



KIA ORA GREETINGS



From the Desk of the Principal

I would like to thank our community for the great support provided during this difficult term. We are now back to normal school life and the staff and students have made a positive effort to return to learning and teaching with the minimal disruption after the lockdown period.



School closes this Friday at 3pm for the end of term 2 and opens for term 3 on Monday 20 July.

Attendance - A small number of students have had poor attendance since our return to school. It is safe at school and the likelihood of contracting Covid-19 is highly unlikely. We are continuing to practice strict hygiene standards and unwell children should remain at home.

However, it is also important that your children attend school if they are well, as their learning can suffer as well as their social well-being. We are following up on frequent or unexplained absences and now have to report these to the Truancy Service.

Principal’s Assembly - This Friday I will be having a Principal’s Assembly in the hall at 2.15pm. All are welcome to attend.

Reporting to Parents - On Thursday 6 August we will be holding parent interviews at school to talk about your child’s progress. We had to delay this due to the lockdown and uncertainty earlier in the year.

Information and booking sheets will be sent home early next term. Please keep this day free.

From the Desk of Steven Pickett:

Fun Fridays - Well-being Programme - Fun Fridays have been a great way to end the week. We have had PJ Day, Wheels Day and Crazy Hair Day with **Bring Your Favourite Toy to School Day happening this Friday**. These days are also a free mufti day for the kids as well. The events have been a great success with the kids and staff getting into the spirit. They have brought lots of colour, laughter and fun! We look forward to continuing with more ‘Fun Fridays’ next term.

Cultural Groups - WE NEED YOUR HELP! Every year we like to offer a variety of cultural groups for our year 3-6 students. In order for us to offer these groups, we need the expertise and assistance of our parents, other family members and the wider community. If you are interested and able to help please contact me at school on 827 2187 or via email at spickett@kelstonprimary.school.nz. We would appreciate any support we can get :).

FUN FRIDAYS : TERM 3, 2020	
WEEK 1 24th July <small>The Matariki period is 13–20 July.</small> Mufti Day	 Matariki Day celebrations
WEEK 4 14th August Wear outfit that reflects your culture	 Celebrating Cultural Diversity at Kelston Primary
WEEK 6 28th August Mufti Day	 Hauora Day : Wellbeing Activities (Within Syndicates)
WEEK 8 11th Sept Wear yellow	Spring Day/Daffodil Day Dress up, donate a gold coin, spring craft/hats, flowers, art
WEEK 10 25th Sept Mufti Day	 Traditional Games around the world

Here are a few Wheels Day and Crazy Hair Day photos to use if there is room :) The Fun Fridays list is in here also if there is room to add it :).

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oUCwzWG3h-M3IM0Owz3uxJ4LtU0zzE6b?usp=sharing>

Other Info:

Our Website www.kelstonprimary.school.nz – we have you checked out our school website lately. Thanks to our Learning Support Co-ordinator, Seema Raju, we have a special Covid19 section with lots of advice, agencies, phone numbers and websites to visit for help should you need it.

You may have noticed how lovely our gardens around the school are looking – Keri-Anne has been working hard to achieve this. Recently she has been working along side Miss Featherstone and a group of children and have created a great garden area next to the staffroom.



Coming Events:

Fri 3rd July	Bring your Toy to School Day, Principals Assembly Last day of Term
Monday 20th July	First day of term 3
Thursday 6th August	Parent Interview Day. Early finish.

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.

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School Enrolment Year 7 2021
Enrolments 2021 - We have online enrolment for our students for 2021. Please use this address <https://enrol.etap.co.nz> The code is 1232 and use your email address to get started: Remember to save as you go and fill in all boxes that are applicable to your child. Out of Zone closes at 4pm on 2nd September 2020.
Parent Information Evening
 Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend an Information evening at the school on Tuesday 4th August at 6pm – 7.30pm. Information about the school, how we deliver the curriculum. The opportunities offered and available to students will be shared. There will also be an opportunity for families to meet and talk with the students and staff members.