

Kia ora e te whānau o Kahurangi,

As we reach the end of our first fortnight, I couldn't be happier with the wonderful start we've made to Term 3. Walking around our kura over the past two weeks, it's been lovely to see settled classrooms, engaged tamariki and teachers making the most of every learning opportunity.

One thing that has really stood out is the great support from our whānau. A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Learning Conferences and Whānau Maths Information Evening. Seeing so many of you taking the time to connect with your child's learning sends a powerful message to your tamariki about the importance of education.

Your support doesn't stop there. Every week we see whānau giving their time in so many ways. Whether it's running Breakfast Club, supervising swimming, coaching or organising sports teams, supporting Kahurangi Whānau initiatives, helping with Road Patrol, assisting with funding applications, or volunteering in other ways, you make a real difference.

If you have a skill, experience or a little time to offer that we've not yet tapped into, we'd love to hear from you. Together, we can continue creating even more opportunities for our tamariki that could enrich the experiences we provide for our tamariki. We'd love to hear from you.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyran Smith | Tumuaki

Maths doesn't only happen in the classroom



Making the most of the winter sunshine, Ana took her Year 1-2 tamariki outside for maths, using the parachute to practise counting and skip counting in 2s. Each time they reached the "magic number", they raced underneath the parachute.

Learning doesn't always happen sitting at table in the classroom. Our kaiako are always looking for creative ways to keep tamariki engaged, showing that maths can be active, fun and happen almost anywhere.



No flames needed! A little imagination turned sticks and stones into the perfect campfire for Willow, Nell, Zara and Addison.

noticeboard



Wed 12 August

**Eastern Zone Schools
Netball Tournament**
For keen senior students.

Fri 14 August

School Disco
See page 3 for all the
information!

Keep informed
See the full list of key dates
on the last page.

WELCOME to our newest learners!

We're happy to welcome siblings **Emmy**, **Ron** and **Felix** who have recently arrived from America with their Dad to join their mum, Kaitlyn, who arrived a little earlier to join our teaching team.

A warm welcome also to **Hauraki** and his whānau, who have recently moved to Miramar.

A special welcome to **Ivy**, who has just turned five and started school. Ivy joins her older brother Ryder, who already learns with us.

We're also excited to welcome **Wattie**, another of our newest five year olds. Wattie is following in the footsteps of his older sister, who is already part of our Kahurangi whānau.

And a big hello to **Tegan**, who has also just turned five and started school. Tegan and her whānau are new to Kahurangi, too.

Nau mai, haere mai to all of our newest tamariki. We hope you're settling in well and enjoying being part of our Kahurangi kura.

Staffing Updates

There have been a number of staffing changes at Kahurangi over the past five weeks. I thought we'd take this opportunity to keep you up to date.

Like many schools, we've continued to experience the ongoing national shortage of teachers. Despite advertising and exploring a range of recruitment options, we weren't able to appoint suitable teachers to every vacancy. As a result, Natalie Ballantyne, our Junior School Team Leader, and Ruth Cooper, our Deputy Principal, have both returned to classroom teaching. We believe our highest priority is ensuring every class has an effective teacher leading learning each day.

A New Year 1 Class

Natalie Ballantyne will be teaching our new Year 1 class. Natalie knows our youngest learners well and brings a wealth of experience in junior teaching. We know the children will thrive in her class.

Year 5-6 Class

With Anna Ravendran beginning parental leave, Ruth Cooper and Samantha Renner will be teaching our Year 5-6 class for the remainder of the year. Together they make a strong team and will provide a consistent, supportive learning environment for the children throughout the rest of the year.

Congratulations, Emma

Congratulations to Emma Tapuai, who has accepted the role of Senior School Team Leader while Claire is on parental leave. Emma has previously stepped into this role with confidence and capability, and we're delighted she'll be leading the senior team over the coming year.

Welcome, Sandra

We're delighted to welcome Sandra Edge to our teaching team part-time. Sandra is providing release for our Year 7 and 8 teachers.



