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From the Desk of the Principal:



The first term is nearing the end and it has been a short and fast paced one here at school. We have been working on the many changes to the curriculum and next term we will be sharing some of the changes for reporting to parents.

In the meantime I would like to thank all members of our community for your great support and help with making the start to 2026 such a positive one.

New Enrolments

I would like to welcome the new students who have joined us this year. Also a special welcome to our 5 year olds who are beginning their school life. Please remember if you have a child turning 5 shortly you are most welcome to arrange a series of visits so that your child will feel more comfortable on their first day. Please contact Miss Gardner or the office to arrange visits.

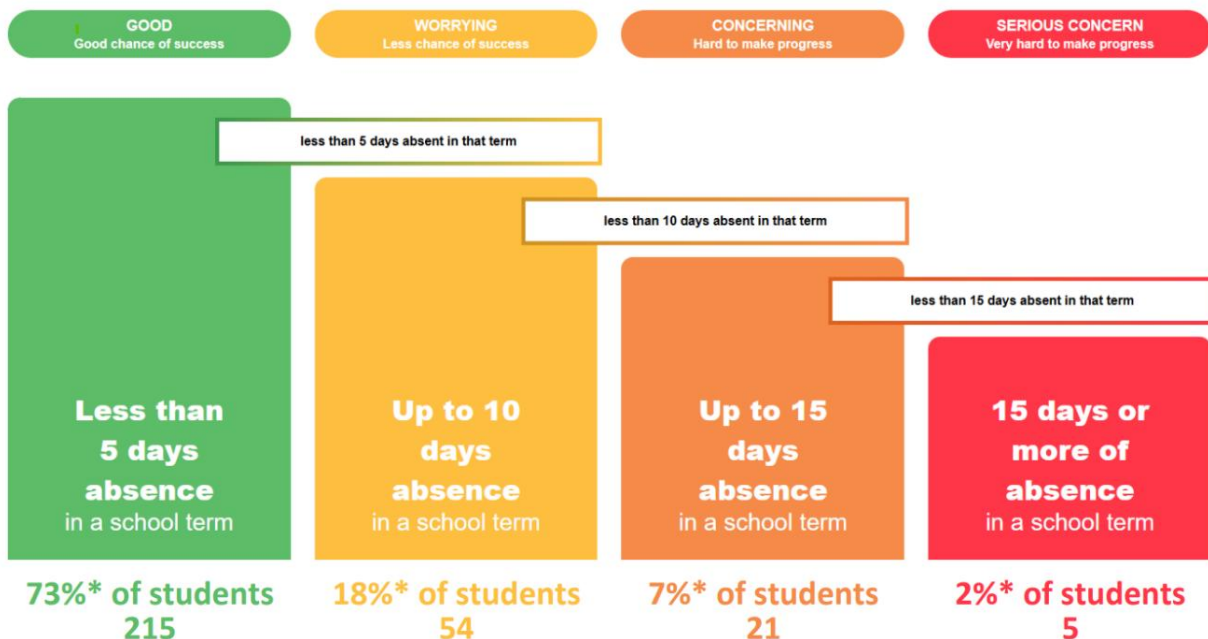


Easter Break/School Holidays

School will close on Thursday 2 April at the usual time. I will be having a special assembly in the hall on this day at 2.15pm. Term 2 will begin on Monday 20 April.

Attendance Update

The graph below shows our attendance rates so far this term. As part of our new attendance plan if your child moves down any of the categories below you will receive notification from their class teacher. This data is sent weekly to the Ministry of Education and we are aiming to keep as many students in the green band. We have just over a week before the end of term and it would be great if all children could attend, unless they are really unwell.



From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Cross Country & Fun Run - Tuesday 31st March

This coming Tuesday, we are having our cross-country and fun run. The cross-country starts at 9.15am until approximately 10.30am. Then the junior school will have their fun run from 11am until 12.30pm. The senior classes then have their fun run from 1.30 until 2.30pm, and we finish off with a prizegiving, presenting community and resilience awards to two students per class. Each student will have brought home a notice today with

more information. We ask that they try to wear the colour of their house to help make it a bright and fun day. The students will receive their free school lunch during break 1, and we also have Owen's Transport (our Duffy Books sponsor) coming to cook everyone a BBQ lunch, which will be ready for break 2. Ice blocks and drinks will be on sale at break times with \$1 and \$2 options available. Families are more than welcome to come along and watch! 😊



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.



Auckland Transport Parking Officers

Auckland Transport Parking Officers have been visiting the front and rear entrances of the school before and after school. This is something they do at different times throughout the year across all schools in Auckland. Kelston Primary does not organise this or know when they are coming, this is controlled by Auckland Transport.

To avoid receiving a fine please remember that yellow lines mean no stopping or parking. Check out the video posted today on our Facebook page for a light-hearted but important message about dropping and collecting your children safely.

Coming Events

Board Meeting	Wednesday 25 th March
Cross Country/Fun Run	Tuesday 31 st March
Principal's Assembly 2.15pm and last day of Term 1	Thursday 2 nd April
First day of Term 2	Monday 20 th April



We are now a Travelwise school! This means we will be working with Auckland Transport on road safety and making trips to school active, social and safe.

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.