

news

**Kahurangi
SCHOOL**

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi

Tena koutou katoa.

Once again we've had a great start to our school year and it is a pleasure to welcome your children back as I observe their happiness and enthusiasm for their school.

Welcome to everyone who will be a part of our school community this year. A special welcome to new children and their families joining Kahurangi for the first time, and also to Katie Morrow, Meagan Mathers and Alison Roper-Caldbeck who join our teaching staff.

We have started the year with 190 pupils and have 8 classes operating. We will open a new class next term as we anticipate the roll will grow to about 230 pupils over the year as new 5 year olds start school.

On the topic of a growing roll we heard late last year we are getting another classroom - wahoo!!! We know that one is not enough but it's a start.

It was exciting to hear that two of our past students were awarded the role of Head Girl at their colleges for 2018; Lemau Atonio (left) was awarded this role at Wellington East Girls' College and Kaira Scheck (right) at St Catherine's College. When at Kahurangi both

girls stood out for being active and enthusiastic about all aspects of school life so it is especially pleasing to know that they continued in this manner and stand out at their colleges too. It's a wonderful accolade for Lemau and Kaira, their parents and whānau as well as Kahurangi School. We look



forward to inviting the girls back, having them share about their journey and being able to tell them personally just how proud we are of them.

So what are we about at Kahurangi School in 2018?

We aim to provide a secure, caring and challenging environment in which every pupil will be encouraged to realise their individual potential and "be the best that we can be". The school will celebrate diversity, individual differences and promote excellence for all children. Our staff promote high expectations, challenging academic standards and deliver quality teaching and learning programmes. As a school we want to promote a happy environment where our principles - learning, pride, culture and community reflect responsibility, respect, passion and commitment. The children will experience the basics as well as a wide range of extracurricula and sporting opportunities rich in challenge, and fun and varied learning activities.

Kia koutou katoa e mahi nei te whakanui i te mana o te kura Kahurangi.

Kyran Smith - Tumauki/Principal

See you at



noticeboard



Tue 6 Feb

Waitangi Day & Kotahi

No school but we hope you can come to Kotahi.

Fri 9 Feb

School Assembly

2:05pm in Broadway

Wed 14 Feb

**Conversations with your
child's teacher**

An 'early' version of parent interviews.



I'd like to express a very special welcome to our twelve new pupils.

Niko and **Maxwell** are new five year olds and both of them and their families are new to Kahurangi.

Eden is an older five year old and has recently moved into the area. Eden joins her cousins here.

Timothy is our new entrant class too and is Ian's younger brother. Timothy started at the very end of 2017 so we didn't get the chance to announce his start.

Arlo and **Connor** are brothers and they've moved from Nelson.

Zach and **Alex** are also brothers, Zach is a new five year old and Alex joins our senior area Waka Pūhara.

Hugo, **Hariata**, **Alex** and **Rahma** have lived in our area for a while and their parents have decided that Kahurangi School would be the right school for them.

Visilia has returned. A special welcome back to you too.

Children we really really hope you enjoy learning with us. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your whānau.

Leadership team



Kyran Smith
Principal



Ruth Cooper
Assistant Principal &
7 & 8 Teacher



Judy Bragan
Assistant Principal &
Year 1 teacher

Support Staff



Margaret Hudson
Office Manager



Samantha Renner
Teacher Aide



Angela Keane
Teacher Aide



Alana Broughton
Te Reo Māori Kaiako



Henare Parata
Kapa Haka Kaiako



Fono Ioapo
Grounds Person



Judy Dunce
Social Worker

Teachers



Ruth Cooper
Year 7 & 8



Claire Brown
Year 6 & 7



Meta Beyers
Year 4 & 5



Meagan Mathers
Year 4 & 5



Katie Morrow
Year 2 & 3



Rachel Collins
Year 2 & 3



Daniel Bell
Year 1 & 2



Kathryn Jennings
Year 0 & 1



Judy Bragan
Year 1



Geraldine Price
Reading Recovery



Isabella Ioapo
Teacher Release



Alison Roper-Caldbeck
Teacher Release

'Meet with the teacher' Interviews

Wednesday 14 February (in two weeks) is a chance for you to meet your child's teacher. We'd like you to do most of the talking as we want the teacher to learn more about your child. We really want to hear from you as you know them best!

