



From the Desk of the Principal:

The year is quickly coming to a close and it will not be long until the Christmas Holidays. We have a very busy few weeks ahead. Please take note of the dates and events over the next few weeks.

Staff News - This year we are saying farewell to 2 staff members who have had a long association with our school.

Loretta Augustin has served our school for over 32 years. Initially as a Board member and Board Chair for 7 years, then as a key member of our school office team. Loretta has contributed widely to the successful day to day running of our school with her extensive knowledge of Information Technology, Health and First Aid, Office Management and years of positive interaction with our wider school community. She has made a call to retire and take time for herself and her family. She will be sadly missed and on behalf of our school community I wish her all the very best.



We will also be farewelling Seema Raju who is our Learning Support Co-ordinator. Seema initially started as a teacher at our school in 1999 and after a short break she returned to our school to take up the Learning Support Coordinator position in 2019. Seema has significantly helped our children with their learning and well-being and has been instrumental in guiding children and their families through challenging times successfully. She is going to become a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour and we wish her all the very best in her new role. She too will be sadly missed.



Prizegiving

We will be holding our prizegiving/year 6 graduation and concert on December 10 at 6pm. Hopefully we will be able to have this on the outdoor stage, weather permitting. All parents and whānau are welcome to attend.

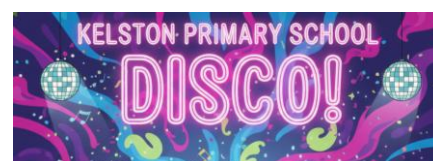


End of year/start of 2026

School will close at 1pm on Wednesday 17 December. We will open for tuition in 2026 on Wednesday 4 February. The office will be open for enrolments on Mon/Tues 2nd and 3rd Feb 2026.

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

School Disco - This Friday - This Friday, we are having an end-of-year Disco that is being organised by our wonderful Parents at Kelston Group. The senior classes (Rms 1-7) will have theirs from 11.30-1pm, and the Juniors will have theirs from 2-2.50pm. There will be snacks and drinks for sale for \$1 each. The students can leave their uniform at home for the day and come dressed ready to party! 😊 A big thank you to our Parents at Kelston Group for giving up their time to help provide a fun event for our students. Their time and effort is greatly appreciated! 😊



Inter-school Athletics Day

Yesterday, a team of 35 year 4-6 students travelled to the Trusts Arena for the Inter-School Athletics Competition. It was a fantastic day with over 300 students competing from our 10 local schools. All of our athletes did extremely well with 11 podium finishes and many more 4th places, which helped us finish fourth overall! A big thank you to Mrs Duggan and Mrs Curtis for their help with the team. Congratulations to our place getters below - an amazing

Event	Place getter	Result
9-year-old girls 60m and 100m Sprints	Victoria Taufu	1st
9 & Under Girls Long Jump	Victoria Taufu	3rd
9 & Under Girls Relay	Victoria Taufu Sienna Tamaalii-Vano Lexi Letoa Deborah Schaaf-Veisa	1st
11-year-old Boys Shot Put	Tuakalau Fanguna	1st
11-year-old Boys Shot Put	Jordyn Folau	3rd
10-year-old Boys Shot Put	Josaia Vea-Mataele	2nd
10 & Over Boys High Jump	Paulo Futi	2nd
9-year-old Girls 60m and 100m Sprints	Sienna Tamaalii-Vano	2nd
10 & Over Boys Relay	Karl Cuizon Joshua Johns Niki Faasu Sio Lafaele	3rd



Coming Events:

Wednesday 10 December	End of Year Concert/Prizegiving
Friday 12 th December	Reports go home
Monday 15 th December	Certificate Assembly
Wednesday 17 th December	Last Day of School – 1.00pm Finish
2 nd & 3 rd February 2026	School office open for enrolments and stationery sales
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	First day back at school for all students

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.

Kelston Music Centre annual concert is on Saturday 29th of November in the Kelston Primary School Hall. The concert runs from 10am to 12pm. This is a presentation of work done this year by the students of the music centre. The annual trophies and certificates will be awarded at the end of the concert. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

Kelston Music Centre: offers group tuition in guitar, keyboard and violin. Classes are held at Kelston Primary School on Saturday mornings 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The classes are taken by qualified tutors, who are all talented and enthusiastic musicians. The classes are subsidised by Ministry of Education and some instruments are available for students to hire. **Enrolments for the 2026 year are now open** and can be completed online via the **Kelston Music Centre Website:** www.kelstonmusic.org.nz. For enrolment queries please email info@kelstonmusic.org.nz.