



KIA ORA GREETINGS



From the Desk of the Principal



Salaam alaikum and heartfelt condolences to our Muslim community during this dreadful time. I have been deeply upset, as have our staff, about the wicked actions that have resulted in the deaths of so many innocent and peaceful individuals.

I want the community to know that my door is always open for any of our families that need support and our school is a safe place for people to meet in or find solace should you need it.

The staff are prepared to support our students through this time and we are emphasising safety and compassion as themes to assist with coping.

Over the years our school has embraced students and families of all faiths and ethnicities and we are proud of our diversity and the enrichment it provides. This is our strength and we will never waver nor leave anyone isolated. If you need help, we are here.

As a school we have decided to support the "Colour your Day" event this Friday 22nd March. This event has been organised by the Christchurch City Council.

We would appreciate if our children could wear colourful clothes (although it has been suggested that we avoid the colour red) and bring a gold coin donation. We will observe one minute's silence at 1.40pm. Money raised will support the families and Muslim communities impacted by the tragic events of Friday 15th March.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - On Wednesday 10 April we will be having our parent/teacher interviews for all students and school will be closing at 12.30pm. A notice will be sent home soon so that you can select a time to see your child's teacher.

Board of Trustee Elections - Election will be held in June this year and nominations will be called before that. Please feel free to attend any of our board meetings if you are interested in becoming a board member or seeing what is involved in being a board member. Our next meeting is tomorrow at 7.30pm in the Boardroom here at school.

Friday 22nd March
#colouryourdaynz

Colour your Day

On Friday 22nd March wear something colourful in your school, business and community. Observe 1 minute silence at 1.40pm and donate.

Money raised will support the families and Muslim communities impacted by the tragic events of Friday 15th March.

TSB Bank Account: 15 3976 0091 104 80
Reference: Our People Our City (Christchurch Foundation)

24-7 YouthWork in collaboration with Christchurch City Council. Raising money for the Mayoral Fund called "Our People, Our City".

24-7 YouthWork Christchurch City Council

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Make a difference
Ki te whakapiki

Our school term ends on Friday 12 April and opens for term 2 on Monday 29 April.

Attendance Trophy



Well done to Room 2 for winning the Attendance Trophy for the first half of Term 1.

From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

Interschool Boys Cricket - Congratulations to our Boys A Cricket Team who won the Cluster Cricket Competition. They had an extremely close final against Konini Primary, winning by 3 runs. There were some great individual performances throughout the day, but it was their team effort that helped them get across the line. The boys will now represent our cluster at the Auckland Champions of Champions Tournament in Term 4. They are very excited! Well done to all of our other teams who represented Kelston Primary brilliantly making us all proud. Our three other teams were mainly playing against other schools 1st or 2nd teams and they still managed to make finals and have more wins than losses. A great effort all-round!



Western Zone Girls Cricket Tournament - This Friday we are taking five teams to the Western Zone Girls Cricket Tournament being held at Riversdale Reserve in Avondale. It has been fantastic seeing so many girls wanting to play cricket. We have two Year 3-4 teams and 3 Year 5-6 teams that are looking forward to having some fun on the cricket field. All family and friends are welcome to attend to support the teams. The first game is at 10am and the last game finishes at around 2pm.



Not Just A Boys Game

Netball Trials - This Monday 25 March we will be holding trials for year 3, 4, 5, 6 students (girls and boys) who are interested in playing Saturday netball (year 5-6) or Thursday after school netball (year 3-4) for the school. The trials will be held at lunchtime. Those that attend the trial and are selected will be given a notice to bring home. This notice will outline all the key details for the 2019 season. The season does not start until next term. The number of teams we are able to offer is determined by how many parents/family members we can get to coach or manage teams. If you are able to assist your child's team please volunteer so we can offer teams for all those wanting to play. We will provide any support that you may need :).



Friday 22 March	Western Zone Girls Cricket Day Colour Your Day – Mufti Day.
Wed 27 March	Duffy Role Model Assembly
Tues 2 April	Interschool X-Country
Thurs 4 April	Footsteps Disco
Wed 10 April	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri 12 April	Last Day of Term

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 – especially if it is close to the day of a trip etc.