

news

Kahurangi
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM OUR KAHURANGI TEAM

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi. Tēnā tātou katoa.

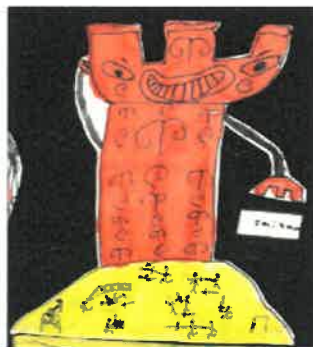
Learning is well under way with our tamariki (children)! After just three weeks of school the children and teachers are very busy doing all kinds of learning across a range of curriculum areas.

This term the learning topic across the school for our children is *Te Ao Māori o Neherā* which involves them learning (or adding to the knowledge they have already) about Māori beginnings in the world and in Aotearoa (New Zealand).

By the end of the term in varying degrees your child should be able to;

- retell the main ideas of the Māori creation story.
- name the seven main Māori Gods and their aspects of the universe (e.g. Tangaroa is god of the seas and all fish).
- discuss the migration journeys that Māori ancestors took.

When you are next at school have a look at our walls to see evidence of this learning or ask your child to tell you what they're learning about.



noticeboard



Fri 23 Feb

School Assembly
2.10pm. Parents and whānau are welcome to join us.

Wed 28 Feb

Eastern Zone School Cricket Tournament
Keen Y4-5 students.

Fri 2 March

Pōwhiri to welcome new students and families
10am. Parents and whānau are welcome to join us. See page 2 for more details.



Welcome to Kahurangi

It's been nice getting to know all the 7 new children who have started at Kahurangi in the last couple of weeks.

Joe Joe has moved here from the United Kingdom with his Mum and Dad. Joe Joe joins Waka Pūhara Rua.

Alex and **Sophia** are brother and sister. They joined us from another nearby school. Alex learns with Waka Pūhara Tahi and Sophia with Waka Rimu Rua.

We were delighted to welcome **Anera** back. She was pleased to rejoin some of her old friends in Waka Rimu Wha.

Waka Pūhara Tahi gained another year 4 boy with **Isaiah** starting. Isaiah moved just a short way from Karori.

Yolanda turned 5 so started in our new entrant class. Brooklyn and Jaivan are glad to have their younger sister learning with us.

Samaria-Mei is another new 5 year old. Samaria-Mei and her whānau are new to our kura.

A very special welcome to you all! We really mean it when we say we hope you enjoy learning at Kahurangi School and feel at home quickly.

**DO YOU
KNOW?**

**Every Wednesday is
'Wheels Day'**

Children are allowed to bring their wheels on a Wednesday and ride them during morning tea and lunch time. If your child brings a bike they may only ride it if they have their helmet.



Education outside the classroom Pedal Ready

Over the last few weeks our years 6, 7 and 8 children participated in the cycle skills Pedal Ready training programme. It was fantastic to see our students growing in their biking confidence and we hope this turns into parents feeling more comfortable having their child bike to and from school and around the neighbourhood.



Part of the programme took our students out on to the roads so they had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in a variety of traffic and non-traffic environments.



We appreciate the 'Pedal Ready' organiser Matt Shipman, his team of volunteers, Judy Bragan (our school organiser) and the children who allowed their bikes to be used by other children. Without this support the programme couldn't have happened.

Parents and whānau please join us in formally welcoming our new teachers, students and their whānau to our school.




**Pōwhiri
Friday 2 March - 10am**

This formal ceremony will be lead by our senior students with our whole school participating. If you are already part of our whānau, you are male and plan on coming, and would like to speak on behalf of us as Tangata Whenua we would welcome you to do so. Please let Kyran know.

This is a new celebration for us and we are aiming for it to become a regular event.

Our Kahurangi 2017 Achievement

'AT' OR 'ABOVE' NATIONAL STANDARDS

	MAORI	PASIFIKA	PAKEHA/ EUROPEAN	ALL	SHIFT IN ACHIEVEMENT SINCE 2014
READING 	66.1%	66.7%	83.7%	68.7%	 13.8%
	63.3%	76.5%	100%	73.1%	
	55%	48.5%	48.5%	54.9%	
	48.8%	66%	48.5%	54.9%	
MATH 	64.3%	68.9%	81%	69.2%	 22.7%
	59.8%	64.7%	84%	64.7%	
	37.5%	47.4%	48.5%	48%	
	38.5%	36.9%	48.5%	42%	
WRITING 	50%	64.5%	72.9%	58%	 33.7%
	51.9%	54.9%	88%	55.4%	
	37.5%	51%	48.5%	40.9%	
	23%	32.6%	48.5%	29.8%	

Twice a year we send home achievement information about how your child is doing. This is achievement information relates to every child at our school. We share this information with you so you can get a sense of how our school is doing as a whole. Further analysis goes into these achievement results by our teachers, the leadership team and Board. If you would like to know more please feel free to ask.

Our 2016 Achievement
Our 2015 Achievement
Our 2014 Achievement

Removal of National Standards

The Government has announced that National Standards are removed. It is believed that this change will better acknowledge the different ways and pace at which children learn, and support teachers to provide more learning opportunities based on what children already know and can do. There is a belief that this new focus will strengthen educational partnerships between you and our school.

