



## KIA ORA GREETINGS



### From the Desk of the Principal

I have been encouraged by the great progress made by many of our younger students in the area of Reading. I would like to thank the many parents who take time to read to and with their children. This is a great way to bond with your child and help them gain knowledge and enjoyment from books. If you speak a language other than English please also read in your own language. Being bilingual or even multilingual is a valuable skill to have.

### Principal's Assembly

My next Principals assembly is on Friday 26 May at 2.15pm in the school hall. All parents and whānau are welcome to attend.

### Pink Shirt Day

Today at school we celebrated Pink Shirt Day. Thank you to all of the families who supported this important fundraiser as well as our students who looked great in their array of pink clothing.

*Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.*

*It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion or cultural background.*



### From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

### Archibald Park Trips Cancelled

Unfortunately, we have decided to cancel all Archibald Park trips for this term and we will look at doing them again when the weather is more stable in Term 4. The students will continue their learning about nature (trees, birds, insects etc) as well as man-made structures (bridges, playgrounds etc) using the school grounds. This is a great chance to explore the many wonderful places around our school. 😊

### Cultural Groups

**We urgently need some help with our Samoan group.** If you are able to assist with this group, the Tongan, or Kapa Haka groups please email me at [spickett@kelstonpriamry.school.nz](mailto:spickett@kelstonpriamry.school.nz). Thanks 😊



**Thank you to Raymond Fan from Rm 2 for this fantastic story:**

**Rotorua**

"Bye," said Grandma with a wicked smile, like she knew a secret. It was Saturday, and we were ready to go to Rotorua for a 5.5-kilometre marathon race. My family and I (counting Koby) were going. So we travelled in the car for three hours and cruised to Rotorua in plenty of time.

Before long, we arrived at the marathon stadium. Soon all the speedy, fast runners ran past.

It was time for my race. Nervously, I stepped up to the start line. My partner, Apidet, is the fastest in all distances, so this was going to be a challenge.

"On your marks, get set, go!" BANG! A loud sound rang in my ear. We sprinted off fast.

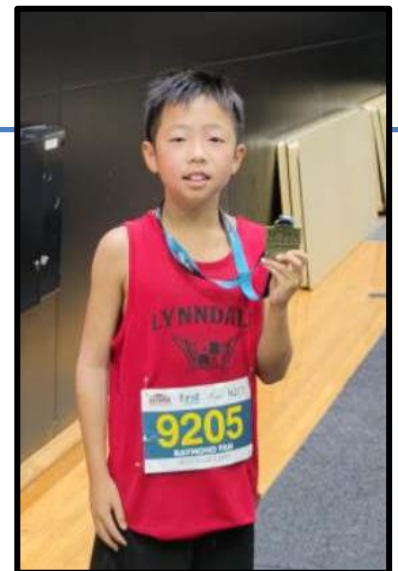
Minutes ticked by, Tick, tick,tick. I was running faster, faster and faster. The air smelled like rotten eggs as we ran past the rivers and lakes.

All of a sudden, Apidet had a painful stitch, so I took advantage and left him in the dust.

Then I saw the finish line. My mum was cheering for me. I ran past like a boss and victoriously leapt over the finish line.

This was the fastest race I ever ran. If I had the chance to do the Rotorua marathon again, I'd gladly join. I ran first in my grade, 11th in the whole race, and won a medal. This is the best, I thought to myself. If you get the chance to go, why don't you try?

By Raymond Fan Rm 2



**Coming Events:**

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| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June   | Duffy Role Model Assembly 9.30am            |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June     | King's Birthday – Public Holiday, no school |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June   | Rippa Rugby Tournament                      |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June | Reports go home                             |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June    | Last Day of Term.                           |

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