Having these conversations early in the year will mean the teachers can make good use of the information you give them to support your child in their learning.

In preparation for these you might consider any special information you want to pass on and what you think would help to support your child's learning. You might share your child's passions and interests and things that get your child going. It's also an opportunity for you to share any worries you might have.

There is also the opportunity to book an appointment with me (Kyrán) if you have anything at all you'd like to discuss.

School will finish early at 2:00pm that day. We will remain open and look after any child that can't be picked up until 3pm.

You can book your interview time by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter school code nhx88.

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KOTAHĪ

WAITANGI DAY • 2PM – 7:30PM • KONA APPRECIATED



6TH FEB
2018

TRINITY ROOTS • DISASTERADIO • A GIRL
NAMED MO • FLOWZ • THE DREAM TEAM FT
J10 & TREK ONE • THE TYSON SMITH GROUP

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Our children are performing at Kotahi this Tuesday on Waitangi Day

Yes it's this Tuesday at our school! We aspire to become a focal point for our community. This concert is a way of supporting this to happen and at the same time bring our wider community together.

Kahurangi Friends are responsible for making this happen and we appreciate their hard work.

Our Kapa Haka group (which is every student in our school) is opening this concert. We're hoping for as many of our students to attend as possible. Our students are talented and it would be nice to share this talent with our wider community. After the performance all the children will be free to enjoy the event with their whānau (family).

Important Information

Time to arrive: 2:30pm so children can change into their Kapa Haka uniforms

Where to go: All students will be dressed in Waka Pūhara (the senior area of the school)

What to wear: Boys need to wear shorts - black is best

Girls don't need to wear anything special as they wear a dress. Some girls feel more comfortable if they wear tight bike shorts and a strapless tube top under their dress.

Who: Every student in our school. Our new students can choose if they would like to join in as they haven't had much time to learn the items.

We'd like all our families to be involved in the event but realise you might already have special things planned for this public holiday. Those of you who can make it, we are sure you'll have a great time! Invite as many people as you can.

Festival Information

2pm Gates Open
3pm Kahurangi School Kapa Haka
3.10pm A Girl Named Mo
4.10pm Tyson Smith group
5.10pm Flowz and The Dream Team
6.10pm Disasteradio
7.10pm Trinity Roots

Activities

Little Driver NZ Cars - \$5
Capital E Bloom - Free
Mini Golf with Raymond Tuffin - Free
Hill slides - Free



Can you help?

Volunteers needed for Kotahi



Kotahi is a great opportunity to meet other parents and to contribute to our school. Kahurangi friends always need more help.

Can you help? Please return this form to the office tomorrow or email kahurangifriends@gmail.com.

- 3-4pm
- 4-5pm
- 5-6pm
- 6-7pm

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sun hats

A reminder that the children must bring a sun hat to school every day in Term 1. Our sun is harsh and this provides some protection. Children who don't have a hat at school must eat and play under our canopy during break times.

Road patrol

We are needing 10 parents or adult family members to monitor our road patrol, before school (8:30-8:45am) and after school (2:55-3:10pm). Please please consider helping for just one slot a week by emailing myself (principal@kahurangi.school.nz) or letting any staff member know when you are next at school.

Pupil stationery

The children will be issued with their stationery this week. Some children like to bring a pencil case with their own special pens and felts. They are more than welcome to do so! If they do, teachers would encourage you to name them as they can easily be lost.



While the children were still on holidays we had a couple of Staff Only Days. Our first day was focussed on understanding the future direction of our school as well as coming together as a team. Electric biking around the peninsula was one of the ways we got to know each other better. We had bike sprints, slow pedalling, laughing and even falling but I'm reminded of the saying 'What happens on tour stays on tour!'

In future newsletters

At the beginning of the year there is always so much information to pass on to you so we're doing it in stages. Anything you think we've missed is likely to appear in future newsletters. During 2018 you will receive regular newsletters outlining the happenings in the school, listing the important events that are coming up and celebrating the successes of the children. Newsletters are sent home with the children but also emailed to parents who have supplied us with their email. Newsletters usually come home fortnightly on a Friday.

