



Pānui #12
28 August 2026

Kahurangi
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Kia ora e te whānau,

Somehow we've already reached the halfway point of the term. It's been a good couple of weeks at Kahurangi. There's plenty happening, as you'll see throughout this pānui, but generally our tamariki are settled, busy with their learning and enjoying school life.

One of the things quite a few are enjoying at the moment is Ooshies. They're the latest collectible to appear in pockets and school bags, with keen collectors in most classes across our kura.

Of course, there's always something. Alongside Ooshies we also have Pokémon cards, and before this it's been Jibbitz for Crocs, different kinds of fidgets and squishies, and plenty of other toys. Give it time and something else will come along.

You may have seen stories recently about some schools banning Ooshies because of the arguments they can cause, or because they become a distraction during learning time. At times we have these same issues. Ooshies come out in class when they shouldn't, trades sometimes go bad and occasionally a favourite disappears only for someone else to be quite certain they brought an identical one to school that day!

Our approach, though, is generally not to ban these sorts of childhood crazes. Instead, we try to help tamariki learn to manage them. There's actually some good learning in collecting, sharing and trading. Children negotiate, make decisions, work through disagreements and sometimes have to manage a bit of disappointment too.

There is also a time and place for them. If Ooshies, cards or toys come out during learning time, kaiako will ask tamariki to put them safely away in their bags.

Where we need your help is with what comes to kura in the first place. If something is particularly precious, whether it's a favourite Ooshie or card, a treasured toy or a special gift, please think carefully about whether school is the best place for it. With 270 tamariki, working out who owns something that has gone missing can be almost impossible.

We're happy for tamariki to enjoy these crazes, but bringing something to school also comes with some responsibility for looking after it. We ask whānau to help children make sensible choices about what they bring.

Perhaps the simplest rule is: if losing it would be a disaster, it's probably best to leave it at home.

Ngā mihi nui,
Kyrán Smith, Tumuaki



More Book
Character Day
photos on page
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noticeboard

Wed 2 Sept

Royal NZ Ballet
workshops

For keen Y2-6 tamariki

Thurs 10 Sept

Junior School
trip to Akau Tangi

A notice is being sent home
on Monday about it.

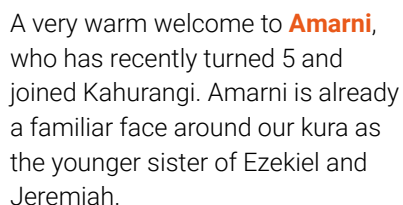
Fri 25 Sept

Last day of Term 3

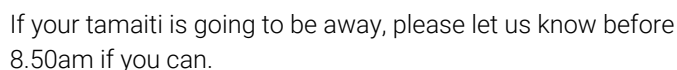
Usual 3pm finish

Keep informed

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



A quick message
**MAKES A
BIG DIFFERENCE**



Each morning we need to follow up any unexplained absences to make sure every child is safe and accounted for. At the moment, we're spending around \$100 a month on text messages contacting whānau to check where absent children are.

A quick message from you saves our office team time and saves the kura a little money too. It all adds up!

And to the many whānau who already let us know each morning: thank you, thank you, thank you. It really is appreciated.



Log in and
report an
absence.



027 748 0100



04 388 6386
Press 1 for
absences



office@kahurangi.
school.nz

If you have a Year 8 rangatahi, by now they really should be enrolled at the college they'll be attending next year.

Colleges are already starting to plan for 2027, so if you're still deciding, I'd encourage you to ask those last questions and, if you can, make a decision before the end of this term.

Next term, colleges will begin contacting us about their incoming students and gathering information to support their transition. If we don't know where your tamaiti is heading, there's a risk they can miss parts of this process.

If you're finding the decision difficult, please reach out. Your child's teacher, Nicholas, Emma or I would be very happy to help.

Locking in a decision now gives everyone the best chance to make the move into Year 9 as smooth and positive as possible.

Registrations are now open for the 2027 Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon! This is always a really popular event with our tamariki, and Kahurangi has a school team set up for anyone keen to take part. When registering, simply select Kahurangi School to join our team.

Online GP appointments are now free for all tamariki aged 13 and under.

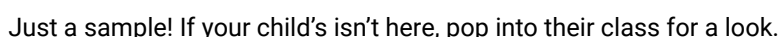
Appointments are by video or phone, and GPs can provide medical advice, prescribe medication and send prescriptions to your local pharmacy.

With GP services often busy, this gives whānau another option when your child needs medical care.

Find out more – [Health New Zealand](#)

www.healthnz.govt.nz/online-phone-healthcare/online-gp-care

Tamariki in Waka Pahī Tahi have been exploring printmaking, using koru designs as inspiration. They've experimented with different patterns and details to create these striking prints.





KAHURANGI SCHOOL DISCO

☆ *Atua & Taniwha* ☆



☆ *Big thanks to our amazing* ☆
KAHURANGI WHĀNAU GROUP
for organising and hosting such a fantastic disco!

☆ *And a huge thank you to everyone* ☆
WHO DROPPED OFF BAKED TREATS TO SELL!

Our kura was filled with some familiar, and very creative, characters for Book Character Day! It was great to see tamariki getting into the spirit of the day and celebrating their favourite books and characters.



From making birthday cakes and creating stories to learning about robotics, there's always something interesting happening around our kura.