As a school we are not yet sure exactly how we will be reporting to you but we are sure that we will still be reporting twice a year on your child's progress and achievement, especially in the foundational learning areas of maths, reading, and writing.

As we make decisions we will inform you in our newsletters.

Seeking Sponsorship for our after-school sports teams

Over the last few years the number of sports teams we have playing for our school has increased hugely. One of the reasons we think this is the case along with our children loving sport is because it's free for every child to participate.



To be able to continue to enter so many teams we are seeking sponsorship for individual teams. If you know of any person or business who might be willing to sponsor a school team we would appreciate you putting them in contact with me (Kyran). It generally costs \$200-\$300 per team we enter.

Reading volunteers please!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our volunteer reading programme which starts up next week. In this programme volunteers do one-on-one reading with our children who need extra help.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to help for an hour on any school morning please let Olga know on 3882111 or 021 1461945. Olga is a parent at the school, and is the Volunteer Reading Programme Co-ordinator.

Olga will be able to give you more information about how volunteer reading works, as well as answer any questions you may have.

You don't need to be an expert reader or teaching expert to help. Nor do we worry if you can't come every week. What we really want are volunteers who enjoy or might enjoy reading with children.

Current volunteers include parents, grandparents and people from our

volunteer
do good, feel good

amazing community. All volunteers who are not parents are police vetted.

You can join the team of volunteers any time.

Playing sport for our school



Our After School Sports Co-ordinator is Daniel Bell. *Thanks Daniel for taking on this role!*

Last week he sent a note home asking for expressions of interest in playing floorball for the school. He got an impressive amount of interest from our children which meant that we'll have a total of **7** teams playing for our school!

It was exciting to open up our after school sports to our year 1 and 2 children too.

We are grateful to the parents and teachers who volunteered to manage our teams. Without their support we wouldn't have been able to enter all the teams.

The children's learning topics this term...

Year 1-3 - Waka Rimu Learners

SOCIAL SCIENCE & VISUAL ARTS

Te Ao Māori o Neherā
Māori creation

MATHEMATICS

Addition and Subtraction

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Small Ball Skills

WRITING

Recounting experiences

READING

Using decoding strategies



Year 4-8 - Waka Pūhara Learners

MATHEMATICS

Addition, Subtraction & Place-value
Number Strategies and Number knowledge

SOCIAL SCIENCE & VISUAL ARTS

Te Ao Māori o Neherā - Māori creation

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Huff 'n' Puff - Getting your heart pumping

READING

Reading Comprehension -
Understanding what is read

WRITING

Narrative Writing -
Writing that tells a story





Kahurangi Friends once again you did an amazing job of organising a widely talked about event. You and all your supporters are a talented bunch!

Sharing who they are and what they like and don't like



The artworks are by the children who learn with Katie in Waka Rimu Wha and they're a must see! You'll find all of them at the end of the learning street in Waka Rimu.



Lost and found



Eden's **lost** her scooter. It looks similar to the one in the picture.



Have you **lost** this bone carving pendant?



A black Vodafone cellphone was **found** at our school. It belongs to someone who speaks/texts in another language.

Road Patrol We haven't had much success in gaining adult supervisors. Please consider helping as it only takes about 15 minutes. Let Kyran know if you can help.

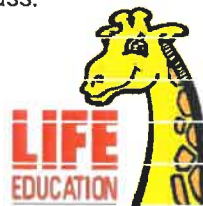


What's coming up

Thursday 22 February

Vision and Hearing testing for New Entrants and Vision for Year 7s.

Life Education Trust & Harold arrive at Kahurangi. All classes will participate in a specially selected programme for their class.



Wednesday 26 February

Arise Breakfast club starts back up.
8-8:45am in Broadway.

Friday 23 February

School Assembly - hosted by the children who learn with Daniel. Join us if you can.

Tuesday 27 February

A waka adventure trip. Information will come home about this trip.

Wednesday 28 February

Eastern Zone Cricket Tournament. A note will be sent home with children who are keen to participate.

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That's it! A lot to read in this newsletter.
Ka kite Kahurangi Whānau.

Kyran Smith Principal

FORWARD GEAR 2018

Would your family like to be part of the Forward Gear clothing programme?
 What is it? Your child/children will be matched with a clothing donor (a family with clothes to spare) and that donor will provide your child with quality clothing (and sometimes shoes) throughout the year. The donor will have kids that are the same sex and a similar size to your child.
 How does it work? When a donation is made, your child will be told at school that there is a package to collect at the end of the day. The clothes will be in a strong, easy to carry, paper bag.
 How do I join? If your child would like to be a Forward Gear kid please fill in this form and hand it back to the school office. We will tell the office (who will tell you) when we have a clothing donor for your child.
 Please return ASAP.
 *Sizing: Please identify the clothing age your child wears (e.g. he wears clothing to fit a 12 year old) or if he or she wears adult clothing please put XS/S/M/L/XL

FAMILY NAME.....

FIRST CHILD

Child's first name	Date of Birth	Boy or Girl	Current Age	Current Age/size of clothes worn	Current Shoe Size	Parent's Names

SECOND CHILD

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THIRD CHILD

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FOURTH CHILD

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MORE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE