



## KIA ORA GREETINGS

### From the Desk of the Principal

I have been encouraged by the great progress made by many of our younger students in the area of Reading. I would like to thank the many parents who take time to read to and with their children. This is a great way to bond with your child and help them gain knowledge and enjoyment from books. If you speak a language other than English please read in your own language. Being bilingual or even multilingual is a valuable skill to have.

### Teacher Strike- School Closed Tomorrow

As you may be aware there will be a strike tomorrow Wednesday 29 May for all teachers and Principals. There will be no school on this day and staff will not be present to supervise students.

### Queen's Birthday Holiday

School will be closed next Monday 3rd June for the Queen's Birthday Holiday.

**Principal's Assembly** - My next Principals assembly is on Friday 7 June at 2.15pm in the school hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Board of Trustees Election-Reminder** - By now you should have received a nomination form to become a Board of Trustees member. Soon we will be having elections for our Board of Trustees and the nominations close at midday on 31 May. If you have the time, interest and willingness to serve our school please consider becoming a member of our Board of Trustees. This is a very important and vital role in our school. If you didn't receive a form or have mislaid it you can get a copy from our school office. Remember if you are a parent of a student at our school you can nominate yourself.

### From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

**New School App – Skool Loop** - We have just launched a new school App! Please download the free Skool Loop App from Google Play (Android) or the App Store (Apple). Once downloaded simply choose Kelston Primary School and you will have instant access to our events calendar, school newsletters and notices. You will also be able to report absences via text, phone call or email directly from within the App. It also has a link to our new website to check out new photo galleries and much much more. In order to receive instant alerts from the school please ensure you have notifications enabled. Remember to choose your child's syndicate level to see the notices that are for you – you may choose one or more level if you have more than one child.

**Interschool Basketball** - Yesterday we took three teams (2 boys and a girls team) along to the first interschool basketball competition held at the Trusts Stadium in Henderson. The students were very excited about playing basketball inside such a big stadium. There were six courts of action happening throughout the day. All teams played between 4-5 games and they represented Kelston Primary extremely well. The teams showed great development throughout the day with the teams getting a mixture of results. The competition was definitely a success and we look forward to participating again next year. A big thank you to Mr Yim for training the teams!

**Thursday & Saturday Netball at Te Pai Courts** - Our year 3 & 4 teams have their next games this Thursday 30 May. Good luck teams!

**Game times:** *Kelston Kerehana Y4 v St Leonards Y4 Kikorangi 4.00pm on Court 6.*  
*Kelston Kerehana Y4 v St Leonards Y3 Karaka 5.00pm on Court 18.*

***There are no netball games this Saturday due to the Queen's Birthday long weekend.***

***From the Desk of Elise Gardner:***

**Howick Historical Village** – A notice has been sent home regarding transport for parents for this trip, please check your child's bag and fill out the notice if appropriate.

**The Minstrel Show - Hiwi the Kiwi** – visited our school recently and we have had some amazing story writing from our students after this great show. Check a sample of them below.

**Coming Events:**

Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher's Strike
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Junior School Howick Historic Village Visit
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Queen's Birthday – no school
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Interschool Rugby
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Western Zone Rugby League
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Jnr School Grandparents Day Principal's Assembly 2.15pm
Thurs 13 June	Middle School Museum Visit
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> June	BOT meeting 7.30pm
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Principal's Assembly 2.15pm End of Term 2

**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.

**Wrestling with a Fish by Zahra Abbas** Last summer, my brother, my father and I went fishing. My father had a nice motor engine boat, zoom went the boat. Beep finally we got to the perfect spot. My brother took the vacuum sealed bait I, I gaged. He put the bait on the hook. 2 hours later a fish tugged the line. I held on with all my might, I was on the edge of the boat. Suddenly one last tug, I fell in. I thought to myself this is a fish v's human competition. I heard a voice, "don't lose your fish." Luckily I wore my life jacket so I bobbed up and down. Then came dad with the set cloth. We got the fish on board, it was a salt water pompano, it was legal, so my dad gutted the fish. That night we had fried pompano, the best kai moana.



**The Minstrel's Messages - by Ifra Nisar**

The Minstrel was funny and he told us when we go fishing we need to wear a lifejacket and to take a ruler so we can measure all of the little and big snapper. He told us to pick up all the rubbish from the beach so the fish and birds don't die.



**Hiwi the Kiwi by Dyarni Biggs** The Minstrel was funny. This is what he told us. When we go on a boat always wear a lifejacket. When you catch a mother fish put it back because if you eat the mother fish you will eat the babies too. When you catch a little fish in the ocean you must use a wet towel so you do not damage the fish before you put it back in the ocean.



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