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Kahurangi SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Kia ora e te whānau,

A slightly strange thing happens around schools at this time of year. While our tamariki are still busy with Term 3 learning, behind the scenes we're already starting to think about 2027.

We still have two weeks of this term to go, but Term 4 tends to arrive and disappear incredibly quickly. It's always our biggest and busiest term, packed with end-of-year events, celebrations, testing and reports. At the same time, there's a whole lot of planning happening for the new school year.

One of the first pieces of that planning is getting a good picture of our numbers for 2027. We're still a long way from putting classes together but we're already looking at how many tamariki we expect at each year level and what that means for staffing and class sizes.

This is where we need your help.

If you already know your child won't be returning to Kahurangi next year, please let us know. Whatever the reason, knowing sooner rather than later really helps us plan.

Likewise, if you have a younger child turning five during 2027, please make sure they're on our radar. We know many of our younger siblings already, but certainly not all of them. Even if their birthday isn't until later next year, we'd love to know they're coming.

Of course, plans change and some whānau simply won't know yet. That's absolutely fine. We're just asking you to share what you do know.

There's plenty of 2026 still to come, and we certainly don't want to rush it away. But good planning now helps us make the best decisions we can for our tamariki next year. So if either of the above applies to your whānau, a quick email or kōrero with us would be hugely appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui,
Kyran Smith, Tumuaki



Swimming, Supporting and Smashing It!

A big shout out to our 15 tamariki who represented Kahurangi at the Eastern Zone Swimming Sports: **Annie**, **Maya**, **Maïwenn**, **Connor**, **Grace**, **Delilah**, **Aria**, **Ashden**, **Faye**, **Ne'emia**, **Cooper**, **Olive**, **Elliott**, **Ava** and **Nell**.

We heard some lovely feedback about how well they competed, but just as importantly, how they cheered each other on and supported their teammates.

A special shout out to **Maya**, who had an incredible day, placing first in all three of her events! Ka rawe, Maya!



noticeboard

Fri 25 Sept
Last day of Term 3
Usual 3pm finish

Mon 12 Oct
First day of Term 4

Fri 16 Oct
Kahurangi School Athletics Day
At Newtown Park
All children and classes!
Whānau this is an event you'll definitely want to attend.

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

WELCOME to Kahurangi School

A very warm welcome to our four newest tamariki.

Rosie has turned five and joined our youngest class of learners. With her big brothers, Connor and Cooper already here, Rosie is so well known around Kahurangi that many of us feel like we already know her. It's lovely to finally have her officially start school with us.

We also welcome **Tyson**, who has moved up from the South Island and joined the class that learns with Kaitlyn. A big move and a new kura brings plenty of change, and we hope you're quickly feeling at home here, Tyson.

And a huge welcome to brothers **Graham** and **Paxton**, who have moved all the way from the USA. Graham joins the class that learns with Natalie, while Paxton joins Brynne's class. Starting a new school in a new country is quite an adventure, and we're really pleased to have you both and your whānau, as part of Kahurangi.

Nau mai, haere mai. We're so pleased you're all here!

Coming up next term: Have your say

Next term, we'll be inviting whānau to help shape the future direction of Kahurangi as we develop our next Strategic Plan.

This is an important opportunity for us to hear what matters to you, what you value about our kura, and your hopes and aspirations for our tamariki in the years ahead.



We're planning whānau consultation hui where there'll be the opportunity to share your whakaaro, listen to others and contribute ideas in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Maths practice at home

Looking for an easy way to support your child's maths learning at home? The Ministry of Education has a free interactive Maths Practice Tool for tamariki in Years 3–8.

It covers number, money, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals, percentages and more, all linked to what children are learning at school.

Even 10–15 minutes, three or four times a week can help build skills and confidence. And you certainly don't need to be a maths expert. A little encouragement and celebrating progress goes a long way.

Give it a go: https://nzc-maths-practice.nz/

Bouncing into Sport!










Our Junior School tamariki had a brilliant morning at Ākau Tangi yesterday, getting active and trying their hand at gymnastics, volleyball, pickleball and the always-popular inflatables.

There was plenty of movement, laughter and energy as tamariki rotated through the different activities. A great chance to give something new a go, build confidence and simply have fun together.








Ngā mihi nui to the whānau who came along to help. Trips like this rely on your tautoko, and we really appreciate it. **Thanks also** to our kaiako for all the organising that goes on behind the scenes to make trips like this happen. These experiences take a fair bit of planning, and we really appreciate the mahi that goes into giving our tamariki opportunities like this.

NEW TO KAHURANGI?
Meet Kahurangi Whānau

Good people. Great community.

We are a bunch of enthusiastic, welcoming, occasionally unhinged parents and members of the local community. We are a friendly bunch, and always happy to meet new faces, so we'd love to hear from you!



WHAT IS OUR KAUPAPA?

Kahurangi whānau started life as Kahurangi Friends, members of both the school and wider community, who were passionate about growing the sense of community surrounding our kura when it opened in 2015. You can read more about the origins of Kahurangi here. We believe that Kahurangi is a precious place, and that the people who are drawn to this place are a special bunch. Our kaupapa is about community and hopefully making a bit of money on the side.

He kura taonga.
He tāngata taonga.
He hapori taonga.

BREAKFAST CLUB

You'll find us slinging marmite on toast and milo for our tamariki in Broadway every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. This is a super cool part of our kaupapa that ensures our tamariki start the day with a full puku, and a great way to meet some other parents and get to know the kids your child spends their days with. You can commit to as much or as little of this as you have capacity for - we put a call out once a term.

Email us at kahurangibreakfastclub@gmail.com to join the brekky club whānau.

EVENTS, FUNDRAISING & A BIT OF FUN

School discos, bingo nights, hāngī, Matariki gatherings, waffles, baking, decorating, chopping veges at ridiculous hours of the morning... there's usually something going on!

Some events help us raise much-needed pūtea to support Brekky Club and our kura, but mostly they're about bringing our school community together.

You might help set up, bake something, make coffee, climb a ladder, chop vegetables, make a donation or simply turn up and join in.

We always leave feeling grateful for the incredible community that makes our little kura live up to its name: something prized, precious and treasured.







KEEN TO BE PART OF IT?

Joining the mailing list doesn't commit you to anything. It simply means you'll hear when there's a hui, an event coming up, or when an extra pair of hands would be useful.

Email kahurangi.fundraiser@gmail.com to join our whānau mailing list - we'd love to hear from you.

COME ALONG. MEET SOME PEOPLE.
LEND A HAND. HAVE A LAUGH.
BE PART OF OUR KAHURANGI WHĀNAU.

A little taste of the ballet

Some of our tamariki recently had a special opportunity to take part in a dance workshop with the Royal New Zealand Ballet.

Led by one of the RNZB's Dance Educators, the workshop introduced tamariki to The Bomb, a new children's ballet, and gave them the chance to learn some of the actual choreography performed by the professional dancers on stage.

It was a great opportunity to experience ballet from the inside, learning, moving and giving something a little different a go. The RNZB educator, Alina, also sent us a lovely message afterwards saying what a pleasure it had been dancing with our ākonga.





See The Bomb for FREE at Te Papa this weekend!

If the workshop has sparked some interest, here's a pretty special opportunity. The Royal New Zealand Ballet is performing The Bomb at Te Papa this weekend, and the performances are completely free.

There aren't many opportunities to take your tamariki along to see professional ballet of this calibre without buying a ticket, so it's well worth considering. Even better, some of our ākonga will recognise parts of the choreography they learnt in their workshop!

What's coming up

Monday 14 September
Te Wiki o te Reo Māori starts

Wednesday 16 September
Senior School Swimming
and
End of Season Netball Celebration
12:30pm in Broadway
Whānau welcome!

Friday 18 September
Senior School Swimming
Last day for the rangatahi who learn with Brynne, Anika, Ms Cooper and Kaitlyn.

Tuesday 22 September
Kahurangi School Board Meeting
This is a public meeting. Whānau are always welcome if they're interested in knowing what happens at a governance level. Please RSVP for more details should you wish to come along an observe.

Wednesday 23 September
Senior School Swimming
Last day for the rangatahi who learn with Mr Masters, Oliver and Emma T.

Wednesday 23 September
After School Sport Registration closes at 5pm!

Thursday 24 September
The long awaited and anticipated Y7-8 Sleepover
Detail have been sent home with rangatahi.

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Usual 3pm finish.

TERM 4

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Friday 23 October
School Assembly
Hosted by the classes that learn with Natalie and Sarah
2:15pm in Broadway

See important end of year dates on page 1!