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On behalf of the Koromatua School Board of Trustees we would like to wish all of our Koromatua whanau and community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2021.

#### Farewell to members of our staff

It is with great appreciation that we farewell our beloved principal, Nigel Farthing. Nigel first came to Koromatua School in 1988 during his second year of Teacher's College practice. Two years later in 1990 he secured a full time teaching position. Over a five year stint he taught various classes ranging from year 4 to year 8. He then moved to Melville Intermediate School for 5 years working mostly with computer and science classes. From there he moved to Aberdeen School as the Deputy Principal and finally came to Koromatua as Principal at the start of 2004. Nigel's attention to detail, knowledge of the school, charisma and positive attitude will be sorely missed.

Also leaving Koromatua School at the end of the school year is: Tracey Lancaster - Yr5/6 teacher Krystal Harris - Yr1 teacher Garry Smith - Caretaker

### **New appointments**

We are pleased to have secured our current Deputy Principal, Rosina Nin to lead us into 2021 as principal of Koromatua School. We hope that you will all join with us in supporting Rosina in her new role. We trust her aroha, passion and leadership experience will carry on the exceptional standing of our kura.

We would also like to warmly welcome Anneli Duvenhage and Liz McCauley as junior school teachers and Colin Green as the new caretaker.

#### Cohort entry

After a thorough consultation process the Koromatua School Board of Trustees has adopted a cohort entry. This means all new entrant students can begin school at one of two entry points per term. This system will start Term 2 of 2021.

## **Property projects**

The new junior playground has been completed and will be open for our tamariki to enjoy in the new year.

Over the summer the admin block will be spruced up with a new paint job and gutter upgrade. Also during the summer break we will say goodbye to the large tree at the entry to the school which will be felled due to cracking in the trunk.

# **Swimming at the Koromatua School pool**

Starting Tuesday 15 December the Koromatua School pool will be open to the public for swimming. Pool hours will be Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm.

The pool is also available to hire for private bookings at a cost of \$50 for 4 hours. Please contact <a href="mailto:nakitaa@koromatua.school.nz">nakitaa@koromatua.school.nz</a> for more information.

Payment of a gold coin per person will be required to swim in the pool. Children under the age of 8 years old must be actively supervised by someone who is at least 16 years old.

All funds raised from the swimming sessions will go to the Koromatua School PTA.

For all pool updates follow the Koromatua School Swimming Pool Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Koromatua-School-Swimming-Pool-108362214401458

Regards, Stuart Cassidy Board Chair - Koromatua School