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From the Desk of the Principal:

Our final term of 2024 is well underway and we have started our preparations for our end of year concert and prize giving which will be held on Wednesday 11 December at 6pm. Please remember to keep this evening free as it will be a great event.

There are also many other events between now and the end of the year so please refer to this fortnightly newsletter to keep informed. A live version of our event calendar is also available on our website.

Māori Consultation- Hui ngā mātua Māori - On Wednesday 6 November between 6pm-7.30pm we are having a special meeting and kapa haka performance for our Māori and other interested parents. The purpose of this meeting is to share data on the achievement of Māori students at our school, talk about our goals for Māori students and invite feedback from parents and caregivers on our future plans and programmes. The meeting will be informal and designed to invite feedback from parents. We would love to see as many Māori parents as possible. A lite supper will be served. A special notice regarding this event will be sent home.



School Classes for 2025 - Shortly we will be collating school classes for next year. Once again, we will try to accommodate the need to separate children who may not work well together or children who respond better to certain teaching styles. Please contact myself, Mr Pickett or Miss Elise Gardner if you have any particular requests for 2025 classes. Our boys' class will be operating at the year 5 & 6 level and parents will have the option to apply for a place in this class later in the term.

Sun Safety - Despite the poor weather we have been having it is now compulsory for students to wear a hat when playing outside. They may wear a plain burgundy bucket hat or black cap or hats with our logo on are available from the uniform shop. The sun can be harsh during the summer months and unfortunately skin cancer is prevalent in New Zealand, therefore, it is important we safeguard our children.



From the Desk of the Mr Pickett:

Soccer Tournaments - Today's Ys-6 girls and Yr 3-4 boys has been postponed. A new date has yet to be set. We will let you know as soon as we can. Tomorrow's Yr 5-6 tournament is still on.

Kelifest - I was very fortunate to see all our amazing groups perform at Kelifest. I was extremely proud to see all their hard work pay off. It is important to remember that these groups practice one afternoon a week for 1 and a half terms, so they do really well to get ready in that short amount of time. I would like to thank all of the teachers and tutors for their

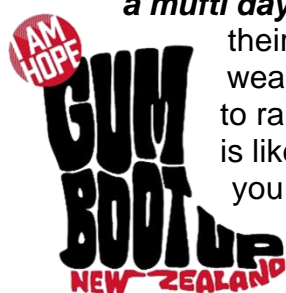


time and effort in preparing the groups, Mrs Duggan, Xavier Taufa (Tongan), Miss Tennille Gardner (Kapa Haka), Latoya Papalii, Rhian Omlang, Miss Teo (Samoan), Emily Ioane, Miss Fruean (Cook Island) and Miss Elise Gardner, Mrs Raju, Mrs Sharma (Bollywood). Without their time commitment and passion to do the best for these groups, these groups would not be able to happen. Our groups are looking forward to performing again at our end-of-year concert which is happening on Wednesday 11th of December at 6pm.



Gumboot Day Mufti Day Fundraiser - This Friday 1st November -

This **Friday 1st November** we are supporting **Gumboot Day by having a mufti day.** For a **gold coin donation**, the students can leave their uniform at home. All students are encouraged to wear their gumboots as well! Gumboot Day is a fun way to raise money for kids' mental health. Having depression is like walking through mud every day. Once a year we ask you to show your support, put your gumboots on, give a gold coin, and take a walk in their shoes for just one day. It's a fun way for Kiwis to join in the mental health conversation while raising money to provide FREE and timely counselling for any young person in need. All money raised will go directly to the I Am Hope project which is a part of The Key to Life Charitable Trust.



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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.

Coming Events:

Thursday 31 st October	Interschool Boys Soccer
Friday 1 st November	Gumboot Day Fundraiser
Tuesday 12 th November	Yr 3-6 Swimming Starts
Friday 15 th November	Whole School Athletics Day
Tuesday 26 th November	Interschool Athletics
Wednesday 11 th December	School Concert and Prizegiving
Thursday 19 th December	School Finishes Y0-5
Friday 20 th December	Yr 6 Graduation Party (morning)
Monday 3 rd February 2025	Teacher Only Day – Office Open
Tuesday 4 th February	First Day of School
Thursday 6 th February	Waitangi Day – No school
Friday 7 th February	Teacher Only Day

Class and Individual photos

A code has been emailed to you from Photolife for ordering your photos. Please check your junk and spam folders if you haven't seen it. We do have copies of the codes if you need yours.

Duffy \$5 Book Order

Forms for this came home last week - If you wish to purchase any books please return your form and money back to school before Friday 15th November.