



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal



A big welcome back to all of our families. We have had a slow start to our level 2 return to school with 50% of students attending so far this week.

The teachers and support staff have been actively promoting safe practices in our school such as safe distancing and hand sanitisation. So far everyone is doing a great job and the children are responding well to the changes around the school.

Our classroom programmes are being delivered in full and learning is well underway here at school. As a result the online teaching will no longer be taking place. We are practising social distancing and there will be no library or reading books sent home at this stage. The Reading Eggs programme available online.



We will not be having assemblies during this period.

The Ministry of Education has informed us that all children should return to school unless they are unwell.

I can assure you that school is a safe environment and sending your child back poses minimal risk. If your child wishes to wear a mask that is perfectly acceptable, though it is not an expectation.

Please remember to sign in using our QR codes at the entrances and in the office if you visit the school.

Covid Testing – could we please ask that if you or anyone in your family have a covid test that you let us know – It is also important that your children stay at home until the results are back. It is helpful to know even if you have had a test recently and have the results back, as often children talk about this but can't accurately say when the test was done. Thank you – this will save a lot of classroom anxiety around mis-information.

Class Photos

We were due to have class and individual photos this week but this has been delayed until 16 November due to the level 2 restrictions. We will only be having class photos now, not individual portraits



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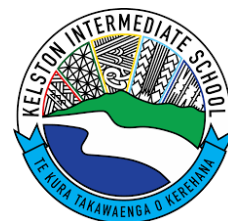


From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

ICAS Testing - ICAS testing (reading, maths and spelling) has been put on hold until the end of October. Exact dates are still being finalised and I will inform you once this happens. Because of this delay there is still time to send payment if you haven't already done so and you wish your child to take part. Each test costs \$10 and money can be paid directly into the school account 12 3051 0387085 00. Please put ICAS and your child's first and last name in the reference boxes.



Year 6 Students Intermediate Enrolments - If you are planning to send your Year 6 child to Kelston Intermediate next year please complete the enrolment form as soon as possible. Spare enrolment forms are available from the office. You also need to provide a copy of their birth certificate or passport and any visa documents if applicable. We are able to photocopy these in the office if needed. You can return the completed form and documentation to the office or directly to Kelston Intermediate. If you are enrolling your child at another intermediate you will need to contact them to find out about their enrolment process.



Friday 11 September. We are celebrating Spring and Daffodil Day by having a mufti day (yellow or floral clothing preferred). Gold Coin Donation – all proceeds are going to the Cancer Society.

Cancer Society Daffodil Day

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.

Coming Events:

Friday 11 th Sept	Spring Day/ Daffodil Day
Wed 16 th Sept	Board of Trustee meeting 7.30pm
Fri 25 th Sept	Last Day of Term 3

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.