



Poipoia te kākano kia puawai – *Nurture the seed and it will thrive*

**NEWSLETTER SEVEN, TERM FOUR**

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**KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, MĀLŌ E LELEI, AND WELCOME**

**WHATS COMING UP IN TERM/WĀHANGA 4**

**REMEMBER SCHOOL CLOSSES TOMORROW AT 12.00PM NOON**

Week 10

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term. Assembly at 11.00am. School finishes at noon. **No KCC.**

2026

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Start of Term 1. We will have a mihi whakatau at 9.00am to welcome new staff, tamariki and whānau.
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – **WAITANGI DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**

### **END OF YEAR MESSAGE**

The end of the year provides us with time to look back on the year that has been. There have been many highlights this year and we are proud of the way our tamariki have approached new learning, friendships and challenges in a positive and enthusiastic way.

At Koraunui School we aim to provide tamariki with many rich learning opportunities and we thank our school community for the support that has been provided as we work together for the benefit of the tamariki. We are all looking forward to a break over the summer where we can recharge and spend some time with our families before we launch into the new year in 2026. We wish everyone a happy and safe summer break.



## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We were delighted to be able to give our Year 6 tamariki a fun and fitting send off yesterday to celebrate the end of their time at Koraunui School. Thank you to the whanau who came along to join in this celebration with us. We are very proud of the way our Year 6 students have stepped up this year and worked to model the KORAU values for others around the school.

Congratulations to all those who received special awards.



### **Award Winners for 2025**

**Visual Art Trophy** – Eliana & Aubree

**Young Writer of the Year** – Bodhi

**Rachel Juno Cup** – Rogan

**Duffy Mainfreight Award** - Tainui

**Kapahaka Leadership** – Tipene

**Te reo Māori me ona Tikanga Award** - Tipene

**Pasifika Leadership** – Eliana & Bodhi

**Patroller of the Year** – Aubree, Stevie, Jordan, Belle & Ayanna

**Oratory Award** – Tipene

**Overall Academic Excellence** – Bodhi, Maui, Eliana

**KORAU Trophy** – Eliana & Bodhi

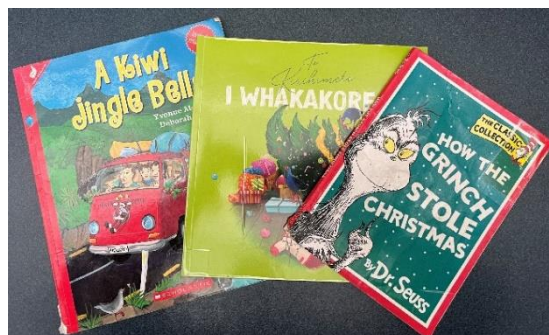
## START OF 2026 DATE

Our start date for 2026 is Wednesday 4 February. Staff only days will be held on Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 February.

**facebook** We will be taking a break from social media over the Christmas break and so will be putting a pause on our school Facebook page from Monday 22 December through until Friday 10 January before the holiday programme begins again.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

**Our school library is now closed.** If your tamariki have any school library books at home, please bring these to school tomorrow so we can put them back in the library for the holiday break. Please check around the house, under beds, in wardrobes, in bags, wherever you can think a book might be hiding.



## END OF YEAR REPORTS AND NEXT YEARS CLASS

End of year reports were sent home yesterday, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you did not receive a report for your tamariki, please check their bags. If they don't have one, please contact the school. Next year's classes were also included with the report on the envelope. If your tamariki are not at school this week, reports will be held at school.



**50 cent STALLS** will return next year when our Year 6 tamariki will have an opportunity to earn money for their end of year camp.

## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Below are the attendance rates for 2025 up to today, against the Ministry of Education headings and expectations.

**While there was a lot of illness in Term 3, we need to improve attendance for tamariki in 2026. Non-attendance leads to tamariki falling behind with their learning, struggling with friendships, can lead to difficulties with social and emotional skills as well as finding their place at school. Tamariki need all of the above to achieve their potential at school and in life.**

Ministry Headings	Attendance at school	Percentage students attend school
Regularly attending	90%+	<b>43% of students</b> attended school 9/10 days a fortnight
Irregular absence	80-89%	<b>32% of students</b> attended school 8/10 days a fortnight
Moderately absent	70-79%	<b>10% of students</b> attended school 7/10 days a fortnight
Chronically absent	less than 70%	<b>16% of students</b> attended school less than 7/10 days a fortnight

## OVERDUE INVOICES

Thank you to those families that have paid or are continuing to pay their invoices. Invoices for the end of the year were emailed and in some cases sent home yesterday. **Outstanding fees need to be paid ASAP, especially sports.** If you have any questions or would like to discuss invoices and payments please contact the office.

## STATIONERY



Next year we will be allocating some of the Ministry of Education donation scheme funding to school stationery. This will pay for stationery for the children throughout the school year. **There will be no cost to parents/whanau for stationery in 2026.**

Again, all we will be asking is that parents/caregivers/whānau make a \$5 per child contribution that will be used for classroom tissues and paper resources.

## STOKES VALLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Tamariki had a fantastic time at the Stokes Valley Christmas Parade again this year and we were proud of the way our float turned out. It was a wonderful day again and a highlight for the Stokes Valley community. We would like to say a massive thank you to Barbara Hay and everyone who helped design and create our float, and the Juno's for again providing the truck. Thank you to the tamariki for representing our school so well while on the float. We will have to put our thinking caps on for a design for next year's float now.



## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROLS

A huge ngā mihi to our wonderful whānau for coming out in such great numbers to support the students at our School Christmas Party. There was a fantastic buzz in the air, and it meant the world to the students to look out and see so many friendly faces in the crowd. The children put in a lot of hard mahi over the last few weeks rehearsing their Christmas items, and they absolutely loved the chance to sing and perform for you. Thank you for bringing your energy and making it such a special celebration to end our year 🎄



## KORAUNUI SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any 5-year-old children or older who are starting school next year? We are enrolling tamariki for both bi-lingual classes in Te Puāwaitanga o te Kācano and our mainstream classes.

Enrolment forms are available at the office or on our website under “About us”. If you require further information, please contact the office on 939 9707 or message us on our school website or Facebook page, email [office@koraunui.school.nz](mailto:office@koraunui.school.nz). We are happy to talk with parents about our Kura and show them round so they can get a feel for how wonderful our Kura is.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Thank you to those that have already updated their contact details. It is important that we have accurate and up-to-date contacts for safety and emergencies. If any details have changed for you, please contact the office and let them know.

## **BANK ACCOUNTS**

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for items, events, or sports fees during the year. If you would like to do this, please come and talk to Maree and she will show you how it works.

Some families have set up a regular bank credit to do the same thing. If you wish to do this, the lovely office ladies will help with this. Our account is Koraunui School Board of Trustees  
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Ngā mihi,

Dave Lamont  
Principal