



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal

I would like to thank the many families who joined us on Friday for our school picnic at Cornwallis Beach. It was a great day and I appreciate the support the parents provided with the walks, activities and swimming. I would also like to thank



and acknowledge Owen's Transport for putting on a fantastic barbecue for everyone.

Covid-19 virus update

I would like to assure all members of our school community that we are taking thorough steps to ensure everyone is safe during this difficult time. Our school has a Pandemic Plan which we have put in place. Part of this plan is to ensure we can contact all parents and caregivers at short notice. Please ensure you check the form containing your contact details with this newsletter and return to school as soon as possible. **If you have an email address and it is not on the form please write it on there clearly for us. Please return the form to the school even if there are no changes – just write no change on it please.**

The global situation indicates that schools in some countries are being closed. This is not the case for New Zealand at this stage, however we need to be prepared should circumstances change.

We are continuing to promote regular hand washing and we are limiting the need for children to come together in large groups. If your child is feeling unwell please keep them at home and seek medical attention.

From the Desk of Steven Pickett:



Last Wednesday 11 March Kelston Primary sent an impressive five teams to the interschool boys' cricket tournament. Out of the seven schools that participated we had nearly double the number of players compared to the next biggest group. It was fantastic seeing so many boys wanting to play cricket. Not only did we have the most players but our teams were the most consistent overall, this led to us



winning both the bowl and shield competitions. Congratulations to all the players and especially to those who were in the winning teams. A big thank you to all our teachers, parents and other helpers that helped make the day possible.

Interschool Cross Country - Due to the restrictions in place due to Covid-19 our interschool cross country event that was due to be held on the 31st of March has been cancelled. There will be no rescheduling of this event. We will still hold our own school cross country on Thursday 19 March as this is a smaller event and not all students will be running.

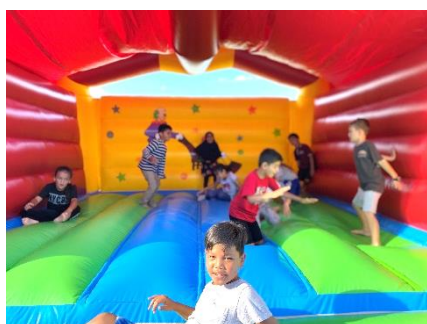
Other events on our calendar may not go ahead – we will endeavour to let you know if there are changes.



Travel Wise National Walk to School Day – Tomorrow – 18th March - If you walk to school tomorrow go and see Miss Gardner in Rm 2 for a special something.



Family Fun Night – This was a great success with many families attending – the weather was very kind to us. The food was delicious, the ice cream popular, the raffle winners were happy and bargains were to be had – Thank you so much to all those that worked so hard to make it a success.



Coming Events:

Wed 18 March	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm
Wed 19 th March	School Cross Country
Wed 1 st April	Footsteps Disco
Thur 2 nd April	Jnr Healthy Food Day
Tue 7 th April	Duffy Role Model Assembly
Thurs 9 th April	End of Term 1

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.