



KIA ORA GREETINGS

We will start this newsletter with an amazing story one of our senior pupils wrote:

THE TEST.

I never realised it was testing when I walked in, but today was the day. “The P.A.T. Test” shouted Miss Gardner. I shivered in my shoes when I heard that acronym. “P.A.T.” I muttered under my breath. The whole class went cold and silent, everyone staring at Miss Gardner in disbelief. “Yes, you heard me correctly, I said P.A.T. test”. Miss Gardner’s booming voice was the only thing we could hear, “Test positions...NOW!”. Everybody did as told. Mr. Pickett sashayed in, and Miss Gardner left.

“Epenesa, hand the tests out to the year 6’s”, he announced. She handed us our tests. Mr. Pickett’s heavy footsteps and Epenesa’s maniacal laughter was enough to scare me, but what scared me the most was, THE TEST!

The rules, they are very simple, if you get one wrong however, YOU. WILL. FAIL.” yelled Mr Pickett. “Do not cheat, do not shade in two answer circles on one question, and lastly, DO NOT TAKE TOO LONG ON A QUESTION!”. I took out my pencil and my skull rubber, I was as ready as an anxious snail.

“Your time starts...now!” said Mr. Pickett. My hands started answering questions without me even noticing. I worked out most of them.. but time was running out, WHOOSH!

Time was nearly over. “COME ON, I'M NEARLY FINISHED!” I yelled. My hands were a blur, it was like time was moving two times faster. “SO CLOSE!”. My wrist started to hurt but I sped through every question until finally, I had beaten...The Test.

By Akeel Ali Written 30/10/20 straight after the PAT test

From the Desk of the Principal:

The term is passing quickly and we are now in the process of putting together our end of year reports. We are also planning some of our end of year events so please keep an eye on the newsletter and our Facebook page as this is a very busy time of year.

New Enrolments - Just a reminder that if you have a child turning 5 early next year you can enrol them now. We can also arrange school visits before they start school. Just remember to bring a Passport or Birth Certificate to the school office.



Maori Consultation- Hui ngā mātua Māori – Due to the recent Covid-19 restrictions, we are doing our Māori Parent Consultation online this year. All parents of Māori students should have received an online survey this week. We also have paper copies at the office. Please take time to complete the survey. Your feedback is very important for future planning. Ngā mihi nui.

Attendance Trophy



Congratulations to **Room 9** for winning the Attendance Trophy for the first half of this term.

School Photos – this week we had our school class photos taken – you can still order these this week – remember to return the envelope to the school office if you are purchasing (even if you have paid online to Photolife) IF paying by cash, you must put the correct money in the envelope as we can not give change for this. You can not pay by eftpos at school.



School Gates – We now have our Electronic gates working – **Please do not stop or park** in the school driveways to drop off or pick up your children – this is becoming a big problem as it holds up traffic and is dangerous for those children walking past. We have already had one close call this week of a child not able to be seen by a driver. Auckland Transport has been onsite monitoring and will issue tickets if needed. Thank you for your co-operation on this – Please keep our children safe by parking on the road and walking the short distance.



From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

Whole School Athletics Day 2020 - This Friday 20th November we have our whole school athletics day at The Trusts Arena, Central Park Drive, Henderson. All students will be travelling by bus leaving as close to 9am as possible. The first event starts at 9.50am. The day finishes up at around 2pm before the kids all get back on the bus and head back to school.

On the day all students will need to take their own school bag with the following inside:

- Morning tea & lunch
- Drink bottle (water only please)
- Sunblock
- Sweatshirt or jacket and sunhat

Each student is asked to wear a coloured t-shirt to match their age group (see list below). Please note for the 8, 9, & 10+ age groups it is how old they will be on December 1st not the day of the event.

5yr olds – Blue, 6yr olds – Orange, 7yr olds – Yellow,
8yr olds – Green, 9yr olds – Purple, 10+yr olds – Red

They will also need to wear a sunhat, appropriate clothing and footwear for taking part in athletic activities. We look forward to another successful event!

A big thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help us on the day, we still require 3-4 more helpers to assist the teachers with the running of events. If you can help please email me on spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz or contact the school on 827 2187. **All families are welcome to come along and cheer on our future athletics stars.** 😊

Swimming and Water Safety Lessons - It was great seeing so many students with their togs ready for swimming last Thursday. The students are learning all about water safety which is vitally important as we near the summer holiday break. All middle and senior classes have swimming and water safety lessons for the next 4 weeks. I look forward to seeing everyone with their togs tomorrow! :)



Lost Property – Tomorrow (Thursday) if the weather is fine we will be putting the lost property out by the flagpole for collection – there are lots and lots of jackets/seatshirts so if your child has lost theirs please come and look. - We will have it out there at 8.30 and after school.

Coming Events:

Friday 20 th November	Whole School Athletics Trust Stadium
Tuesday 1 st December	Interschool Athletics
Wed. 2 December	Duffy Theatre 1.30pm
Friday 4 th December	Reports go Home
Wed. 9 th December	Evening End of Year Concert. Afternoon Yr 6 Graduation Party
Friday 11 th December	Final Principal's Assembly 1.30pm
Monday 14 th December	Whole School Fun Day
Tuesday 15 December	Last Day of Term
Thursday 4 th Feb 2021	First day of school for all 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** or email at admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz or text us on **0211647819** - **Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence.**