



Kia Ora!

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From the Desk of the Principal:

Welcome back to term 2 at Kelston Primary School. I hope everyone had a good break and that all the children are ready for another term of learning and activities.

Attendance Trophy



Congratulations to Room 1 for winning the First Attendance Trophy for the last 5 weeks of term 1.

Attendance Update - In April 2024 the Government announced a regular attendance target of 80% of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

In term 1 we had 53% of our students attending for more than 90% of the time with a further 23% attending over 80% of the time. We hope to improve these figures and need your support. If your child is sick please keep them home and notify the school. Sickness is unavoidable and it is better for sick children to recover at home.

If your child is away from school for any reason please contact us and let us know why, as unexplained absences are marked as truant. Please try and schedule holidays and family activities in school break times. If you do need to take your child out of school for travel, a form must be filled out at school with dates, the destination and the reason.

A reminder that next week we celebrate NZSL Week 2025 at Kelston Primary School!

Date: 5–11 May 2025 (Week 2, Term 2)

Theme: "Hands in, Voices Off – Learn, Share, Celebrate!"

Kia ora e te whānau - We're proud to be celebrating **New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) Week 2025** here at **Kelston Primary School** — and we're in a unique and special position to do so!

This NZSL Week, every class will be taking part in a dedicated NZSL lesson to deepen their understanding of the language and culture. We hope your child will come home and show off their new signing skills — perhaps even teach you a few signs too!

👉 **Want to learn alongside them?** Check out nzsl.nz — an amazing free app and online dictionary where you can learn signs at your own pace.

Let's celebrate our diverse, inclusive community by getting our **hands in** and embracing the beauty of NZSL. We're not just learning a language — we're building connections.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Kelston Primary Team



From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Yummy Apples Sticker Sports Gear Promo - The Yummy Fruit Company is once again offering free sports gear for schools by collecting their stickers that can be found on Yummy-branded apples. Shop at your local New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers. These stickers/cut-out labels then have to be stuck to the collection sheets (see examples below) and are

converted to points. This promotion runs until early October, with all sticker/cut-out sheets needing to be returned to school by Friday, the 10th of October.



HOW TO PLAY



To help encourage families to collect the stickers, we will be offering 3 x LEGO prize packs for the Top 3 students who have the most points. A notice with all the instructions and collection sheets will be sent home early next week.



Kelston Intermediate Open Day & Open Evening

This coming Tuesday, 6th May, all Year 6 students will be walking down to Kelston Intermediate, spending the day finding out about what an intermediate school is like. They will get to experience a variety of activities that help make intermediate school different to primary school, such as bilingual education, hard materials and cooking. This is always an exciting day for the students. Later in the term, the students will receive enrolment packs for Kelston Intermediate. We ask that all students be enrolled in at least one intermediate by the middle of next term at the latest. A notice with more information has come home with all Year 6 students today.

To help parents find out more about Kelston Intermediate, they are holding two Parent Evenings on Wednesday, 7th May or Wednesday, 14th May from 6pm until 7.15pm in their school hall. This is a great opportunity to see what Kelston Intermediate has to offer, plus it is a chance to have any questions answered. We highly recommend that all parents of Year 6 students thinking about sending their child to Kelston Intermediate attend one of the meetings.

Coming Events:

Tuesday 6 th May	Yr 6 Kelston Intermediate Open Day
Wednesday 7 th and 14 th May	6pm Kelston Intermediate Yr 6 Parent Evening
Friday 9 th May	Yr 5-6 City Walk
Wednesday 14 th May	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 20 th May	Yr4-6 Inter-school Rippa Rugby
Wednesday 28 th May	Duffy Theatre at school 11.00am
Monday 16 th June	Inter-school Rugby Yr 5/6
Friday 27 th June	Last Day of Term 2



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.