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Kahurangi SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Kia ora e te whānau,

Well, Term 4 is certainly living up to its reputation as the busiest term of the year! There's so much happening across our kura at the moment and I think it's fair to say the days and weeks are disappearing faster than we'd like.

Alongside all the usual teaching, learning and everyday school life, we're juggling end-of-year assessments, writing reports, organising celebrations and events and planning for 2027. There's an enormous amount happening behind the scenes, much of which probably goes unnoticed but is all part of keeping our kura running smoothly.

While there's plenty of excitement building as we head towards the end of the year, we're also mindful of keeping our tamariki settled and focused. We know from experience that when routines start to loosen too early, behaviour can sometimes slip a little too. So, despite all the extra things happening, our kaiako are working hard to maintain familiar routines, keep expectations consistent and ensure our tamariki finish the year positively.

We'll have one more newsletter before the year is out, but for now, thank you for your continued support as we head into these final busy weeks.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyran Smith, Tumuaki





Our tamariki in action at the recent Eastern Zone Athletics Competition! More photos are scattered throughout this newsletter.



noticeboard

Wed 2 Dec
Year 8 Leavers' Dinner

Thurs 10 Dec
Final Assembly
6:30pm
See page 3 for more details

Wed 16 Dec
Last day of school
Early 12:30pm finish

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

New tamariki at Kahurangi



Over the past few weeks, we've welcomed four new five-year-olds to our Kahurangi whānau.

Ulivar has joined his big sister Hine, Ivy is following in the footsteps of her older brother Jessekiel and Ben has joined his big sister Nell. It's always lovely seeing younger siblings begin their own school journey at Kahurangi!

We also extend a special welcome to Nina and her whānau, who are brand new to our school community. We hope you're all beginning to feel right at home.

Nau mai, haere mai to you all! We hope your first weeks of being big school kids have been filled with lots of happy moments.

Your Voice, Our Future

A big thank you to all the whānau who joined us for our recent consultation evenings, including our special hui with whānau Māori. We really appreciate you giving up your time to share your thoughts, experiences and hopes for the future of Kahurangi.

The kōrero was incredibly valuable, and there was certainly plenty for us to take away! It was encouraging to hear what whānau value about our kura, alongside some thoughtful and constructive ideas about where we could improve. We've come away with plenty to reflect on, and your feedback will play an important part in shaping our next strategic plan.

We'd also love to hear from those who weren't at the evenings.

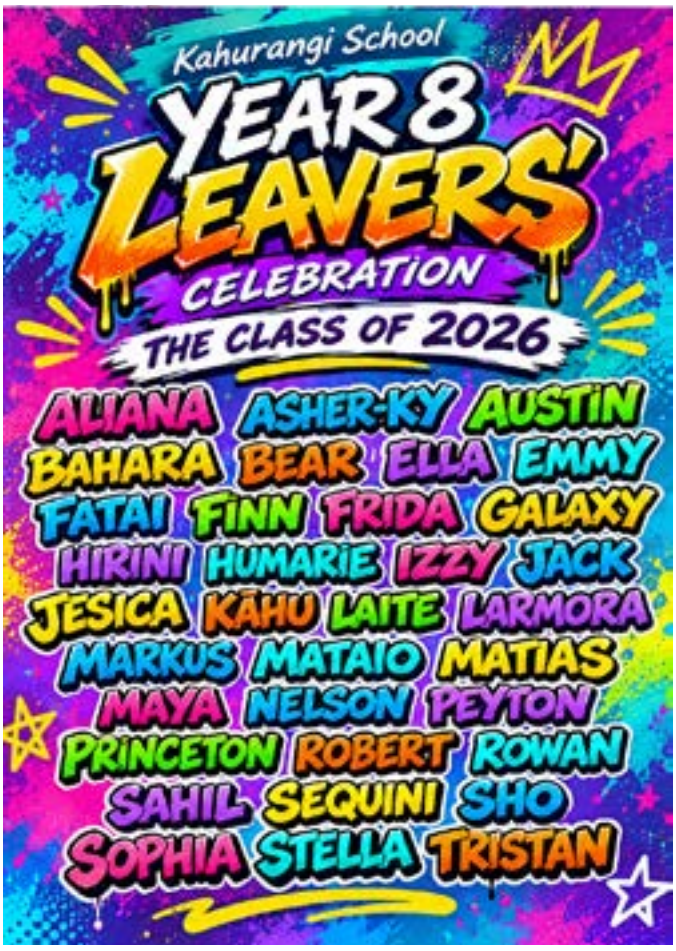


Have your say on the future of Kahurangi

A quick, three question survey for all whānau.