Sandra is settling in quickly and is a wonderful addition to our team. While she'd probably rather not be introduced by her sporting achievements, we think it's pretty special to have a former Silver Fern (and Captain) teaching our tamariki. Nau mai, Sandra.=



Welcome, Liam

We're delighted to welcome Liam Wilkinson into the role of Caretaker. Liam is already a familiar face around our kura, having previously worked as a Teacher Aide and as dad to Tommy and Lachy. He brings

a wealth of practical experience and now looks after our school grounds and the many maintenance jobs that keep our kura safe, tidy and running smoothly.

We're thrilled to have Liam in this role and know he'll be a real asset to our school community.



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Whānau Maths Information Evening on Thursday. We were delighted with the fantastic turnout and the level of participation throughout the evening.

Together, we explored how maths is taught at Kahurangi, why we've adopted the *Maths No Problem!* approach, and practical ways whānau can support learning at home.

We also received some wonderful feedback afterwards, with one parent describing the session as "brilliant and informative".

If you weren't able to join us, we've included the recording, videos and parent resources below. We hope you find them helpful.





KAHURANGI SCHOOL

DISCO

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 2026



HOT CHIPS, PIZZA & BAKE SALE

All kai is selling for a gold coin.



Theme is Atua & Taniwha

★ SPOT PRIZES TO BE WON ★

 4PM – 6PM
KOHA ENTRY

 AT KAHURANGI SCHOOL

♥ ORGANISED & HOSTED BY OUR KAHURANGI WHĀNAU GROUP ♥



★ **WHĀNAU:** The disco finishes at 6pm and we ask that all tamariki are collected from the hall. ★

 Please contact Anna for more info about getting involved: kahurangi.fundraiser@gmail.com

Congratulations Claire!

We're pleased to share some lovely news with our Kahurangi whānau. Claire and her partner have welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Gem, into the world.



What's coming up

Wednesday 5 August

Senior School Swimming starts

For the classes that learn with Mr Masters, Oliver and Emma T.

Tuesday 18 August

School Photo Day



Information about School Photo Day will be sent home soon. Every child, along with sibling groups, will have their photo taken on the day.

Tuesday 11 August

Kahurangi Board Meeting

7pm. Whānau are welcome to attend as observers.

A few weeks later, you'll be able to view the photos online and order any you'd like to purchase.

Wednesday 12 August

Eastern Zone Netball Tournament

Notices have already been sent home.

Tuesday 1 September

Eastern Zone Swimming Competition

For selected tamariki.

Friday 14 August

School Assembly

Hosted by the class that learn with Anika

2:15pm in Broadway

Whānau are always welcome!

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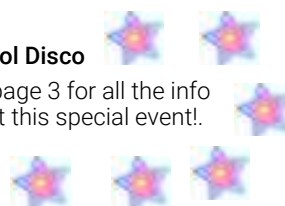
Tuesday 2 September

Royal NZ Ballet sessions

For selected tamariki.

School Disco

See page 3 for all the info about this special event!



We received a very special surprise in the post from a **former student** who chose to remain anonymous.

Inside was a thoughtful note sharing how much they appreciated the kindness and care shown by their teachers. Along with their letter was a package of small gifts for us to use as prizes, as well as an incredibly generous donation of \$250. We know your gift will bring smiles to many of our tamariki.



A huge thank you to **Anna Gifford** and **Tim Mein** for their generous donation of these new sports balls to our kura. Our tamariki have already been making great use of them during break times.



🙏 Please show your support!

Breakfast Club Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Saturday 8th August
9am – 4pm at Bunnings Lyall Bay

Come down to Bunnings and grab a delicious sausage sizzle to support the Kahurangi Breakfast Club!

Every sausage sold helps raise funds to keep our Breakfast Club running three mornings a week, giving our tamariki a great start to the school day.

Bring your whānau, enjoy a sausage, and support a great cause. We can't wait to see you there!

Any questions, feel free to contact us on kahurangi1fundraiser@gmail.com or to Anna Gifford (Inda, Y12's mum).

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