

news

Kahurangi
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi

Our school sure is an active environment!



Amongst our usual learning we have had children snorkeling, classes visit Te Papa, a role model visit, children playing after school sports and a puppet theatre company visit. All this supports our curriculum to come alive. These various learning experiences and opportunities make learning more relevant, reinforcing classroom learning, gaining hands on experiences, and stimulating new and higher learning.

One of the main purposes of this newsletter is to share these opportunities with you in the hope it will trigger conversations with your children about their learning, and foster connection between school and home.

A Kahurangi Friends EVENT



Peninsula Pictures 

Outdoor Movie
Sat 7 April
gates open
5pm
koha entry
(Rain day 8 April)

Short films start at 6pm

Willy Wonka starts at 6.20pm

Event ends at 7:50pm

Buy dinner from the stalls and food trucks, hangi or bring a picnic!

There'll be our famous candyfloss, popcorn, apple juice and cakes to buy from the stalls. Or grab something from your favourite food truck: Roxy, Blue Sky Munchies, Lucia's Trading Post and Hell Pizza

EFTPOS available

And don't forget to bring a rug and warm clothes!



noticeboard



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Literacy Quiz

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Thur 12 April

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Fri 13 April

Last day of Term 1

School finishes at 3pm as usual.

HELLO

Welcome **Baker, Adrian, Hunter** and **Paul** who are all new to our community. A special welcome to your parents and siblings too. We hope you all enjoy Kahurangi School and feel 'at home' quickly.

to six new pupils who have started in the last few weeks.

Isaac is Emma's brother. Isaac it's lovely to have you join us.

Jo Rami is Sam's sister and is settling into school life fast.

A message from the Board of Trustees

Talofa lava Kahurangi Whānau

It is hard to believe term 1 has nearly come to an end. Kyran says it has been a successful start to the year for our learners – tino pai tamariki! The Board is really excited about 2018 and wanted to share what has been going on with you.



First, and the most exciting news is that we are getting TWO new classrooms! The classrooms are coming from Newtown School (who have had their own re-build), and at this stage look to be arriving at the school in mid-June this year. Preparation work will obviously start well before then. It is anticipated that the classrooms will be put behind Broadway so we can protect our field space. However the final say on their placement will be with the Ministry of Education. We hope to have our older children in the new classes by term 4. It means that we can have Broadway back as a hall which is great news! We will keep you updated as this project progresses, and will share its development with you through the newsletter.

We also have a Charter with new strategic goals which incorporates and reflects the voice of our whole Kahurangi community. The strategic goals were developed from the responses and views you generously gave us in the survey last year, and from aspirational conversations we have had with whānau groups (Māori and Pasifika), and teachers.

We want to share our strategic goals for 2018-2020 with you:

- We ensure success and equity for all our learners
- Our curriculum is relevant and prepares learners with the knowledge, skills experiences and competencies required of them to be successful in the world
- We have deep engagement with our parents, whānau and community which extends outcomes for our tamariki
- Our team is highly effective and enacts our vision, values and principles
- Our environment caters for all our learners allowing them to thrive

Behind each of these goals are specific things in our Charter that we are going to do to achieve them. Our Charter will be on the website and we encourage you to read it (and hold us as a Board to account on it). If you would like a hard copy to read please let Margaret at the office know and she will print one off for you.

Finally, in the Board's address at the final assembly we told you how we had approval for the pool to be demolished. Unfortunately, we no longer have that approval and there is no available money for its demolition. The "pool" will therefore remain on our site for a little longer. We will keep reviewing the situation and will continue discussing the matter with the Ministry when we get the opportunity.

Enjoy the final week of term one before the children have a well-earned break from school. Hopefully this lovely weather extends for a few more weeks and that you all get an opportunity to enjoy it.

Stay safe and have fun this weekend!

Nga manaakitanga

Cathryn Curran-Tietjens

On behalf of your Board of Trustees

Changes to Student Reports



All of our students will now receive reports at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. As usual the reports will be posted home.

Along with the removal of National Standards information we are in the process of making some other improvements to our reports in support of parents finding them useful and informative.

