



## From the Desk of the Principal:

Welcome back to the final term of 2024. I hope everyone had a good break and is ready for a busy and exciting end of year.

**Staff News** - Unfortunately Mrs Sharma in Room 7 has had an accident and it is unlikely she will return to school this year. Ms Appleby will be taking Room 7 for the remainder of the year. We are pleased she is able to keep the learning programmes operating successfully with minimal disruption after covering the class last term. We wish Mrs Sharma a speedy recovery.

**Māori hui**- We are having a special meeting on Wednesday 6 November between 6-7.30pm. We will be discussing Māori achievement and there will be a performance by our kapa haka group. Please keep this date free.

**Teacher Only Day - Friday 25 October** - You may have heard about the current changes to our Mathematics curriculum and the teaching of structured literacy in the media. This has meant a considerable amount of extra professional development for our teachers and we have been granted a teacher only day on **Friday 25 October**. This is the Friday before Labour Weekend and school will be closed for tuition. There will be no Skids programme on this day.

**Kelifest - This Friday!** - I would like to congratulate our cultural groups and their tutors for the preparation and time they have put into preparing for Kelifest this Friday at Kelston Intermediate. It will be a great day and we are all looking forward to it.

## From the Desk of the Mr Pickett:

**Math-a-thon 2024** - The response to our Math-a-thon was mind-blowing! Together you (our amazing school community) raised **\$20608.30** which is beyond anything that we could've imagined. This is our most successful 'athon' yet and we have our wonderful families to thank for that. 😊



As Mr Hughes said at the prize assembly, this money will help our school buy more Chromebooks and I pads, and continue

the upgrade of our school with further enhancements to playgrounds and our new bike track. We thank you for all your wonderful support. Congratulations to all our winners, we hope you have enjoyed/are enjoying your prizes!



## Kelifest - This Friday 18th October at Kelston Intermediate.

We have five groups performing throughout the day. Cook Island Group 9:55am, Kapa Haka 10:05am, Tongan Group 12:40pm, Bollywood Group 12:50pm, & Samoan Group 1pm. For the full timetable please see our Facebook page. Students who are in these groups will have brought home an extra notice today. Gold coin donation for families coming to watch. See you there! 😊



**Loud Shirt Day** - Next Wednesday 23rd October we are celebrating Loud Shirt Day. Loud Shirt Day helps develop awareness of cochlear implants and their importance to the deaf community. The students are to try and wear a “Loud” shirt - one that is bright and colourful. There is no cost for this day. The students will also be participating in a colouring-in competition to help promote the day.

**The Kindness Cup** - Kelston Primary has been lucky enough to have been invited to join the Kindness Cup. This is an award programme organised by the Kindness Collective. Each term teachers nominate students who have displayed kindness throughout that term. From these students, one winner is chosen along with 2 highly commended runners-up. Our winner receives a big box of Lego, a certificate and is presented with the Kindness Cup Trophy. The highly commended students receive a smaller box of Lego and a certificate each. This is an amazing initiative and we were excited to select our first winners

at the end of last term. Congratulations to our first Kindness Cup winners.

### Term 3 Kindness Cup – Results

**Winner:** Reem Al Jaber Rm 3

**Highly Commended:** Millie Gardner Rm 12

**Highly Commended:** Daniela Junior Iakimo Rm 15

## Coming Events:

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Kelifest
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Loud Shirt Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Teacher Only Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Day
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Interschool Girls Soccer
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Interschool Boys Soccer
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Gumboot Day Fundraiser
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 3-6 Swimming Starts
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Athletics Day
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Interschool Athletics
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Concert and Prizegiving
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Finishes Y0-5
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 6 Graduation Party (morning)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025	Teacher Only Day – Office Open
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	First Day of School
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Waitangi Day – No school
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Teacher Only Day

### Class and Individual photos

A code has been emailed to you from Photolife for ordering your photos. Please check your junk and spam folders if you haven't seen it. We do have copies of the codes if you need yours.

### 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](mailto: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.