**Newsletter 6 – 5 May 2021**



**KIA ORA GREETINGS**

***From the Desk of the Principal***

The term has started well and I would like to give a special welcome to the new families who have joined our school.

Remember if you have any questions about our school or need information please talk to the teachers or the school office.  We are always happy to assist!

***School Lunches***



We have had a great start to our free school lunch programme with Eat My Lunch. The lunches are different everyday and we will be able to meet all dietary and cultural requirements.

Some students may be able to have more than one lunch if they are hungry as we do have some spare each day. Any leftover lunches are given out on a first come first serve basis to the community. These can be obtained from the hall at 3pm. They have been going very quickly and we have no left overs from our first 2 days. We do not hold on to lunches and they are served fresh each day.

Just a reminder that children still need to bring something to eat for morning tea each day.

***New enrolments***

We have space for new enrolments and if you have a child or family member turning 5 soon they can enrol early and arrange visits before their 5th birthday. Planning beforehand always makes the first day at school so much easier!

***Colder weather***

As we are entering the winter season I would stress the need for all children to dress warmly. Please ensure polar fleeces and other clothing items are named as students often discard them after playing.



We have a huge amount of fleeces and jackets in our lost property, they will be there until the end of the week then they will be washed and offered for resale. If your child has lost any items please check our lost property room at the school office.

***Attendance Trophy***

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**Congratulations to Room 3 for winning the Attendance Trophy at the end of the term.**

***From the Desk of Steven Pickett:***

***Upcoming Senior School Trips***

We have a busy term planned for the senior school.  It starts this week with a special Year 6 Day at Glen Eden Primary on Thursday, followed by a trip to the Auckland Museum on Thursday 20th May and then we are off on our famous city walk on Tuesday 25th May.  We need lots of adult helpers for the museum and city walk.  If you or anyone else over 18 years of age from your family is able to join us please return the reply slip on the notice that went home or alternatively email me at [spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz](mailto:spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz)  We thank you in advance for your continued support that makes our many trips possible.

***Upcoming Inter-school Sports Events***



On top of our other trips, we also have a number of sports trips this term.  Our first one is Rippa Rugby on Thursday 27th May, then Tackle Rugby on Thursday 17th July followed by Rugby League on Tuesday 29 June.  Both rugby events are held at Kelston Boys’ High School and the Rugby League venue is still to be determined (but will be fairly local).  I would like to say a big thank you to our parent volunteer coaches that are training our teams.  **We have over 10 teams and are still looking for coaches for boys rippa rugby, girls tackle rugby, boys tackle rugby.  Please get in touch if you can help out.**

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***Coming Events:***

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| Thursday 6th May | Snr School Glen Eden Primary Visit |
| Thursday 20th May | Snr School Auckland Museum Trip |
| Friday 21st May | Pink Shirt Day |
| Tuesday 25th May | Snr School City Walk  Tim Bray Show Rm 6,7,8,18,11,12 |
| Thursday 27th May | Rippa Rugby |
| Friday 28th May | Jnr School Zoo trip |
| Tuesday 29th May | Rugby League |

**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](mailto: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 .