



## KIA ORA GREETINGS

### From the Desk of the Principal

I would like to start the final newsletter for 2020 by wishing all of our families a restful summer break and enjoyable festive season. This has been a difficult year at Kelston Primary due to the interruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite this, many of our children have made significant progress with their learning. I have enjoyed reading their reports and would like to congratulate all of the parents who supported online and home learning during the lockdown periods.

On Friday your child will be bringing their end of year report home. The report is yours to keep. We are moving towards an online portfolio system following our review of online learning, so portfolios will no longer be sent home.

**Farewell to Staff** - This is also a time when we acknowledge the staff who will be leaving us at the end of the year.

Rebecca Cahill is returning to Ireland in January. We are very sad to see her go and wish her all the very best for the future. She has done an outstanding job in Room 9.

Keren Simon is leaving to have a baby after teaching this year in Room 17. I wish her and her family all the best. I would also like to thank her for the extra work she undertook to help complete the wonderful murals around our school.

I would also like to thank Erin Blakeborough who is leaving to continue study after working here as a teacher aide. We wish her well for the future. And Andre Rolfe for his work in Rm 1. We wish you both well for the future.

**Last Principal's Assembly for 2020** - My final assembly for 2020 will be on Friday 11 December at 1.15pm in the school hall. All are welcome to attend and I will be presenting certificates to children from all of our classes as well as the special monitors for 2020..

**Last Day 2020** - School will close for the year at 12pm on Tuesday 15 December. We will open again for 2021 on Thursday 4 February 2021. The school office will be open on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd Feb 2021 for new enrolments.

**School Concert and Prize giving** - Next Wednesday 9 December we will be having our end of year concert and prize giving outside on the stage facing the school field. There will be sausages (free for our students) and other

food for sale from 5.00pm till 6.00pm. Bring a blanket to sit on and enjoy the celebration. The concert starts at 6.00pm but we will need all students to be at school by 5.45pm

**While at the school please check out our amazing art work on the buildings around the school.**



**No Activity Fees in 2021** - Once again we will not be charging for trips and activities in 2021. The only costs will be for stationery.

Stationery Costs will be:

Yr 0-1	\$25.00	Yr 1-2	\$25.00	Yr 3	\$30.00
Rm 8 Yr 4's	\$30.00	Yr 4	\$35.00 (incl headphones)	Yr 5-6	\$35.00

***From the Desk of Steven Pickett:***

Yesterday we took a team of 35 students to our interschool athletics day which was held at the Trusts Arena Track and Field. Kelston Primary once again performed very well finishing 4th overall. A big thank you to Mrs Duggan for all of her help with the team.

**Congratulations to our Placegetters! :)**

- Jarel Aloese-Paupau: 1st Place - 9 Year Old Boys 60m Sprints  
1st Place - 9 Year Old Boys 100m Sprints  
1st Place - 9 & Under Boys High Jump  
2nd Place - 9 & Under Boys Relay
- Daesharne Hemana: 1st Place - 9 & Under Girls Relay  
2nd Place - 9 Year Old Girls 100m Sprints  
3rd Place - 9 Year Old Girls 60m Sprints
- Emanuel Tavita: 2nd Place - 9 Year Old Boys 60 Sprints  
2nd Place - 9 Year Old Boys 100m Sprints  
2nd Place - 9 & Under Boys Relay
- Marlee Croft-Mawi: 2nd Place - 10 Year Old Girls 60m Sprints
- William Pulini: 2nd Place - 9 & Under Boys Relay
- Jayden Waaka-Iraia: 2nd Place - 9 & Under Boys Relay
- Finisi Vaihu: 1st Place - 9 & Under Girls Relay  
2nd Place - 9 & Under Girls High Jump
- Fiana Fanguna: 1st Place - 9 & Under Girls Relay
- Lara Puia: 1st Place - 9 & Under Girls Relay



**Road Patrol Monitors 2021** - This Tuesday 8th December Senior Constable Carl will be coming in to train our road patrol monitors for 2021. All year 5 students who were interested took a notice home today. This notice needs to be completed and returned by Tuesday for your child to participate in the training. Once training is completed the successful students will receive a notice confirming their place in the Road Patrol Team for 2021.

**Class Photos** – we are just at the proof reading stage of these and hope to have them at school next week.

**Coming Events:**

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports go Home
Wed. 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Evening End of Year Concert. Yr 6 Graduation Party
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Principal's Assembly 1.30pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Fun Day
Tuesday 15 December	Last Day of Term
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021	First day of school for all students

