



Kia Ora!

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From the Desk of the Principal:

We have started the term well and it is encouraging to see the children progressing well with our new maths and structured literacy programmes.

Last week at our Māori hui it was great to see so many whānau new and old and to get valuable feedback on our programmes and ideas for future planning. A big thank you to all attendees!

2026 Classes

Shortly we will be collating school classes for next year. Once again, we will try to accommodate the need to separate children who may not work well together or children who respond better to certain teaching styles. Please contact myself or Miss Gardner & Mr Pickett if you have any particular requests for 2026 classes.

Enrol Early!

If you have a child turning 5 in January, February or March 2026 you can enrol them now so that they will be ready to start school on their 5th birthday. You may also wish to arrange visits to school before their start date. New enrolments need to provide a birth certificate or passport and visits can be arranged by contacting the school office or Miss Gardner.



Visit from the Education Review Office (ERO)

We will be welcoming the Education Review Office to our school on the 4th and 5th of November. They will be reviewing our performance as a school and interacting with our staff and students. It is a great opportunity for us to share our successes and gain feedback for future development.

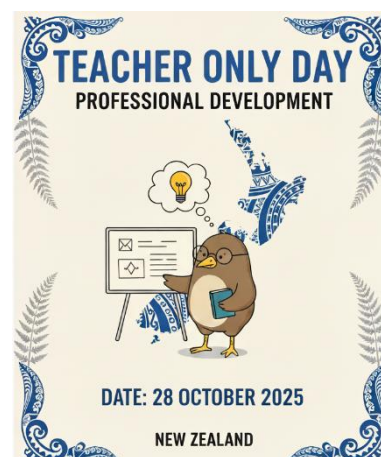


Industrial Action and Labour Day/Teacher Only Day- school closed - As a result of nationwide industrial action proposed for the **23rd of October school will be closed tomorrow**. We will not have enough staff available to ensure a safe environment for children.

School will also be closed for the Labour Weekend holiday on Monday 27 October.

We have also scheduled a teacher only day for the new mathematics curriculum and this is on Tuesday 28 October following the Labour Weekend break.

I am sorry for any inconvenience these closures may cause for families.



From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Inter-school Soccer



Next Wednesday 29th October all girls teams and our Yr 3/4 boys team are travelling to Crum Park for the Inter-school soccer tournament. The Yr 5/6 boys get their turn on Thursday 30th October. All students who are in a team have had their sports uniform assigned, trainings are now done, and we are ready for the tournaments. Please remember that there is no school on Monday (Labour Day) and Tuesday (Teacher only day), so the teams playing on Wednesday need to come ready to play!

Whole School Athletics Day - Trust Arena

On Friday, 7th November, we are taking the whole school to the Douglas Track & Field at the Trusts Arena to participate in a fun day of athletics events. All students are encouraged to take part, and there are also lots of other fun activities like throwing rubber chickens, elastics, sack races and much, much more. The day finishes with a Year 5/6 relay event against parents, against teachers and against KBHS Year 10 helpers. This is a fun way to finish the event, and we welcome as much parent participation as possible! :) The students will leave school asap after 9am and will return by 3pm. The events run from 10am until 1.45pm at the Stadium. The notice went home yesterday with all the information about the day. We are also requesting parent or older sibling helpers for assisting with the running of events. If you are able to help out please return the reply slip from the notice or email me spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz. We are looking forward to a wonderful event!



Coming Events:

Thursday 23 rd October	Teacher Strike Day – School Closed
Monday 27 th October	Labour day – No School
Tuesday 28 th October	Teacher Only Day – No School
Wednesday 29 th October	Interschool Soccer Girls & Yr 4 Boys
Thursday 30 th October	Interschool Soccer Yr 5&6 Boys
Friday 31 st October	Principal's Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 7 th November	Full School Athletics Day – Trust Stadium
Tuesday 25 th November	Inter-school Athletics Day
Wednesday 10 December	End of Year Concert/Prizegiving
Monday 15 th December	Certificate Assembly
Wednesday 17 th December	Last Day of School – 1.00pm Finish



Duffy \$5.00 Book Offer.

Your child will be bringing home a brochure with the offer of purchasing books through Scholastic for \$5.00. This is an incredible offer and great for gifts as well. Please return the form and money to school by Friday 14th November. Delivery will be in December.

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.