

Naumai e te whānau or te kura Kahurangi

Tena koutou katoa.

We have started the year with 260 pupils and have 12 classes operating. We anticipate the roll will grow to about 290 pupils over the year as new 5 year olds start school.

At Kahurangi School we are guided by four important principles - Learning, Pride, Culture and Community. Over the next few weeks our kaiako (teachers) will be focussing on these with our tamariki (children) so they understand what they mean, what they look like in everyday school life and why they are important to our kura (school).

Our kaiako will also be concentrating on the following three key areas with their class:

- establishing community within their class so each child feels safe
- setting expectations and routines
- gaining deeper knowledge about each child in regards to who they are and how they learn best, what they can do, along with what they find challenging.

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Practising for our performance at Kotahi. Thank you Darlene for the photo!



Ashleigh sure is brave managing this on her roller skates!

noticeboard



Sat 6 Feb

Waitangi Day & Kotahi

No school but we hope you
can come to Kotahi.

Tues 16 Feb

Online Safety Information Evening

For whānau. 7pm. Further information will come home next week.

Fri 19 Feb

School Assembly
2:05pm in Broadway
Whānau are invited!

Please see the last page for more important dates.

At Kahurangi we understand that whānau play a huge role in supporting their tamariki doing well at school. We have already seen this with how well our children have settled into school. I know our teachers are doing a great deal but it is also really obvious that you are talking to them about the importance of school, your family expectations of them at school and the importance of being a good person and being respectful of their peers and our staff. I promise you these conversations with your tamariki do work as I've never met a single child who wants to disappoint their parents and whānau.

Ngā manaakitanga, Kyran Smith | Tumuaki (Principal)

Sixteen new pupils have started this year. We really mean it when we say we are happy and delighted to have you join Kahurangi School. We hope that you are looking forward to getting to know us as much as we are of you.

New five year olds include;

Azaria and his whānau are new too

A reminder that the children must bring a sun hat to school every day in Term 1. Our sun is harsh and this provides some protection. Children who don't have a hat at school must eat and play under our canopy during break times.

We are needing 10 whānau to monitor our road patrol, before school (8:30-8:50am) and after school (2:55-3:10pm). Please please consider helping for just one slot a week. If you can, contact Angela and she'll roster you on a day and slot that suits you. Her email is angela@kahurangi.school.nz.

You can book your interview time by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter school code **uaahz**



Check out [Kahurangi Friends](#) Facebook page or their instagram @Kahurangi_Friends to learn more about what is happening on this day.

All our children are performing at Kotahi this Saturday

Our Kapa Haka group (which is every student in our school) is opening this music festival. We're hoping for as many of our students to attend as possible. Our students are talented at Kapa Haka and we see it as a great way to share this talent with our wider community. After the performance all the children will be free to enjoy the event with you.

Important Information

Time to arrive:

- 2:30pm so children can change into their Kapa Haka uniforms

Where to go:

- All students should come into Waka Pūhara (the senior area next to our sandpit)

What to wear:

- Boys need to wear shorts - black is best
- Girls don't need to wear anything special as they wear a dress. Some girls feel more comfortable if they wear tight bike shorts and a strapless tube top under their dress.

Who:

- Every student in our school. Our [new](#) students can choose if they would like to join in as they haven't had much time learning the items.

We'd like all our families to be involved in the event but realise you might already have special things planned for this public holiday. Those of you who can make it, we are sure you'll have a great time! Invite as many people as you can.



Our 2020 performance



What is Kotahi?

Kotahi is an annual, all ages music festival held at our school on Waitangi Day. Back in 2014 it was born from the desire to host an event for our school community and our wider community. Kahurangi Friends is very much the driving force of this event in making it happen. Over the years because of how good it is and the music artist that perform is has become so popular that now people attend from all over the Wellington Region and last year it was predicted that approximately 5000 people attended.

The money made on the cake stall goes directly to our school

If you want to contribute to our school you can bake something that can be sold at the cake stall, buy something at it or donate at the stall. We have a spot at school for baking donation drop offs the day before and day of Kotahi. Proceeds of which will go towards the cost of employing our school counsellor.

What happens with the money raised at the gate?

Kahurangi Friends is very grateful for donations received in the buckets at the gates.

Donations are used by Kahurangi Friends to help pay for Kotahi. While most of the funding needed to run the event comes from funding partners and supporters, they are often short of breaking even. Costs at the event include technical items, like the stage and the sound system, facilities like the portaloos and paying the artists for their performances. Kahurangi Friends have extraordinary volunteers that also make the event possible. Nobody is paid to run Kotahi and it takes hundreds of hours to pull it all together but they do it for the love of Strathmore Park and our kids and community.

Sometimes Kahurangi Friends receives more donations than it needs to run the event. If there is a surplus they can use it to build up a reserve to help us out if they have to cancel due to rain or a major grant falls through for a future event. If their reserves are healthy, they make donations to our school, however, Kotahi is not a fundraiser for our school.

Volunteers are needed for Kotahi. Can you help?

Kotahi is a great opportunity to meet other whānau and to contribute. We need your help whether it be on our cake stall or helping Kahurangi Friends with something else.

Please return this form to the office tomorrow or email principal@kahurangi.school.nz or kahurangifriends@gmail.com with the time you are able to help.

Please circle timeslots you're available: 2-3pm 3:15-4pm 5-6pm

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Some children like to bring a pencil case with their own special pens and felts. They are more than welcome to do so! If they do, teachers would encourage you to name them as they can easily be lost.

A photograph of a playground featuring a large, black, wavy, raised play structure. Several children are playing on it; one girl in a blue dress is in the foreground, riding a small bicycle on the structure. The ground is paved with large, colorful polka dots in shades of blue, yellow, green, and pink. In the background, there are other children and a white building with large windows.



If you'd like more information about this service please contact them on
0800 TALK TEETH (825583).

Homework for Kahurangi whānau

Kia ora whānau,

If you haven't already please take the time to help us get to know your child better. We are asking that you complete this confidential form to help us better meet the individual needs of your child/ren this year. Feel free to continue on another piece of paper, complete one per child (or as an entire family) or add additional information.

Ngā mihi, Kyran Smith | Principal

Caregiver's name:

Child's name:

The top 3 things you really want us to know about your child.

Have you any cultural or religious beliefs that we should be aware of?

Languages spoken in your home:

Passions and talents that your child has outside of school:

What are some things your child might need support with academically, socially or emotionally:

Do you have any strengths or passions that could be utilised occasionally within our school this year? E.g. cooking, craft, sports, computer skills, speak another language, science.

How does your child learn best?

Are there any factors concerning your child's home or school life that you want us to be aware of?

Anything else you would like us to know?

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this. Any information shared will be helpful.