Click here to share your thoughts

Or scan here



One of the special traditions we have at Kahurangi is our annual Year 8 Leavers' Celebration Dinner. This year, we'll be coming together on Wednesday 2 December to celebrate our oldest tamariki as they prepare to finish their primary school years and head off to college.

It's a lovely evening where our Year 8s, their whānau and our staff come together to share a meal, reflect on their time at Kahurangi and celebrate the friendships, memories and experiences they've made along the way.



A great reminder by Wilde how to be sun smart!





KAHURANGI SCHOOL 2026 FINAL ASSEMBLY

Thurs 10 Dec
6:30PM
at St Patrick's College

Kapa Haka includes all of our tamariki so it is important children arrive by 6:10pm so they are dressed and in place for our 6:30pm start.

Caught Being Awesome!

Our Kahurangi Orcas are on a roll, with three wins in a row! But it wasn't just the winning that caught the attention of one of our whānau recently. During a game, **Zico** had a clear opportunity to score but instead chose to pass to **Hattie**, who went on to score her first goal. What a great example of teamwork, and a lovely reminder that sometimes the best moments in sport aren't about scoring the goal yourself!

Our Athletics Stars Are Heading to Wellington Interzones!



A huge congratulations to our tamariki who achieved top-three placings at the recent Eastern Zone Athletics Competition! These fantastic results mean they've qualified to represent both Kahurangi School and the Eastern Zone schools at the upcoming Wellington Interzone Athletics Championships.

Year 4
Brie: 3rd in 100m sprints
Elise: 1st in long jump
Mirza: 2nd in 100m sprints

Year 5
Innis: 1st in 200m sprints

Year 6
Kelera: 2nd in 100 msprints & 200m sprints
Madi: 2nd in quoits
Caleb: 1st in 100m sprints and 2nd in 200m sprints
Azaria: 3rd in vortex
Lyon: 2nd in long jump, 3rd in quoits & high jump
Jessekiel: 3rd in quoits

Year 7
Naomi: 3rd in vortex
Neleilah: 2nd in discus
Brooklyn: 2nd in shotput
Hager: 1st in high jump
Anya: 3rd in shotput
LJ: 3rd in 100m sprints
Aiden: 1st in shotput & 3rd in 200m sprints
Moe: 1st in vortex
Larson: 3rd in discus

Year 8
Laite: 2nd in discus & 3rd in shot put
Mataio: 2nd in discus, 3rd in vortex & shotput

We wish you all the very best as you take on some of Wellington's top young athletes at the next competition. Give it your best and enjoy the experience!

And a big well done to all our tamariki who represented Kahurangi at the Eastern Zones. You've done our kura proud!





What's coming up

Tuesday 17 November
Wellington Interzone Athletics
For selected students.

Wednesday 18 November
Coding Club
For Waka Pūhara Tahi rangatahi who learn with Emma T

Thursday 19 November
Wellington Interzone Athletics - Postponement date.

Wednesday 2 December
Year 8 Leavers' Dinner and Celebration
The Pines
5:30-8:30pm. Tickets can be purchased, please connect with the Year 8 teachers if you require further information.

Thursday 10 December
Kahurangi School Final Assembly

Friday 11 December
Reports being sent home
Via our school HERO app.

Monday 14 December
Junior School End of Year Picnic
Information will be sent home with tamariki closer to the time.

Senior School Sports Party

Wednesday 16 December
Last day of the 2026 school year!
Early 12:30pm finish!





Kahurangi Whānau and Friends

THANK YOU, KAHURANGI!





TOGETHER WE RAISED OVER $3,000!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Kahurangi Whānau and Friends' Hangi and Bingo Night fundraiser. We're incredibly grateful to the volunteers, organisers, donors, families, and everyone who attended and supported the evening. Your time, generosity, and participation helped make the event a success and will make a meaningful difference to the running of our parent-led activities like Breakfast Club. We raised over $3000!

A massive shout-out to our wonderful sponsors!
We're so grateful for your generosity and support!







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Kahurangi Whānau and Friends


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