Worrying attendance and lateness of some of our learners

I'm sure you know when a child attends school on a regular basis, they take an important step towards reaching their full potential, and are given the greatest opportunity to learn new things and develop their skills. Also, the more time a child spends around other children, the more chance they have of making friends and feeling included, boosting social skills, confidence and self-esteem.

Non-attendance at school has been identified as a major barrier to learning and a significant indication of at-risk students. Over the next month I will be contacting parents of students with worrying attendance to directly indicate our concern, along with exploring possible supports.

If you already know your child/ren have worrying attendance you are welcome to contact me (Kyran) before I make contact with you.

Linking our Social Science Topic Te Ao Māori o Neherā with Writing

The Last Feather by Daniel

There were kiwis, they all could fly. But there was one kiwi called Riki, he couldn't fly like the other kiwis and join the fun. Riki's mum was so worried for him. So Riki's mum took Riki to the master of flying. While they were walking to the master Riki was shaking the whole way. Then when they got there, they saw lots and lots of kiwis flying.

Riki wanted to be like them. So he went to the master by himself. He saw an old man with a long beard. The old man said 'Let's have some tea'. Riki replied 'I don't want to have tea with a lame old man'. The old man's face went all red so he blew the wind from his mouth and Riki looked at him with a big smile and said 'the master.'

So they had tea together. After they had tea Riki could fly really well. Then the master told Riki to imitate him. When they trained more and more he got weaker and weaker. Then he started to stop flying. He was scared then the master said 'Sorry but I think you can never fly again.'

Waka Rimu's visit to Te Papa



As part of our Topic Te Ao Māori o Nehera, all the classes in Waka Rimu travelled to Te Papa to attend a Māori arts workshop and explore other parts of the museum.



Role model Michel Mulipola visited for our Duffy Assembly



Michel is a Samoan comic book artist. He is currently working on the American graphic novel, 'Headlocked: The Last Territory'. He has also contributed work for the New Zealand School Journals, the Pasifika Heroes series of books, illustrated Marvel Comics trading cards and comic books for the WWE.

Floorball

This term for the first time Kahurangi School entered 7 teams into the Wellington Floorball league from every year group. It was a great opportunity for our tamariki to try a new sport, and wonderful to see so many of them have a go.



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You

It would not have been possible for us to enter this number of teams without our amazing parent support.

A huge thank you goes out to our managers: **Kelly, Kaylee, Jess, John, Jason, Julie, Martha, Isabella, Fran, Joe, Peter** and **Claire**. Thank you for your time and commitment.

There are final games on the 10th April for some teams:
 Kahurangi Sharks (yr 1/2) @ 3.30pm
 Kahurangi Flyers (yr 3) @ 4.00pm
 Kahurangi Flames (yr 4) @ 4.30pm
 Kahurangi Hurricanes (yr 5) @ 5.30pm
 Kahurangi Jets (yr 6) @ 6.00pm

**PLEASE
RETURN**

Please ensure that your child returns their green Kahurangi T-Shirt to Daniel by Thursday 12th April.

Children that return their T-Shirts before this date will be given two stickers for their sticker chart.



Congratulations to our 2018 House Captains

Congratulations to the eight children selected. To be chosen our students needed to have already demonstrated leadership skills and potential. Students who wanted one of these roles completed an application stating their skills, ways they've demonstrated leadership at Kahurangi School and what they would do to lead their house if successful. They were then shortlisted and finally decided upon by our staff. We are confident that these leaders will serve and lead well and make our school and their families proud of them.



Did you know...?

Sea Turtles by Mackenzie Cowan

Sea turtles are turtles that live in the sea. Sea turtles prefer swimming on the top of the water. Sea turtles have big shells on their backs to protect them from getting bitten on the back. They lay their eggs on the sand and then cover them in sand so they don't get eaten by seagulls. When they hatch the mother collects the babies and then waddles across the sand. The babies follow the mother in a straight line into the water.

Sea Turtles by Khaled Ghannam

This is a sea turtle. It has a big shell to hide from the sharks. It looks like a giraffe because of the pattern.



The Missing Fish by Jessica

There was this giant, dusty village. The woman stayed on land preparing for their meals while the men travelled on waka to go catch fish. The children ran, jumped and played until they were too tired to move.

