



## KIA ORA GREETINGS

### **From the Desk of the Principal**

I would like to wish everyone a happy new year and a warm welcome back to another school year. We have some new families who have joined us this year and I am pleased to extend a special welcome to them.

It has been a difficult start to the year for many families with the recent flooding. I hope everyone is coping but should you need support please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's teacher. There may be a way we can help to assist your children as they return to school.

Remember that our newsletter is sent home every fortnight but we also have a Facebook page which reports regular events and activities at school. We also use the free Skool Loop App for notices etc.

**No activity fees** - Once again I am pleased to announce that we will not be charging for any trips or shows this year.

**Stationery** – Thank you so much to all those that have already purchased stationery this year. Please remember that if you are paying online, it takes at least a day come through to our system.

### **Welcome to our New Staff Members**



I would like to welcome Melina Roy who will be teaching Year 1 in Room 15. Melina joins us from Hay Park Primary.

Also welcome to Keren Simon who returns to Kelston Primary after having time with her family. Keren will be teaching Year 1 in Room 10.



**Teacher Only Day - Friday 17 February** - Due to the need to close during the recent flooding we were unable to undertake scheduled training for the teachers in Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) . We are therefore having to hold this professional development on Friday 17 February so that we can advance with our planned learning programmes.

I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Our SKIDS childcare programme will be operating in the hall for whānau needing childcare on this day. You would need to book in with SKIDS before hand if you need care.

### **From the Desk of Steven Pickett:**

### **Welcome to Term 1, 2023**

Welcome back to all our returning and new families. We look forward to working with your children throughout the year. The teachers have a fun and engaging term of learning planned including trips to Cornwallis and Archibald Park. The students will be learning about themselves, their families and what places are special to them and why. This will involve lots of discussion at home so please get involved! 😊 Inter-school cricket and cross country are happening in the middle of the term, students in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are able to try out for these. We will start organising these teams next week.

**New Bell Times** - This year we are trialling new bell times to try and maximise the learning time early in the morning when the students are full of energy. School still starts at 8:55 am and finishes at 3:00 pm as usual. The new times are as follows ...

- Block 1** - 8:55 am - 11:00 am,
- Break 1 (Morning tea)** - 11:00 am - 11:30 am
- Block 2** - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- Break 2 (Lunchtime)** - 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm
- Block 3** - 1:50 - 3:00 pm



**Free School Lunches** - Eat my Lunch has been rebranded and is now LUNCHY. They are providing our students with a new and improved menu that repeats every 10 days. The students will be receiving a hot lunch every 2 days which is great, as these are always popular. The new menu can be found here [www.lunchy.co.nz/menu](http://www.lunchy.co.nz/menu). We are also trialling having our lunch eating time during break 1 - we hope the students will be hungry after a 2 hour learning block plus it will provide them with enough energy to get them through the rest of the day. The students can eat their snack food during break 2 or even have another lunch if there are any spares available.



**Cornwallis Beach Trip** - On Friday 10th March the whole school is going to Cornwallis Beach for a day of fun and adventure. We encourage all of our families to join us. Pack a lunch and bring along your picnic blanket and join in the fun! Look out for more information in the notice coming home next week.

### Coming Events:

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Family Fun Night
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	School Cross Country
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Interschool Cricket
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Cornwallis Beach Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Interschool Cross Country
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day – no school
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 2 Begins

**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.**

**Internet Banking** – We are happy to receive school payments by Internet Banking. Please remember to use your child's first and last name as your reference. Account Number is ASB 123051 0387085 00. Feel free to email us that you have paid