



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal:

Welcome back to the final term of 2023. This term is a very busy one so please keep an eye on our fortnightly newsletter for upcoming events. We also have a Kelston Primary Facebook page and our web-site.

Maori Consultation- Hui ngā mātua Māori

On Thursday 2 November from 6-7.30pm we are having a special meeting and supper for our Māori and other interested parents in the staffroom.

The purpose of this meeting is to share data on the achievement of Maori students at our school, talk about our goals for Maori students, view a slideshow of our achievements and invite feedback from parents and caregivers on our future plans and programmes. There will also be prizes and giveaways on the night. Please keep this date and time free.



Labour Day - School Closed 23 October

School will be closed on Monday 23 October for the Labour Day holiday.

School Attendance

I hope everyone is in good health as we approach the warmer months. Last term our across school attendance rate was 80.2% down from 85.6% in term 1. This was due to a significant amount of sickness and Winter flu. Hopefully we can improve these figures as there is only a limited amount of learning time between now and the Christmas break.



Attendance Trophy Congratulations to Room 2 for winning the attendance trophy at the end of last term.

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Kelifest 2023

At the end of last term our Kapa Haka, Samoan and Tongan groups performed at Kelifest. They all did an amazing job and proudly represented their culture and school. A big thank you to the students for all their hard work and a BIG, BIG thank you to the teachers Mrs Duggan (Tongan), Miss Gardner (Kapa haka), and Miss Teo (Samoan) for supporting and tutoring their groups. I would like to make a special thank you to our volunteer tutors Latoya Papalii and Rhian Omlang (Samoan) and Nanny J (Kapa Haka) who gave up their time each week to come and tutor their groups. Their help and support certainly made a big impact on the final performances. A great effort by all and we look forward to presenting these performances again at our end-of-year concert and prizegiving.





Inter-school Soccer

On Wednesday 25th October we are taking three girls' soccer teams to Riversdale Reserve in Avondale. On Thursday 26th October we are taking five boys' teams to the same venue. Teams are still being finalised. All students who make a team will receive a notice on Friday of this week. This will have all the information about the day. We require some parent help on the day, please return the reply slip at the bottom of Friday's notice as soon as possible.

Coming Events:

Thursday 12 October	The Twits Show trip (Yr 1 & 2 students)
Monday 23 October	Labour Day – school closed
Wednesday 25 October	Girls Interschool Soccer
Thursday 26 October	Boys Interschool Soccer
Friday 3 November	Gumboot Day
Wednesday 15 November	School Athletics Day
Friday 17 November	Teacher Only Day – School closed
Friday 15 December	Last day for Year 1-5 students
Monday 18 December	Last day for Year 6 students

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.

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.