



Kia Ora!



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From the Desk of the Principal:

We have had a continued high level of sick children and staff and you may have read the news about the high levels of influenza A in our community.

The staff have been reinforcing sanitation and safe practices and if you have a sick child please keep them home until they recover.



Attendance and Punctuality Trophies

I am pleased to announce the class winners for the following awards.



The class with the least number of children arriving at school late over each half term –
our **Beat the Bell** trophy

Years 1-3 - Room 10

Years 4-6 - Room 3

Best attendance trophy for each area –
the **Attendance Avengers** trophy

Years 1-3 - Room 7

Years 4-6 - Room 2



The 2026 theme for Tonga Language Week is Ko 'etau hiva, ko e fe'unu mahu'inga ia ki he mo'ui 'a e Tonga – Our music is a vital strand of our Tongan culture. Here are some Tongan phrases to learn.

Mālō e lelei	Hello
Mālō e lava mai	Welcome
Kohai ho hingoá?	What is your name?
Ko ___ hoku hingoá.	My name is ___.
Ko ho'o ha'u mei fē?	Where do you come from?
Ko 'eku ha'u me i ___.	I come from ___.
Ko ho'o 'alu ki fē?	Where are you going?
Ko 'eku 'alu 'o ___.	I am going to ___.
Ha'u 'o kai!	Come and eat!
Tau ō 'o 'eva!	Let's go for a walk!
Nofo ā (to those staying) 'Alu ā (to those leaving)	Goodbye



Wednesday 26th August

Board Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 27th August

Perform Education Show for Book Week

Friday 28th August

Book Week Parade 9.30am in the hall

Wednesday 2nd September

Math-a-thon test day

From the Desk of Mr Pickett:



Math-a-thon 2026

Only 2 weeks until test day! All forms need to come back to school by Wednesday, 2nd September. The teacher will test all the students and record their result on the sponsorship form. The forms will then be returned home, and you have another 3 weeks to collect all the money. You can also add more one-off sponsors if you wish to.

Lots of prizes to be won! Every student who brings at least \$5 is guaranteed to win a prize on the last day of school this term. The students will be tested on Wednesday 2nd September, with all money due in by Thursday 24th September at the latest. All the prizes will

be given out at our special prize assembly on Friday 25th September, starting at 11.45am. Good luck, everyone!



Next week is Book Week! Each class will be choosing a book to do a deep dive into throughout the week, finishing with a school-wide parade in the hall at 9.30am on Friday 28th August. The classes will be making their costumes based on their book during class time, and your child may be required to wear certain colour clothing (if they have it) to help complete the costume. Your classroom teacher and/or child will provide more information on this next week. Space will be tight, but families are most welcome to attend the book parade.

Inter-school Hockey

Last Wednesday, 12th August, we took four teams to the Inter-school Hockey Competition at the Hockey Waitakere Turf by Henderson High School. All teams had a great day with lots of close games, competitive action and goals! Congratulations to our Girls' Team 1, who finished 3rd overall! A great effort! A big thank you to Miss Fruean, Mrs Meares and Cali for helping me manage the teams on the day.



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 **021 164 7819** - or log an absentee on our website or @school App. Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence. Thank you.

Payments to school –

Reminder that if you need to make a payment our school bank account is -
Account name: Kelston School Board
Account number: 12 3051 0387085 00
Please remember to include child's name and reason for payment.

Thank you.