



KIA ORA GREETINGS

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.

I would like to offer a special welcome to the new families who have joined our school at the start of this term.

Staff News



Sadly we are saying farewell to Duncan Maddison this Friday as he is retiring as a cleaner at our school after 25 years service. Duncan has been an excellent servant to our school and is known by many of our families as well as staff from the past and present. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and best wishes to him as he embarks on his retirement.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Gita Sharma as the new teacher for Room 11. Miss Stanners has departed on a long term overseas adventure and Mrs Sharma will be covering for her for the remainder of the year.



Attendance Trophy



Congratulations to Room 2 for winning the Attendance Trophy at the end of Term 1.



Attendance

It is encouraging to see an improvement in attendance rates this year but we still have a number of students who have missed a considerable amount of schooling due to the disruptions of the past few years.



Attendance Matters

At present 53% of our the time. We are hoping to support of everyone for this keep them home but also or family events the impact progress.



children attend school at least 90% of improve these numbers and need the to happen. If your child is unwell please please consider when you plan travel that missing school will have on their

From the Desk of Steven Pickett:



Kelston Intermediate Open Day 2023

This Friday 5th May all Year 6 students will be walking down to Kelston Intermediate for their open day. This is a chance to see what Intermediate life is like and to experience a variety of activities. We will be leaving school at 9am and returning around 2.30pm. The students will need to bring their pencil case, a jacket/jumper and morning tea, the free school lunch will still be provided. This day is also a great opportunity for parents and whānau to come and look around Kelston Intermediate (anytime between 9.30 and 1pm). The school's Principal and other school leaders will be available on the day to assist you and to answer any questions you might have. At the end of the day all Year 6's will receive an enrolment form. If you are intending for your child to attend Kelston Intermediate next year please complete and return the enrolment form directly to Kelston Intermediate or to the Kelston Primary School office as soon as possible this term.

Cultural Groups

We are wanting to get our senior cultural groups up and running as soon as possible. As always we require your help! If you are able to assist with any of the following groups Samoan, Tongan, or Kapa Haka please email me on spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz call or 09 827 2187 or pop into the office to see me. Any day and time of practices in running other cultural groups help is greatly appreciated. We are flexible on the day and time of practices in running other cultural groups, please contact me also to discuss further. Thanks 😊



Rippa Rugby

In week 7 of this term (Thursday 8th June) we have our annual inter-school rippa rugby tournament. We are hoping to take 3 boys and 3 girls teams. I would be very appreciative of anyone able to help coach the teams. I am wanting to start training as soon as possible. Ideally, these trainings would be during lunchtime, but we are flexible to help work with your schedule. These teams are mainly for year 5 & 6 students, some year 4's may be selected. If you are able to help please contact me spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz, 09 827 2187 or pop into the school office to see me. Thanks 😊

Coming Events:

Friday 5 th May	Kelston Intermediate Open Day Yr 6
Monday 5 th June	King's Birthday – Public Holiday, no school
Thursday 8 th June	Rippa Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 28 th June	Reports go home
Friday 30 th July	Last Day of Term.

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.