



Kia Ora!



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From the Desk of the Principal:

Tena koutou katoa. I hope everyone is keeping well and hopefully we will soon have warmer weather to chase the cold and flu away. We will soon be at the end of term and it will be a good time to recharge and get ready for the busy fourth term.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - It's Māori Language Week and this year's theme is *Ake ake ake – A Forever Language*. This theme celebrates the resilience, adaptability, and endurance of *te reo Māori* (the Māori language), and highlights a commitment to embracing and preserving the language for future generations. One way to start learning Te Reo Māori with simple greetings like “Kia ora” (hello), “Ata mārie” (good morning), and “Ka kite anō” (see you again).



DUFFY Books, Math-a thon and Principal's Assembly - At 12pm on Friday 27 September we will be having a special assembly to give out our DUFFY Books and award the prizes for our Math-a-thon. Later in the day at 2.15pm I will be having my **Principal's assembly** to give out awards. School will finish at 3pm on this day.



Absentees – Please let us know and give a reason for your child/children being away from school. Any unexplained absences have to be listed as truant on our student management system. If your child is away sick for more than one day, please let us know each day. We will not assume they are sick on consequent days. If they need to be away for family reasons, please also let us know – if it is for a week for more please let us know the dates by email or by coming into the office to fill out a form beforehand.

ATTENDANCE

Term dates - This term will end on Friday 27 September. The school will open again on Monday 14 October and the last day of school for 2024 will be Friday 20 December.

From the Desk of the Mr Pickett:

MATH+A+THON

Math-a-thon 2024 – Reminders.

Next Thursday 26th September is the last day to bring in sponsorship money to qualify for all the amazing prizes. Money can be sent to school with your child or paid directly in the school office. We appreciate everyone's amazing support of our Math-a-thon and look forward to rewarding all our winners at our Prize Assembly on Friday 27th September at 12pm.

Good luck everyone!

Kelifest - *is back for another year and happening on Friday 18th October (the end of week 1, next term).* We are taking five of our cultural groups to perform. Our Kapa Haka, Samoan, Tongan, Bollywood and Cook Island groups will all be performing throughout the day. The exact times are still being finalised and will be posted on Facebook when they

become available. Next week the students in each group will receive a notice with all the details.

P@K (Parents @ Kelston) Fundraisers

Disco & Mufti Day

This Friday 20th September we are having a mufti day and disco

fundraiser. For a gold coin donation, the students can leave their uniform at home. The senior classes (rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7) will have their disco from 11.30-1pm and the junior classes (rooms 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, & 15) will have their disco from 2-2.50pm. There will be lollies, iceblocks, drinks, glow sticks and other goodies for sale during each disco with prices starting at \$1. A big thank you to the Parents at Kelston (P@K) group for organising this fundraiser.



Pie Orders



Another great initiative from our dedicated P@K group – earlier this week we sent home Oxford Pie order forms. These are great pies and great value – get your orders in!!!! Spare forms are available to the office. Forms need to be returned by Thursday 26th September.

Other Info:

Photos – Our new date for class photos is tomorrow (Thursday) The Photolife team will also catch up on the sibling photos they missed last week.

Lost Property – This will be displayed outside the office every day, all day next week – please feel free to come and look through it for items.

Wet/Muddy Clothes – It would be a great idea to have a change of clothes (especially shorts/pants) in your child's bag – the grass is wet and muddy at this time of year and often children slip over and need to change. If anyone has shorts/long pants their child has grown out of we would appreciate them for our supply of spares.

Coming Events:

Friday 20 th Sept	Fundraising Disco
Wednesday 18 th Sept	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 19 th Sept	Class Photos
Thursday 26 th Sept.	Last Day for Math-a-thon Money Last day for Pie order forms
Friday 27 th Sept.	Duffy/Math-a-thon Prize Assembly Principals Assembly Term 3 Ends
Tuesday 15 th October	Pie collection date.

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**, 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.