



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal

I would like to wish everyone a happy new year and a warm welcome back to another school year. We have some new families who have joined us this year and I am pleased to extend a special welcome to them.

It has been a difficult couple of years for our school and community but I would like to assure everyone that we are continuing to practise high levels of safety and are committed to providing a high standard of education for our children. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me as our aim is to successfully transition all of our children back to school.

Many students have missed a considerable amount of learning and engaging in education at school is very important. I can assure you that we are doing everything possible to make this a safe process. Please seriously consider sending your child to school if you have not done so already.

Remember that our newsletter is sent home every fortnight but we also have Skool Loop for notices and our Facebook page which reports regular events and activities at school.

Property Update - Despite the disruptions due to Covid 19 we have managed to carry on with our improvements to our school. At the end of last year we finished the upgrade to one of our junior toilet blocks and soon our senior toilets will finish being upgraded. This means a safer and more hygienic facility for our students with clean and modern toilets.



You may have also noticed that we have continued to paint the exterior of our school and will be adding more new murals. Just this week we also installed a magnificent new sign at the front of our school.

Shortly we will be upgrading the junior and senior court areas.

No activity fees - Once again I am pleased to announce that we will not be charging for any trips or shows this year. The extra opportunities we like to offer students have been restricted due to the pandemic but hopefully it won't be long before we can enjoy experiences outside of the classroom once more.

End of Term – This year term 1 finishes on Thursday 14 April (Friday the 15th is Good Friday)
Term 2 starts Monday 2nd May

From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

Welcome to Term 1, 2022 - Welcome back to all our returning and new families. It has been great having so many students back at school, and although we still have some restrictions in place it's not stopping the kids from learning, playing with their mates and enjoying school life. A big thank

you to all the parents and families for following the Red Traffic Light Guidelines and dropping your child off at the gate if they are able.

Stationery - All classes will be starting to use their books from Monday next week. If you have not purchased your child's stationery please do so as soon as possible this week. Online payment is our preferred option. The stationery will then be delivered to your child's class on the first day of school. The school bank account is

ASB 12 3051 0387085 00 Please use your child's first name & surname and stationery as a reference.

Prices are:

Rm's 9,10,11,& 12 \$25.00 Rm's 17 & 18 \$30.00 Rm's 6&7 \$35.00 Rm's 1,2,3 & 4 \$40.00

From the Desk of Elise Gardner:

We have been working hard on more murals around our school – here is a glimpse of the new ones installed or about to be installed.



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 first and last name as your reference. Account Number is ASB 123051 0387085 00. Feel free to email us that you have paid