



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal:

Thank you to everyone for supporting us through these challenging times. I appreciate the sensible approach many parents and caregivers are taking by keeping children who are unwell home and trusting us to look after their children as they attend school.

We are now living with Covid-19 in our communities and our aim at school is to keep functioning in as safe a way as possible and being here to support you and your children.

Many students have missed a considerable amount of learning and engaging in education at school is very important. I can assure you that we are doing everything possible to make this a safe process.

We cannot stay home forever and I urge parents to send their children to school if they are well. Your child is just as safe here as anywhere else, in fact probably safer as we have strict protocols. Please remember I am always happy to discuss any concerns you may have. Please consider your child's education as time at school is limited and precious.

Reminder-No activity fees

Once again I am pleased to announce that we will not be charging for any trips or shows this year. The extra opportunities we like to offer students have been restricted due to the pandemic but hopefully it won't be long before we can enjoy experiences outside of the classroom once more.

Healthy Lunch Programme

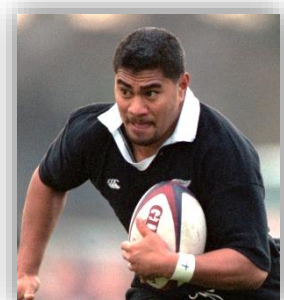


We are continuing to provide free school lunches to all students. This year there is some variation in the lunches between junior and senior students. This is to better suit the needs of our younger children as the portions are more appropriate for them. Currently we have had many spare lunches due to lower numbers of students attending school so our children with bigger appetites can have 2 lunches. We also have a number of lunches available to be taken home from the Archibald Rd entrance at 3pm. First come, first served.

Remembering Va'aiga Tuigamala

We were very saddened to hear about the passing of Va'aiga Tuigamala. Va'aiga Tuigamala was an ex Kelston Primary student who achieved amazing things in Rugby, Rugby League and helping others in the community. He will be greatly missed by many.

We send all our love and condolences to the family at this difficult time.



From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

Learning Packs



A reminder that we have learning packs of worksheets and books available for students that are at home. Please contact the office admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz or 09 827 2187 to organise one. If you are isolating we may be able to arrange delivery. There is enough work for a minimum of 10 days. Everything that comes in the packs is your child's to keep, they do not need to be returned to school.

Stationery

A big thank you to everyone who has paid for their child's stationery. Classes are well underway in terms of the use of this stationery. If you have yet to purchase stationery, online payment is the easiest option. The school bank account is ASB 12 3051 0387085 00 Please use your child's first name & surname and stationery as a reference.



We use Skool Loop for notices, newsletters and parent teacher interviews. Here is a guide to setting up the App for our school.

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



Coming Events:

Thursday 14 th April	End of Term 1
Friday 15 th April	Good Friday
Monday 2 nd May	Term 2 Starts

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.

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.