



Poipoiā te kākano kia puawai – *Nurture the seed and it will thrive*

**NEWSLETTER ONE, TERM TWO**

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**KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.**

Welcome to Term 2. The start of this term has been an adventure with the school closing last Tuesday due to severe weather warnings. Thankfully the worst of the weather missed us and the school came through the rain relatively unscathed. We would like to thank everyone for your support and communication before, during and after the closure.



It is great to see tamariki happy to be back at school and we have been impressed with how quickly they have settled into routines again. We have hit the ground running and have a busy and longer (eleven weeks) term ahead, with a wide range of learning experiences happening both within the school and around the wider Wellington region as well as Huttfest at the end of the term to look forward to. Please keep an eye on the Facebook page and newsletter for updated information.

Welcome to Harper, Isabella, Matteo, Archer, Mia, Loyalty Dyvine, Skylah-Rose, Aroha, Aroha and their families to Koraunui School this term.

**STAFF ONLY DAY 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED THIS DAY**

We will be holding a staff only day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. The Ministry of Education has provided two days to schools so we can spend time focusing on the changes to the curriculum and do some work around what these changes mean for us at our Kura.

**KCC WILL BE CLOSED THIS DAY**

## RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to inform our school community that our wonderful Deputy Principal, Gillian McPeake will be retiring at the end of Term 3 this year.



Mrs McPeake has been teaching at Koraunui School for **21 years** and before that at Kamahi School for **3 years**. She has made a lasting impact through her passion for supporting our tamariki and staff over the years and has built strong connections with many of our whānau making it a priority to get to know our families. Her dedication to making our Kura a place where all tamariki can feel they belong and can succeed has been a feature of her leadership.

Our school board will be working through a process this term to appoint a Deputy Principal. We will be planning a special send-off for Mrs McPeake in Term 3 – so keep your eyes peeled for more information. We look forward to celebrating her incredible contribution to our Kura together.

## WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT TERM?

### Week 2

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Year 4-6 Senior Cross Country at school. 9.20am start.

### Week 3

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Primary Science Week.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Duffy Theatre. 1.30pm

### Week 4

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: School Board Meeting, 7.00pm in the staffroom.

### Week 5

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Zone Cross-country at Petone Memorial Park

### Week 6

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Staff Only Day. SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY

### Week 7

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Kings Birthday. SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY

## CROSS COUNTRY

We are holding our senior school cross country tomorrow beginning at 9.10am starting on the bottom field. The top 4 runners in each age and gender group will go through to Northern Zone Cross Country on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Please come along and cheer the tamariki on if you are able to.



## SPARE CLOTHING

With the changing weather, we are noticing that some tamariki are coming into class after morning tea and lunchtime wet and/or muddy. If you notice that your tamariki are coming home wet and/or muddy, we would be grateful if you are able to send a spare change of NAMED clothing in their bag to school for tamariki each day. We have limited amounts of clothing at school for tamariki to change into if they are wet or muddy.

## CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that we have accurate and up-to-date contacts for safety and emergencies. If any details have changed for you, please contact the office and let them know.

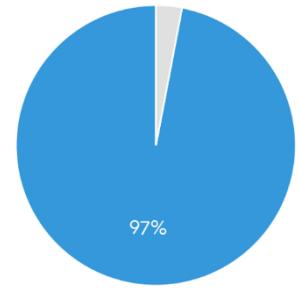
## ATTENDANCE

We currently have 97% of all tamariki attending school 90% or more of the time. This is 4 out of 5 days each week.

While it is early days, we would love to see this level of attendance continue throughout the term.

Daily attendance is important for tamariki to make the most of learning opportunities and build strong relationships with their peers and staff at school.

If your tamariki is absent from school please contact the office through the parent app, email, the school website or call the school. If we don't receive notification tamariki will be marked as truant.



## GOLF IN SCHOOLS LESSONS

Hugh and Kirsten from The Kiwi Golf Foundation are back teaching our tamariki about chipping and how to chip with accuracy. Tamariki had a great time learning and practicing new skills yesterday. We have one more session this term which is amazing. We have some wonderful driving ranges and golf courses in our local area for those who are keen try and have a go.



## 50 Cent Stalls



**50 cent stalls are run by our Year 6 students as a part of their camp fundraising**

This will start this Friday at morning teatime outside Room 12 and 13. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents, so \$2 is the limit per child.

## ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AND BIKES



We have seen an increase of tamariki bringing e-scooters, speciality bikes and drift bikes to school. In the past we have tried to accommodate these in the office space so they stay safe, but we can no longer do this as there is too many to store and they are becoming a hazard. If these scooters and bike are brought to school, they are the responsibility of tamariki who bring them. We will do what we

can to help keep them safe, but we have limited space inside to store them.

## 2026 ELECTION

With the election planned for November this year, it is important that everyone who is eligible to vote enrolls so they can have their say.

