



KIA ORA GREETINGS

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 many new families who have joined us this year and I am pleased to extend a special welcome to them.



The newsletter is sent home every fortnight but we also have a Facebook page which reports regular events and activities at school. If you have the Skool loop app you will also receive notices through that.

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New Playgrounds - Over the summer break we replaced our Junior and Senior playgrounds. We are also planning to replace the middle school one and our Senior court surface. Along with our wonderful murals and painting we are continuing to revitalise and improve our school environment.



Staff News - I would like to welcome Tania Rodrigues to our staff. Tania joins us from New Windsor School and will be teaching New Entrants in Room 9.



No Activity Fees - Once again all trips and activities will be free for all students in 2021. The only costs for parents and caregivers will be stationery and uniform.



Sun Safe Policy - It is school policy that all students wear a sun hat when playing outside away from shaded areas. We prefer it if children wear our school bucket hat or cap (available from NZ Uniforms on Rata St.). However we have made allowances for plain black caps or burgundy hats as an acceptable option too (no logos, other colours or multicoloured designs). Children who do not bring a sun hat will have to play in shaded areas.



Family Fun Night - We will be having our annual Family Fun Night on Wednesday 24th Feb between 5.00pm & 7.30pm. Please keep this night free. There will be food, bouncy castles, many activities and a chance to meet your child's teacher. We will send home a detailed notice outlining all of the events closer to the night

From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

Welcome to Term 1, 2021 - Welcome back to all our returning and new families. We look forward to working with your children throughout the year. If you ever need to discuss anything relating to your child please feel free to come to the office and ask for me. Once again we have a busy term ahead with many wonderful experiences planned. Our overall theme this year is The Past, Present and Future. Each syndicate will have different focus areas with at least one trip per term to reinforce the new learning. We usually need adult helpers for our trips so if you are available on trip days (see the events calendar on the school website) please return trip forms when they are sent home.

Road Safety Message - I would like to say a big thank you to the parents/adults that use the patrolled crossing at the front of the school to cross the road when coming or leaving school. You are being fantastic role models and teaching all our kids to be safe when crossing a road. Please keep it up and keep using our crossing! :) When dropping off kids in the morning please adhere to the yellow lines (meaning no stopping or parking). These areas are needed to be kept free at all times to ensure our road patrollers can operate the crossing safely.



Stationery - All classes will be starting to use their books from Monday next week. If you have not purchased your pack from the office yet please do so as soon as possible this week. A copy of our stationery form with prices can be found on the skool loop App

Coming Events:
(keep an eye on our calendar on our website for updates)

Wed. Feb 24th	Family Fun Night
Thu. 4 th March	Junior School Kelly Tarlton Trip
Tue. 9 March	Boys Interschool Cricket
Tue. 16 th March	Cross Country and Fun Run Day
Thu. 25 th March	Snr. School City Walk
Tue 30 th March	Interschool Cross Country
Thu 1 st April	Teacher Only Day – No School
Fri 2 nd , Mon 5 th , Tues 6 th April	Easter Break – no school

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 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