



Kelvin Road School Newsletter

“Be the best you can be...
Kia toa, Kia Manawanui

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Term 1 Week 8

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Welcome, Haere Mai, Nau Mai, Malo e me’a mai, Afio mai to all our new families who have joined us this term. We hope you all enjoy learning and growing at Kelvin Road School.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Upcoming Important Dates

27 March
Interschool
Swimming Y5/6

29 March
School Assembly -
1:55 pm

9th April
Duffy Role model
assembly
BoT meeting -
3.45pm in the
Board Room

12 April
School Assembly -
1:55 pm
Last Day of Term

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast
Club is open for
children every
morning in the
school hall from
8.00 - 8.30 am.

**All Kelvin Road
School Students
are welcome**



Meet the Teacher Evening

A huge thank you to all of the parents/whanau who attended the Meet the Teacher Evening. We loved meeting with you or reconnecting our relationship with you again. This was a wonderful opportunity to talk with you about your child/tamariki and their learning and development at Kelvin Road School.

A big thank you to all parents who filled out and returned our Meet the Teacher Survey we had a wonderful **70%** response. It was pleasing to see that parents/whanau voted and prioritised the **2019 Learning Goals** for the **2019 Charter** as follows;

1. To have good relationships with the child’s teacher **100%**
2. i = To improve through professional development teachers knowledge and skills in writing and mathematics **99%**
ii = To deliver a balanced and relatable curriculum to your child **99%**
iii = To improve the use of digital learning tools **99%**
3. Improve through professional knowledge and understanding of the cultural Background and significance of your child **97%**

We asked you which format of Meet the Teacher you preferred. 2019 – in the hall with time to meet the teacher or 2018 – children performing and informal gathering. The preference was for the 2019 format rather than 2018. With 34 votes for 2018 and 116 for 2019.

Goals/hopes parents have for their children	How I help my child at home with their learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make friends • Build confidence • improve/continue to improve in learning • Do their best • Have a better understanding of literacy and numeracy • Enjoy school, have fun, be happy • Participate/contribute • To be a good person • To learn to lead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping with homework • Sitting together to help solve maths problems • Teaching Te Reo at home • “Every day is a teaching day, every second, every minute, every hour” • Reading to my child • Reading together • Talking about their day at school • Spending time together one-on-one

The survey was a great way to update parent details such as phone and email contacts. **Therefore this week’s newsletter will be sent to all emails on file.**

The benefits would be...

- It would save administration costs which could instead be spent on your child’s education and school resources
- It would save you having to ask your child for a newsletter
- You would be able to refer to previous emails with ease
- Your newsletter could be in colour which makes photos much clearer to view
- You could save some trees, because we all love our planet
- **If you would prefer to still receive a paper copy please let us know.**

They are us

We would like to acknowledge our sadness as a school community of the attack on the muslim community in Christchurch. If good can be recognised from this 'our darkest days' it must be that we as a society grow in compassion, tolerance and kindness for these are the values that we want our children to flourish in.

NZEI postpones paid union meetings

In the wake of the appalling events in Christchurch on Friday 15th March, the National Executive of NZEI Te Riu Roa has made the decision to postpone the paid union meetings for teachers and principals that were scheduled for this week 18-22 March. We will advise if these are to go ahead at a later date.

Year 5 / 6 Summer Sports Day

On Tuesday 12th March Ms Harpur, Whaea Collette and our SWiS Worker William, took two teams of very able athletes to Bruce Pulman Park to take part in the annual Papakura Summer Sports Day. Both teams took part in the Touch Rugby Competition competing in different pools. Team 1 competed with aplomb and walked away with 4 wins out of 4 games. Team 2 also competed with skill and confidence, coming away with 1 win, 2 draws, and a loss. Both teams played their little hearts out and were a huge credit to Kelvin Road School, demonstrating their high levels of competency, determination and exemplary sportsmanship.

Papakura Community of Learning (COL) – Kāhui Ako

Kelvin Road School has joined the Papakura Community of Learning (COL) with our local schools of; Papakura High School, Papakura Intermediate, Edmund Hillary Primary School, Red Hill Primary School, Kereru Park Campus and seven local Early Childhood Centres within the Papakura area.

The premise of the Papakura COL is for our school and centre leaders/teachers and communities to work collaboratively to support our children/ tamariki from pre-school to school leaver to achieve their potential.

Together, we will develop an educational learning pathway that will identify and be tailored to meet the unique educational achievement challenges for our learners.

For further information regarding Community of Learning go to the Ministry site of

<https://www.education.govt.nz/communities-of-learning/>

“Kia ora, I would just like to pass on my thanks to your Year 7 and 8 students for welcoming me into their classroom the other day when I presented information about our road safety Travelwise Programme. It was a pleasure to see such kind, respectful listeners and contributors. I was blown away by their impromptu haka at the conclusion of our hui and left feeling warm hearted and humbled. So, a big ‘ka rawe’ to your students, to their teachers, whanau and community for growing a great bunch of potential leaders ... I look forward to working alongside them on their Travelwise journey towards improving road safety at Kelvin Road School.” Ngā mihi, Marianne, Community Transport Co-ordinator Walking, Cycling and Safety

Solutions for absence or late issues (School starts at 8.30am)

To help support parents/caregivers with getting their children to school on a regular basis we have listed below some common problems with solutions. We will send our letters to help encourage whanau to ensure children get to school on time

PROBLEMS	SOLUTIONS
Uniform dirty/wet	Send child to school in mufti and we can provide a uniform for the day which they return before they go home.
No lunch	School can provide lunches as a stop gap measure, ie sandwiches, muesli bars, fruit. If this is an ongoing problem we can also provide help through our Social Worker in School.
No breakfast	We are lucky enough to have volunteers who run a breakfast club 5 days a week from 8:00 am - 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome to come along for some weetbix.
Raining	The school provides raincoats through Kidscan to help children dry on the way to school Another way to help is to put your child's uniform in a plastic bag in their school bag and when they get to school they can get dry and changed back into their uniform.
No one home in time to pick up child from school	SKIDS provides an after school care programme. They also offer WINZ subsidies. Their contact details are 09-265-2422 or 021-300-146