Then men stopped in their usual fishing spot and started to fish. After they had waited for an hour they grew confused. They started questioning each other asking why there were no fish. The men told the chief the news and then they got sent home to help their wives.

"That's one of our only food sources!" screamed a mother. Lots of families were struck with the disaster. As the news spread, panic spread. Meanwhile the chief set off to find out why all the fish had gone missing. In the meantime the children were screaming their heads off demanding for food. Their parents gave them cabbage which they spat out. Then they got coconut milk fresh from a coconut. Still starving they fell fast asleep.

Out at sea the chief and his crew were inspecting a big fat taniwha who was zig zagging through the water. The chief shouted an order "Fish him up and then cut him open!" So they did. Afterwards they had 20 buckets full of fish. They took it back to the village. The village people were delighted to have their fish back. "Every family got one bucket of fish each." That will be the last time we have no fish! a man announced proudly. But what the village people didn't know was that there was another taniwha swimming in the ocean near the village. This taniwha was very hungry.



KAHURANGI CHESS CLUB

Chess Club will be running again in
Terms 2 and 3

Tuesdays 3-4pm
@ school
for Year 4-8 children

Leila Martley (Teārlach's Mum) is the
Coach and Coordinator

Places will be offered firstly to students returning
and then to newcomers.

Contact Leila with any questions or to express an interest
in your child joining.

021-463528
leila_martley@hotmail.com

You are **JOIN US** at our
welcome to **meetings**

Twice a term our Board of Trustees meet and anyone is welcome to attend these meetings to see what happens. The dates and times of these meetings are advertised on our website and in our newsletters.

We're also specifically looking for a Māori member of our community who would consider joining our Board. If you'd like to know more please approach Kyran or any of our trustees.



MISSING

If you've got any of
our school T-shirts
at home please
return them.

Thank you!

Lots of our
library books
and children's
readers aren't
getting
returned.

Please please send them
back to school. 😊



Life for Taniwha by Aye Nil Way

The birds were singing. The village was buzzy. Kiki asked her friend, "where is all the water gone? Where is the water, I need to cook for my family, I need to drink some water. The sadness become bigger and bigger but the village people couldn't do anything. They waited and waited for the water to come back.

In the awa the little taniwha was trying to swim. The mum blocked the water so that the baby didn't float away. The little taniwha tried and tried. At the village, the people said "we have to do something!" They went to the river. The village people were shocked at what they saw with their eyes. All the village people couldn't even talk.

So the village people went back to their home. They had a discussion. They went back to the waterfall and destroyed the Taniwha's mother. The water was all red. And the baby taniwha floated to the village and died trying to see his mother.

For your information



Next term we have a school fundraiser selling calico shopping bags. The bags will have our children's hand-drawn pictures of themselves on.

Term 3 Waka Pūhara children will be participating in the 'learn to swim' programme at the Aquatic Centre.

Term 4 Waka Rimu children will have swimming.



Five years ago our school featured in Capital magazine because we were doing things differently by operating as a free school.

This story was counted as one of their most memorable stories since they started the magazine so they revisited us recently for an update.

Check out the issue.

What's coming up

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I hope you all enjoy the break in routine over the school holidays.

Ngā mihi nui,
Kyran Smith Principal

Monday 30 April

First day of Term 2.

News from the Community



St John Strathmore Youth Division opening in May

Become part of NZ's leading youth organisation:

Interested in becoming a Youth leader? Attend our info night,
9 April
6.30-8.00pm

Interested in enrolling your child in the Youth programme (6-18 years old)? Attend a 'have a go night',
7, 14, 21 May
6.30-8.00pm

All sessions take place at Strathmore Park Community Centre (108 Strathmore Ave)

For more info contact Lance Lulin on 022 6202 440



Seatoun AFC School Holiday Football Programme

We are running our regular programme at Seatoun Park for kids aged 4-12 from 9am to noon on the following days of the upcoming school holidays:

WEEK 1: Monday, April 16 to Friday, April 20

WEEK 2: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, April 23, 24, 26 and 27 i.e. NOT on ANZAC Day.

For more information please check the Holiday Programme page on the club's website: www.seatounafc.org.nz.