



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal

We are entering our busy time of year and the teachers are busy completing final assessments for our end of year reports. I am pleased to announce that our attendance rates have improved greatly and are now above 90%.

It has been a difficult year and it would be great for our children to end it positively with full attendance between now and the end of the year.

Sun Safe Policy

Our school promotes sun safety and we request that children now wear sun hats when not playing in the shaded areas. An official bucket hat can be purchase from NZ Uniforms on Rata Street and we have caps for sale at the school office for \$15. Plain burgundy coloured bucket hats or plain black caps are also acceptable.

School Murals



We have some fantastic murals which will be displayed around the school shortly. If you get time check out the giant mural on the end of our



hall facing down Archibald Rd. This is being created by Numa McKenzie, a professional artist, and being funded by the Whau Trust. When the artwork is complete we intend to have a celebration, so watch this space!

Yesterday's Lockdown

As many of you are aware several schools in our area went into lockdown yesterday afternoon. Unfortunately, this situation caused distress for some of our parents and this was not helped by media and social media reporting. The facts are that our school was never informed by the police to go into lockdown. The incident was an internal matter at one of the schools and we were informed by that school that there was no need to lockdown. I am following this matter up with the police. The situation appeared very alarming and we feel outside agencies could have handled the incident better. We are going to take this opportunity to run a lockdown practice in the next few days and will also review our processes and procedures. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further, I am taking the matter very seriously.

School Photos

This year our photo day was meant to be while lockdown was on – we have changed the date to Monday 16th November and it will be class photos only – no family photos this year sorry.

From the Desk of Steven Pickett:



Assessment Time

Over the next few weeks all our students will be doing a variety of tests and assessments in preparation for the end of year reports. It is vitally important that all students attend during this

time, so they don't miss out on these. Reports will be coming home on Friday 4th December. The teachers and students are excited about sharing all the wonderful learning and results with you.

Interschool Soccer

Congratulations to all our soccer teams for doing outstandingly well at the Inter-school soccer days last week. Our girls A team came 1st, the B team came 3rd and our C team came first also. The girls played fantastic football, worked well as a team and this was the difference between our teams and the other schools. Our boys also had a great day out. They didn't get any trophies, but it was a fine line as they had some close losses that could've gone either way. The behaviour and attitudes of all the players was



exemplary. They can all be very proud of themselves and how

they represented Kelston Primary. We certainly are! A big thank you to the parents who came along and support.



Coming Events:

Friday 13 th Nov	Principal's Assembly
Monday 16 th Nov	School Class Photos
Wed 18 th Nov	Board of Trustee Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 20 th November	Whole School Athletics Trust Stadium
Tuesday 1 st December	Interschool Athletics
Wed. 2 December	Duffy Theatre 1.30pm
Friday 4 th December	Reports go Home
Wed. 9 th December	Evening End of Year Concert. Afternoon Yr 6 Graduation Party
Friday 11 th December	Final Principal's Assembly 1.30pm
Tuesday 15 December	Last Day of Term
Thursday 4 th Feb 2021	First day of school for all students



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 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.