rm 4 Miss Jo Fruean	Rm 12 Mrs Wendy Miller/Mrs Roopa Gujral
Rm 6 Mrs Bev Reader	Rm 14 Ms Susannah Driver
Rm 7 Mrs Gita Sharma	Rm 15 Mrs Judy Simon
Rm 8 Ms Angela Thorogood	

Riverview Road Traffic Problems - Please be considerate to our neighbours and don't park over driveways or on the yellow lines when collecting or dropping off children from our Riverview Road entrance. It is also not legal or safe to leave younger children in the car alone when collecting older children. The Police and AT may be checking on the situation at this entrance periodically and will issue tickets for illegal parking.



From the Desk of the Mr Pickett:

Welcome to Term 1, 2024 - Welcome back to all our returning and new families. We look forward to working with your children throughout the year. The teachers have a fun and engaging term of learning planned including trips to Cornwallis and Archibald Park. The students will be learning about themselves, their families and what places are special to them and why. This will involve lots of discussion at home so please get involved! 😊 Inter-school cricket and cross country are happening in the middle of the term, students in years 4, 5 & 6 can try out for these.

Free School Lunches - Lunchy are once again providing our students with a delicious free lunch every day. The students will be receiving a hot lunch every 2nd day which is great, as these are always popular. The Term 1 menu can be found here <https://www.lunchy.co.nz/menu>. The students have their Lunchy lunch at the beginning of break 1 (11am). This enables them to eat their food from home during break 2 (1pm).



Cornwallis Beach Trip - On Friday 15th March the whole school is going to Cornwallis Beach for a day of fun and adventure. We encourage all our families to join us. Pack a lunch and bring along your picnic blanket and join in the fun! Look out for more information in the notice coming home next week.

Uniforms – Please could you ensure all uniform items are clearly named so we can return them to their owners when we find them. We have lost property at the school office if your child has lost any items, you are welcome to come and check for them anytime of the day.

St Leonards Road Traffic Experiment – what do you think of the changes made to St Leonards Rd? If you have an opinion you wish to share then visit the Auckland Transport website: haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/streetsforpeople_k to find out more about the Streets for People project, upcoming events and to have your say about these changes.

Coming Events:

Friday 16 th Feb	Free Kids Educational Theatre Show – at school
Wed 21 st Feb	Trustee Meeting 6.30pm
Mon 26 th Feb	Archibald Park Visit Rms 1,10,11,15
Wed 28 th Feb	Archibald Park Visit Rms 4,6,7,12,14
Thurs 29 th Feb	Archibald Park Visit Rms 2,3,8,9
Wed 6 th March	Family Fun Night
Tues 12 th March	Interschool Cricket
Fri 15 March	Cornwallis Beach Trip
Wed 20 th March	Trustee Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 29 th March – Tues. 2 nd April	Easter Break
Friday 12 April	Principal's Assembly Last Day of Term
Monday 29 th April	Term 2 Starts

Parents @ Kelston



Join the P@K!

We are organising a new parent volunteer group at Kelston Primary that would:

- meet once a month
- volunteer to help staff run stalls at school events
- assist with fundraising efforts to raise money for educational resources within the school
- be a visible link to our parent community, encouraging parental involvement at school.

Want to be part of the P@K?

If this sounds like you, please send an email to: tgardner@kelstonprimaryschool.nz

Or pop into the school office and leave your details with our lovely secretaries. We will be in touch.