



KIA ORA GREETINGS



From the Desk of the Principal



A big welcome back to all of our families. We have had a slow start to our level 2 return to school with 50% of students attending so far this week.

The teachers and support staff have been actively promoting safe practices in our school such as safe distancing and hand sanitisation. So far everyone is doing a great job and the children are responding well to the changes around the school.

Our classroom programmes are being delivered in full and learning is well underway here at school. As a result the online teaching will no longer be taking place. Some teachers may wish to use online learning as part of their programme but this will not be a school expectation.



The Ministry of Education has informed us that all children should return to school unless they are unwell. However, we will not be strict on attendance during the first fortnight back at school. If you are keeping your child/children at home please let us know if you have not done so already – this will save us sending you absentee texts.

If you are still keeping your child home there will still be the Reading Eggs Programme, Mathletics and some classes may still have Seesaw activities. We can also provide learning packs on request. However, I can assure you that school is a safe environment and sending your child back poses minimal risk.

Collection and Drop Off of students - I would like to thank the parents who are following our procedures for bringing children to school and collecting them at home time. This is working well and we have minimised the amount of outside adults entering our school. Please remember to collect your children promptly at 3pm. We want to vacate our site as quickly as possible so that we can secure it and keep our environment safe. Unattended students will be enrolled in our Skids after school programme, we will not be keeping children after school in the office or classrooms.

Breakfast Club - We are planning to start breakfast club again on Monday 25 May. This will be in the school hall from about 8.20am.



Term Dates. - Despite the later start our term will end on Friday 3 July. Term 3 will begin on Monday 20 July and the remainder of the year will progress as normal.

Children Away From School: Phone on **827 2187** or email 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.