Enrolling is easy and can be done online for both the general and Māori rolls.

Information about how to enrol and the upcoming election can be found here [Home](#) | [Vote NZ](#).



## KORAUNUI SCHOOL PARENT APP

We have launched the Koraunui School @school Parent App. This is managed through our school student management system that we use for attendance, recording and reporting progress and achievement and other relevant information about tamariki. This is a secure system that is for our school and tamariki.

The App is a part of this system that can be used by the school and parents for communication, reporting absences and information sharing.

You should have received an email with information about how to install the app, set it up and use it. Please contact the office if you didn't and check we have the correct contact details for you in our system.

We will begin using this app from this week by uploading the newsletter. As we become more familiar with the App we will use it more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER OR THE POST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

**Keep up to date with photos and information of what is happening around the school and in the classrooms on our Facebook page, in our newsletters and emails from the classroom teachers.**

If you would like to join our Facebook page please make sure you complete all the membership questions.



## KCC BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We will be operating KCC before and after school care programmes again this year. If you are interested in using this service on a permanent or casual basis, please contact the school office.

## 2PM CLUB

All children will need to be booked into 2PM Club by [clicking here](#) Even if they attended last year. Every Wednesday and Friday we run 2pm Club between 2.00-3.00pm for children whose parents book them in for this service. The cost of 2pm Club is \$2.00/session. This is to cover the cost of supervision during these times.



## BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for items, event or sports fees during the year. If you would like to do this, please come and talk to Maree and she will show you how it works.

Some families have set up a regular bank credit to do the same thing. If you wish to do this, the lovely office ladies will help with this. Our account is Koraunui School Board of Trustees 12 3478-0015483-00

Kia pai te ra kia koutou – have a great week everyone.

Dave Lamont  
Principal

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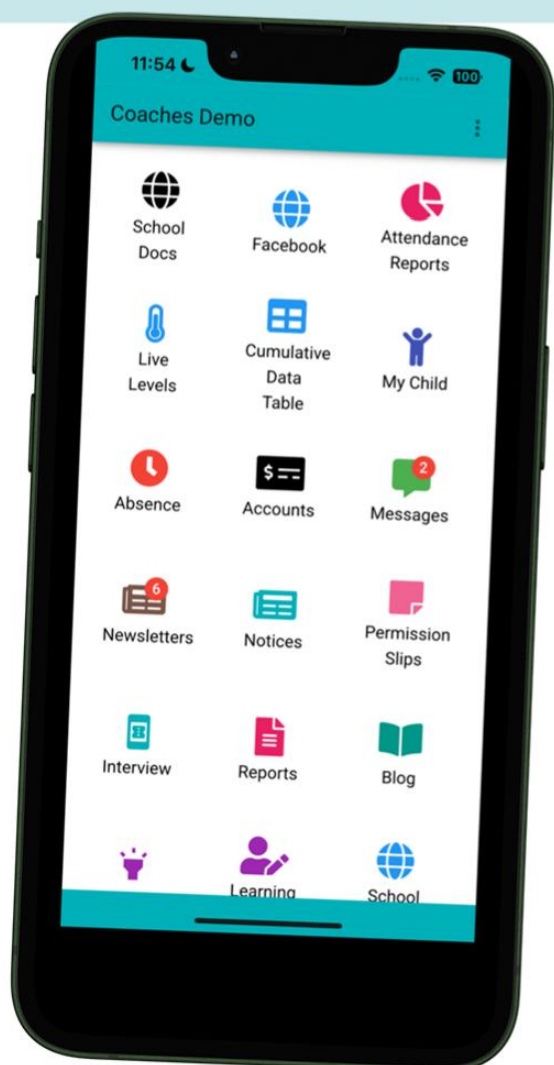


Designed to make communication between home and school easier for families, the @school Caregiver App is part of your school's student management system, eTAP.

What you see reflects real-time, secure data on your child and school, ad-free, connected and easy to use.

# @school Caregiver App

SIMPLE, SECURE AND DIRECT CONNECTION WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL AND LEARNING



## ALL YOU NEED IN ONE APP

@school gives you a private, real-time view of your child's school information.

- Easy to access
- Free to use
- No ads
- Only see what you need about your own child and school
- Password protected and secure
- Customised by your school to suit your community

## FEATURES FOR FAMILIES

Your school chooses which features to enable. Common features include:

- Notify school of lateness or absences and see attendance info
- Read and sign Permission slips
- Get notified of sickbay entries when they happen
- Book interview times
- Update personal information
- Read notices and newsletters
- Message the teacher or office directly
- Access reports, latest assessment information and 'Live levels'
- View financial transactions and receipts
- See all your children in one app without switching accounts, even from multiple eTAP schools.

## HOW TO GET STARTED:

Download **eTAP @school** from your app store or use securely on any device through your browser on <https://www.atschool.co.nz/app/login>. Follow the login instructions provided by your school.

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