



## KIA ORA GREETINGS

### **From the Desk of the Principal**

The term is drawing to an end and we have a busy time ahead before the holidays. School will close at 3pm on Friday 16 April and we will open for term 2 on Monday 3 May.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews 8 April-Tomorrow**

Please note that **school will close for all students at 12pm tomorrow**. We will be having parent teacher interviews and by now you should have made an appointment to see your child's teacher. It is not too late to use the Skoolloop app and make an appointment time, there may still be some appointment times available and we would love to see all of our parents.

### **Principal's Assembly**

At 2.15pm on Friday 16 April I will be having my end of term assembly. Parents are most welcome to attend.

### **Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme**

The Government is currently introducing a free, healthy, daily school lunch in some schools for all students. We are really excited to let you know that our school will be part of the programme from the beginning of next term-3 May.

Every child will receive a free lunch daily prepared by Eat My Lunch and delivered to our school.



Lunches will cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of our students, and we will work with suppliers and the Ministry of Education to make sure they are healthy and nutritious. All suppliers will be required to meet New Zealand food safety standards. **Please check your emails as we will be contacting all parents to get specific dietary requirements for children.**

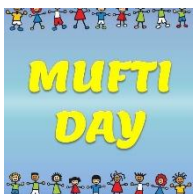
### **From the Desk of Steven Pickett:**

#### **Mufti Day- This Friday!**

As a school community, we are wanting to show our support to one of our students Vinuga Sooriyaarachchi, his mum Buddhini and his 7-month-old brother Vinuth. On the 4th of February, they sadly lost their father/husband Jeevaka to a heart attack. He was fit and healthy so this was a complete shock to the family and their world was turned upside down.

In July 2021, Jeevaka and his family would have been eligible for permanent residency. However, Buddhini, Vinuga and Vinuth are no longer eligible for permanent residency and have excessive legal fees to pay to resolve this issue. On top of this Jeevaka was the sole income earner.

Thankfully one of Buddhini's friends set up a Give a Little Page at <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/lets-make-this-family-happy> to help them meet the numerous costs associated with living and gaining a residence visa until Buddhini is able to return to work.



**We have decided to have a mufti day this Friday 9th April. We ask that all students leave their uniform at home and bring along a gold coin donation. All money raised will go directly to the family.**

We thank everyone in advance for supporting a wonderful Kelston Primary family.

**Cross Country**

In our last newsletter, there was an error in the placings for the 9 yr old girls. The correct results were **1st - Daesharne Hemana, 2nd - Fiana Fanguna, 3rd = - Lara Puia, 3rd = - Azayliah Folau**. Congratulations to these wonderful runners! :).



Last Tuesday our cross country team competed in the Inter-School Cross Country. Even though the weather was terrible the event went really well. Our runners gave their best and we had a couple of top ten placings. Every runner can be very proud of their effort.

**Coming Events:**

Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Meet the teacher evening School closes at 12.00pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><u>Mufti Day Gold Coin Donation.</u></b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Middle School Howick Village Visit
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Principal's Assembly 2.15pm End of Term 1 Term 2 starts 3rd May

**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](mailto: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** –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.