



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal

I would like to thank all the parents and whānau for assisting the teachers last week during the unexpected lockdown. It was great to see so many children engaged in online learning.

Hopefully we won't have to return to lockdown again this term as the disruptive start to the year has been both unexpected and difficult for delivering our planned programmes.

Family Fun Night- Postponed

We have had to put the Family Fun Night on hold until further notice as we are still under Level 2 protocols. We will keep you informed when we decide on a new date.

Teacher Only Day-School Closed this Friday 12 March

The school has a scheduled teacher only day this Friday for teachers to train in the **Pause, Breathe, Smile** programme based on student well-being. I realise this is very soon after our lockdown, however, we had booked a facilitator and did not foresee such a disruptive start to the year. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Unfortunately SKIDS will also be closed on Friday so families will have to seek alternative child-minding arrangements.

School Picnic at Cornwallis Beach

We will be having our annual school picnic at Cornwallis Beach next Wednesday 17 March if we return to Covid Level 1. Should we stay at level 2 we will have to cancel the picnic as it is dependent on tides and the climate is beginning to get cooler. The picnic is a free event for all families. We do urge families to travel by car though as the buses are for our students and staff.

Principal's Assembly

If we return to level 1 my next Principal's Assembly will be at 2.15pm on Friday 19 March. All whānau are welcome to attend.

Enviro School

Thanks to the effort put in by Rm 14's Teacher Miss Martin and our Gardener KeriAnn, our school has been nominated a EnviroSchool. We look forward to seeing this develop throughout the year.



From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

Inter-School Cricket Tournament- New Date

The interschool cricket tournament that was scheduled for yesterday has a new date - Tuesday 23rd March. Fingers crossed we are in Alert Level 1 by then so the day can go ahead. I will keep you posted with more information next week. We are now up to 10 teams so we still need adult

helpers to look after teams on the day. If you haven't already returned the reply slip and can help out please email me spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz

School Cross Country and Fun Run

This Tuesday 16th March we are having our cross country and fun run events. The cross country races will start at 9.15am and finish at approximately 10.30am according to this schedule. 6 yr old boys, 6 yr old girls, 5 yr old boys, 5 yr old girls, 7-11 yr old girls (optional race for those who wish to run), 7-10 yr old boys (optional race for those who wish to run). The 7-10 yr old races are placed separately meaning we will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each age group the 7, 8, 9, and 10 yr olds. All middle and senior runners are encouraged to bring a change of clothes and appropriate shoes for running (they can also run in bare feet if they wish). If we are in Alert Level 1 all families are more than welcome to come along and support the runners. After morning tea the junior classes will participate in a fun run involving completing a variety of activities that have to be done in order to complete the circuit. The middle and senior classes will get their chance after lunch.



Home-based Learning

It was great to see so many students doing online learning during our last lockdown. I really enjoyed looking at all of their Seesaw posts. We loaned out over 60 devices for our students to use last week. This helped those that had no devices or only had phones, to complete work more easily. Thank you for supporting your child's home-based learning. In these uncertain times, teaching and learning definitely requires much more teamwork! :).



General Info:

 **Kelly Taltons Junior School Trip** – this has been postponed and we are booking a new date and will let the junior school know when it will be.

Parent Email – Do we have your email address – if so we will be sending you this newsletter by email as well as sending paper copies home. If you did not receive this by email then we may not have your current email address or we have an error in it. Please feel free to send us an email asking us to add you to our contact list. Email us at admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz Thanks.

Coming Events:

Fri 12 March	Teacher only day – no school
Tue. 16 th March	Cross Country and Fun Run Day
Wed 17 March	Cornwallis Beach Day
Thu. 25 th March	Snr. School City Walk
Tue 30 th March	Interschool Cross Country
Thu 1 st April	Teacher Only Day – No School
Fri 2 nd , Mon 5 th , Tues 6 th April	Easter Break – no school
Thurs 8 th April	Meet the teacher evening
Friday 16 th April	End of Term 1



Soccer Registrations Open Now!

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Lynn Avon is a fun, local club with teams for all ages. Boys and Girls welcome!

Attend one of our information evenings 6.30 to 7.30pm on the 17th of March or the 14th of April to find out more.
Location: Lynn-Avon United Clubrooms, Ken Maunder Park, Binsted Rd, New Lynn

For more information and registration details please visit: <http://www.lynnavon.org.nz> or email tmccahill52@hotmail.com