



Kia Ora!

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From the Desk of the Principal:

I would like to thank all of the whānau that attended our recent parent/teacher interviews. This was a great opportunity to set goals for your children based on the valuable knowledge that was shared. It was also fantastic to welcome so many new families and children to our school.

Attendance Update

Many families and children have had a difficult time with a big increase in colds and flu so early in the year. We are hoping the winter months will not be as harsh as time away from school has a significant impact on learning progress.

80% attendance equates to 2 days absent a fortnight and we are aiming to improve this to 90% across the school for all year levels. So far our rates of attendance for 2024 are-

Year 1 - 83% attendance

Year 3 - 87% attendance

Year 5 - 87% attendance

Year 2 - 85% attendance

Year 4 - 88% attendance

Year 6 - 90% attendance

Easter Break Reminder

School will be closed on Friday 29 March, Monday 1st April and Tuesday 2nd April for the Easter Holidays. We will be back at school on Wednesday 3rd April. The term ends the following week on Friday 12 April.



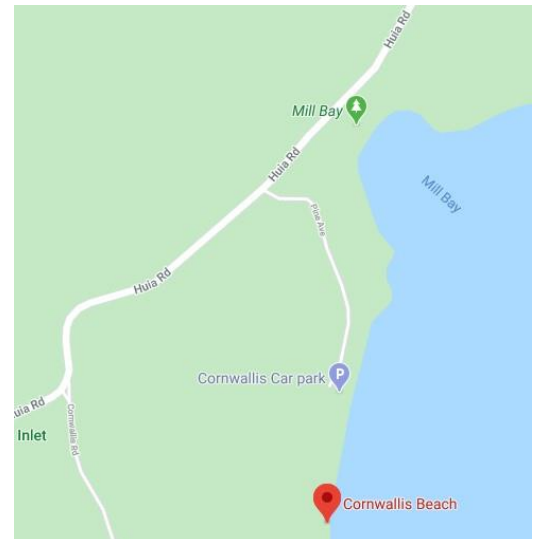
Bike Track coming soon!

Our school has received 2 generous grants from Bikes in Schools and the Trusts Ltd to construct a Bike Track around our junior field which is due to start before the end of term. This will be a concrete track with obstacles and activity areas. It will enable us to teach bike safety all year round.

From the Desk of the Mr Pickett:

Cornwallis Beach Trip - Tomorrow Thursday 28th

March, - We are excited to finally get to Cornwallis Beach. The weather is looking good enough to have a fun day! Children are to wear mufti and will travel to Cornwallis by bus, leaving school at approximately 9.15am, returning by 3.00pm. Activities include walking along the beach, swimming, playing on the beach or sport (*Cornwallis is a beach on the Manukau Harbour. Access is via*



Pine Ave off Huia Road through Titirangi) **Parents and family members are very welcome, but please arrange your own transport.**

Children need to bring/wear

- **morning tea and lunch** - unfortunately, we do not have the free BBQ lunch this time.
- a drink (preferably a drink bottle with water)
- sun hat and sunscreen
- Swimwear – (swimming togs and towel)
- mufti clothes, including a warm jumper/jacket and shoes for walking

Archibald Park Trips

Over the past few weeks, each class has had two trips to Archibald Park. The first trip was about exploring a new space as a scientist. Using their observation skills to notice, think and wonder. The second trip had three specific focus contexts - bridges and pathways, mini beasts (invertebrates) and mangroves. These contexts will be unpacked further over the next three terms. A big thank you to all of the adult helpers who came along and helped make the trips possible.



Lost Property - There is quite a lot of items in our lost property bins. We will have it on display in bins outside the office each day until the end of term. If not claimed by the end of term, any without names will be washed and resold at our second hand shop.



Coming Events:

Thu 28 March	Cornwallis Beach Trip
Fri 29 Mar - Tue 2 Apr	Easter Break - school closed
Monday 8 th April	Duffy Role Model Assembly
Tuesday 9 th April	Cross Country/Fun Run/Values Day
Fri 12 April	Last Day Term 1 Principal's Assembly
Mon 29 April	Term 2 Starts

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**, email at admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz, text us on **0211647819** - or log an absentee on our website or Skool Loop App. Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence.