news

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Kahurangi SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Kia ora e te whānau,

We were absolutely delighted to hear that two of our former students, Sunshine and Rūhī, have been elected joint Head Prefects at Wellington East Girls' College, the role many of us would remember as Head Girl. Both girls spent all their primary school years at Kahurangi, so this news feels particularly special.

And there's a lovely connection. Back in Year 8, Sunshine and Rūhī were paired together as our Aoraki House Captains! Who would have thought they would find themselves sharing a leadership role again a few years later?

Adding to the good news, another former Kahurangi student, Arlo, has been announced as a prefect at St Patrick's College. These colleges welcome students from many primary schools and intermediates, which makes seeing three former Kahurangi students recognised in this way particularly special for our kura. We haven't yet heard announcements from some other local colleges, so we're wondering whether there might be more familiar names to celebrate!

These are, first and foremost, their achievements, and ones their whānau can be immensely proud of. They also reflect the encouragement and support of the many people who have invested in them along the way: their families, their community and their teachers at college. We like to think Kahurangi played a small part in laying those foundations, too.

Here at primary school, we help nurture leadership through everyday opportunities to take responsibility, share ideas, support younger tamariki and contribute to our kura. Being a leader starts with learning to listen, showing kindness and following through when others are counting on you. Roles such as House Captain give our students a chance to put these qualities into practice and discover what they can offer.

Sunshine, Rūhī and Arlo's news is a wonderful reminder to our tamariki that these rangatahi once sat in their classrooms and played in their playground. Now they're taking on exciting new responsibilities, and it's lovely for our tamariki to see that connection and imagine what might lie ahead for them, too.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyran Smith | Tumuaki





noticeboard

Mon 26 Oct
Labour Day
Public Holiday

Tues 27 Oct
Whānau Consultation Hui
7-8:30pm
See page 5 for more details

Thurs 29 Oct
Kai and Consultation with Whānau Māori
5:30-7pm

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

KIA ORA
Welcome to Kahurangi

A warm welcome to Leonardo (Leo), who has started school in Waka Rimu Tahi with Sarah. Leo joins his big sister India here at Kahurangi, and we're so pleased to have him with us.

It's also lovely to welcome Kora and Kingston back after some time in Australia.



A warm welcome to **Jess Gill,** who has joined our support staff team for Term 4. It's particularly special to welcome Jess back to Kahurangi, as she attended our kura alongside her two sisters. After spending her first week getting to know our tamariki and staff, Jess is now supporting children with their learning. It's lovely to have you back, Jess!

Supporting all tamariki at Kahurangi

Over the next week, we'll be installing a temporary gate across our front entrance to provide extra support for tamariki who find it challenging to stay within our school grounds.

Every child comes to school with different strengths and needs. For some tamariki, learning to stay within the school grounds takes time and extra support. The string of flags we sometimes use provides a visual reminder, but a more substantial barrier will help us provide that additional support when certain children need it.

We want all tamariki to be safe, feel they belong and take part in school life. We also value the open, welcoming character of Kahurangi, so we've chosen a gate that can be pulled across when needed and pushed back at the end of the school day. Whānau and our wider community will continue to have free access to our grounds after school, at weekends and during the holidays.

If you arrive during the school day while the gate is across, please come through our main reception entrance and check in at the office, as usual.

Once the gate is no longer needed, we'll store it away, ready to use again whenever that extra support would help.

Over the coming months, all our school fencing will also be replaced. This will provide a more secure boundary around our grounds, helping us support tamariki who need that extra level of care to stay safely within our kura.

Thank you for your understanding as we adapt our kura to meet the needs of all our tamariki.

2027 School Term Dates

Term 1: Tues 2 February to Fri 9 April

Term 2: Tues 27 April to Fri 2 July

Term 3: Mon 19 July to Fri 24 September

Term 4: Mon 11 October to Thurs 16 December

Celebrating Aria's Success

Congratulations to **Aria** in Year 6, who represented Wellington Synchro at the Artistic Swimming New Zealand National Championships in Hamilton. Competing in the dolphin combo for the first time, Aria and her three teammates placed fifth! The event brought together 198 competitors from New Zealand, Australia and New Caledonia, giving Aria plenty of opportunities to watch other routines between her own events. What a fantastic experience and an achievement to be proud of. Ka pai, Aria!







On your marks, Kahurangi!



What a lovely couple of days of athletics at Kahurangi this week! The superb weather for our senior events was a real bonus, and it's been lovely to receive such positive messages from whānau about both days.

A big shout-out to our tamariki for getting involved and giving the events a go. Whether athletics is your favourite thing or something you find a little more challenging, we're proud of your efforts. Seeing you encourage one another and cheer each other on is always a highlight too.

Thank you to our Kahurangi organising team for all the work behind the scenes, and to all our staff for getting on board and helping everything run smoothly. There's plenty that goes into organising events like these and we really appreciate the effort.



Special thanks, too, to the whānau who helped run events, and to everyone who came along to cheer on our tamariki.

QUOITS/DISCUS			
Year 4	Mabel	Zinnia	Katara
	Joshua	Taika	Cooper
Year 5	Dreius	Cattleya	Ava C
	Ne'emia	Liam C	Kyden
Year 6	Madi	Kelera	Aria
	Lyon	Jessekiel	Tyla
Year 7	Neleilah	Naomi	Brooklyn
	LJ	Larson	Neyon
Year 8	Laite	Larmora	Fatai
	Mataio	Sahil	Jack

VORTEX			
Year 4	Elise	Mabel	Wai
	Mirza	Fred	Tyler
Year 5	Penina	Bella	Willow
	Charlie K	Kyden	Damien
Year 6	Ashden	Sia	Kalara
	Azaria	Lyon	Charlie H
Year 7	Naomi	Neleilah	Anya
	Elliott	Moe	Larson
Year 8	Izzy	Jesica	Larmora
	Mataio	Jack	Sahil

HIGH JUMP			
Year 4	Brie	Olive	Mabel
	Tom M	Mirza	Joshua
Year 5	Nell	Ruby K	Ava C
	Kyden	Innis	Zeke
Year 6	Ashden	Kalara	Māia T
	Lyon	Caleb	Azaria
Year 7	Hager	Magnolia	Naomi
	Rusty	Aiden	Mohit
Year 8	Maya	Sophia	Fatai
	Jack	Finn	Sahil





















SHOTPUT			
Year 4	Arna	Elise	Brie
	Tom	Taika/Elliot	Fred
Year 5	Dreius	Merita	Cattleya
	Kyden	Liam	Zeke
Year 6	Kelera	Aria	Maddie
	Lyon	Jessekiel	Māia KW
Year 7	Anya	Brooklyn	Marsha
	Aiden	Elliott	Neyon
Year 8	Laite	Larmora	Maya
	Mataio	Sahil	Robert

SPRINTS			
Y0&1	Rylee	Amelia.P	Sadie
	Reegan	Danziel	Alfie
Year 2	Bess	Emma	Rūhī
	Mateo	Lloyd	Ezra
Year 3	Sana	Lillyrose	Nita
	Ryder	Kingston	Jazzel
Year 4	Brie	Elise	Mabel
	Mirza	Joshua	Tom
Year 5	Ruby K	Dreius	Nell
	Kyden	Innis	Winter
Year 6	Kelera	Māia.T	Kalara
	Lyon	Caleb	Lennox
Year 7	Neleilah	Hager	Jennifer
	LJ	Aiden	Mohit
Year 8	Maya	Sophie	Izzy
	Robert	Hirini	Finn

LONG JUMP			
Year 4	Elise	Arna	Brie
	Fred	Cobh	Joshua
Year 5	Nell	Ava C	Willow
	Kyden	Innis	Zeke
Year 6	Kora	Māia T	Kalara
	Lyon	Caleb	Charlie H
Year 7	Brooklyn	Naomi	Magnolia
	Aiden	Mohit	LJ
Year 8	Sophia	Maya	Fatai
	Hirini	Jack	Robert

Help shape what comes next

Next week we're bringing whānau together to talk about what matters most for our tamariki and help shape Kahurangi's next strategic plan.

For Tuesday's consultation evening, we've randomly selected families to invite, making sure the group reflects our different cultural communities and includes both newer whānau and those with a long connection to Kahurangi. We're keeping the gathering smaller so everyone has time to share their thoughts and be heard.

We'd hate for anyone to feel that their voice isn't wanted simply because they haven't received an invitation. If you're keen to contribute, please reach out to Kyran so we can include you.

On Thursday, our whānau Māori are invited to come together for kai and kōrero, sharing their hopes and priorities for our tamariki and kura.

Thank you to everyone making time to contribute.



Friendships and our 2027 classes

As we begin planning our 2027 classes, all tamariki except our Year 8s will complete a friendship circle survey next week, identifying friends they learn well with. This helps us ensure every child has at least one friend in their new class, as we appreciate kaiako don't always see every connection.

We strongly encourage children to choose friends in their own year level, as class groupings depend on numbers and can change each year. We also remind tamariki that their best friend isn't always their best learning partner. Sometimes we intentionally place close friends in separate classes to support their learning, while ensuring they have other friends alongside them.

What's coming up

Monday 26 October
Labour Day - Public Holiday
No school for anyone!

Tuesday 27 October
Whānau Consultation Hui
7-8:30pm

Thursday 29 October
Kai and consultation with Whānau Māori
5:30-7pm

Friday 30 October
Kahurangi Whānau & Friends Bingo Night
See page 6 for all the details.

Tuesday 3 November
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 4 November
Eastern Zone Primary School Athletics
For selected students who placed 1st or 2nd.

Wednesday 11 November
Eastern Zone Primary School Athletics
Postponement Date

Friday 11 November
Rongotail Orientation Day
For Y8 boys heading there in 2027
Info will be sent to Y8 boys who have already enrolled. Contact the college directly for further information. Please let our office know if they are attending.

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Vision and hearing testing
For new 5 year olds

Come along to the Kahurangi Whānau and Friends Bingo Night - it's a really fun night!



News from the Community



Yoga with Chandan



Strathmore Park Community Centre
Te Tuhunga Rau, 108 Strathmore Ave

Wednesdays 11:15–12pm
Class charge:
Koha – $10 suggested

Suitable for all levels – Beginners welcome.
Guided meditation and gentle asana practice.
BYO Yoga Mat. A limited number of mats are available.