



KIA ORA GREETINGS

From the Desk of the Principal

Hopefully everyone is feeling more settled after our unexpected lockdown last week. We are now at level 1 and there is an expectation that all children return to school unless they are unwell.

I can assure all whānau that we are practising safe protocols here at school. If your child is unwell please keep them home and seek medical advice.

Family Fun Night

Now that we are at Covid level 1 we will be having our annual Family Fun Night on Wednesday 3 March between 5pm & 7pm. There will be food, A cake stall, a range of activities, bouncy castles and a chance to meet your child's teacher. Every Kelston Primary student will receive a free sausage.



School Picnic – Cornwallis Beach



Our whole school picnic is taking place at Cornwallis Beach on Wednesday 17 March. This is a free trip for all children. Families are welcome to join us on the day but will need to provide their own transport as the buses are for staff and students. Unfortunately we will be having our Owens Transport BBQ as they are already booked at another venue. A notice with further information will be sent home closer to the day.

Free School Lunches

We are in the process of finalising our free school lunch programme which is due to start at the beginning of term 2. All children will receive a free lunch and we will have options for dietary and cultural needs. I will keep you informed as more details become available.



School Stationery

A big thank you to all families who have already purchased stationery packs this year. – If you have not done so yet then please forward payment to school as soon as possible so your children can have books in the classroom.

This year we have had a few families pay it forward by paying for an extra stationery pack, we thank them for their generosity.



From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

Inter-School Cricket Tournament

On Tuesday 9th March Kelston Primary is taking over 90 Year 4-6 boys and girls to participate in the inter-school cricket tournament at Riversdale Reserve in Avondale. With 9 teams (5 boys and 4 girls) involved across all the grades, it's going to be a great day out! We need adult helpers to look after the teams (get them to their field on time, supervise them etc) no cricket knowledge needed :). If you can help out please return the slip at the bottom of the notice that those attending received today. Alternatively please email me at spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz. In order to take this many teams, we rely on our wonderful families support. I look forward to hearing from you.

School Cross Country and Fun Run

On Tuesday 16th March we will be 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. Families are more than welcome to come along and support the runners. After morning tea the junior classes participate in a fun run involving completing a variety of activities that have been done in order to complete the circuit. The middle and senior classes will get their chance after lunch.



Footsteps Dance Programme

This term we once again are very lucky to have the Footsteps Dance instructors coming in to work with all the classes. Each class will have five x 45-minute sessions with most sessions happening on a Tuesday and some on a Friday. These sessions start in week 7 on Friday 19 March.



The instructors work with the students to construct a variety of dances to a range of songs incorporating many genres of dance in the process. This is a fantastic programme that helps develop students' social skills, confidence, fitness levels, creativity, expressive skills and coordination. This is done in a safe, positive and stimulating environment for all students!

Footsteps Dance's motto is "WE DEVELOP ACTIVE, CREATIVE, RISK TAKERS!" We want all our students to take risks with their learning and this programme is a great way to develop this.

Coming Events:

Wed. 3 rd March	Family Fun Night
Thu. 4 th March	Junior School Kelly Tarlton Trip
Tue. 9 March	Boys Interschool Cricket
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

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.**

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 – especially if it is close to the day of a trip etc.