



Kia Ora!

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From the Desk of the Principal:

The term is drawing to an end and we have had a busy time so far this year with the children making great progress in our structured literacy and mathematics programmes.

School will close at 3pm on Friday 11 April and we will open for term 2 on Monday 28 April.

Staff News

We will be farewelling Mr Kevin Pulman at the end of term as he retired from his position of Caretaker which he has held since 2019. I would like to thank Kevin for his service to our school and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Our new caretaker is Mr Neil Fox and I wish him a warm welcome to our staff and community.

Principal's Assembly

At 2.15pm on Friday 11 April I will be having my end of term assembly. Parents are most welcome to attend.

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Cross Country & Fun Run

Last Tuesday we held our Cross Country and Fun Run event. It was a great day full of colour. All the students showed great community spirit and resilience to complete the courses. Waitemata was the winning house and they have a free mufti day this Friday. Congratulations to all our place-getters. All the place-getters listed below will receive their certificate at the Principal's Assembly on Friday.

	5 Yr Old Boys	5 Yr Old Girls	6 Yr Old Boys	6 Yr Old Girls
1	Beaudan Gardner	Lona Fanguna	Majeed Al Jabir	Lute Ledua
2	Oakley Taufa	Leya Abdulrahim	Thomas McIntyre	Lasheli Walimuni
3	Jeisen Mauigoa	Kymani Tyler-Stanley	Vinny Price	Safua Suaalii
	7 Yr Old Boys	7 Yr Old Girls	8 Yr Old Boys	8 Yr Old Girls
1	Rayan Kumar	Melesia Fanguna	Erik Xu	Victoria Taufa
2	Elia Johns	Millie Gardner	Wisdom Faasu	Amelia McIntyre
3	Tu'itupu Lauaki	Delilah Kivalu	Lucas Dickinson	Neeve Simon
	9 Yr Old Boys	9 Yr Old Girls	10 Yr Old Boys	10 Yr Old Girls
1	Joshua Johns	Rosie Kivalu	Jayden Xu	Elise Pangatungan
2	Xavier Zaman	Frincess Ocumen	Victor Huihui(2nd =)	Ishita Chand
3	Efrem Weyessa	Brielle Uyseco	Krishiv Chand(2nd =)	Haya Ahmadzai



Celebrate NZSL Week 2025 at Kelston Primary School!

Date: 5–11 May 2025 (Week 2, Term 2)

Theme: "Hands in, Voices Off – Learn, Share, Celebrate!"

Kia ora e te whānau

We're proud to be celebrating **New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) Week 2025** here at **Kelston Primary School** — and we're in a unique and special position to do so!

Did you know NZSL is one of Aotearoa's **official languages**? At Kelston Primary, we're incredibly lucky to have a **Deaf Provision** right here in our school. Every day, our tamariki play and learn alongside Deaf and Hard of Hearing students, and many of them already know how to fingerspell their name or greet a friend using NZSL.

This NZSL Week, every class will be taking part in a dedicated NZSL lesson to deepen their understanding of the language and culture. We hope your child will come home and show off their new signing skills — perhaps even teach you a few signs too!

👉 **Want to learn alongside them?** Check out nzsl.nz — an amazing free app and online dictionary where you can learn signs at your own pace.

Let's celebrate our diverse, inclusive community by getting our **hands in** and embracing the beauty of NZSL.

We're not just learning a language — we're building connections.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Kelston Primary Team



Coming Events:

Fri 11 April	Final Water Safety Session for Yr 3-6 students
Fri 11 April	Principal's Assembly 2.15pm
Fri 11 April	Last day of Term 1
Mon 28 April	Term 2 Starts

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**, email at admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz, text us on **0211647819** - or log an absentee on our website or Skool Loop App. Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence.

