

**Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi.  
Tēnā tātou katoa.**

At Kahurangi we place a massive emphasis on all our tamariki (children) engaging and participating no matter their age or ability. Our kaiako (teachers) know there are a number of factors which impact how well tamariki engage in what they're learning at school (kura). These factors include relationships with their teacher and peers, the perceived relevance of the learning task, the level of knowledge and skill they bring to the task already, their interest in the subject, the teacher's feedback, how settled their learning environment is and also if they feel respected, valued and like they belong. If our kaiako don't see children engaging it can be very telling and worrying to us. It is super super important to our teaching team that every child can engage fully at our school. If they can't we're 100% committed to finding out what's stopping them from doing so along with finding a way they can!

Our kaiako and I are truly grateful to all of you who came to our 'meet the teacher conversations' earlier in the week. We consider these conversations as critical to getting to know your child (and you) and starting the year right. Thank you for your knowledge shared, your positivity and also your willingness to support us in our endeavour of doing our best for your tamariki. We really desire a partnership with you and you joining in these conversations is one of the ways you show you do too.



Our tamariki  
are enjoying  
our Kiwi  
Hoop  
programme  
led and  
funded by  
**Capital  
Basketball**

# noticeboard



## Mon 1 March

## Movin' March starts

We're promoting walking or wheeling to school!

## Fri 5 March

## School Assembly

## 2.15pm in Broadway

We'll be announcing House Leaders at this assembly.

## Tues 9 March

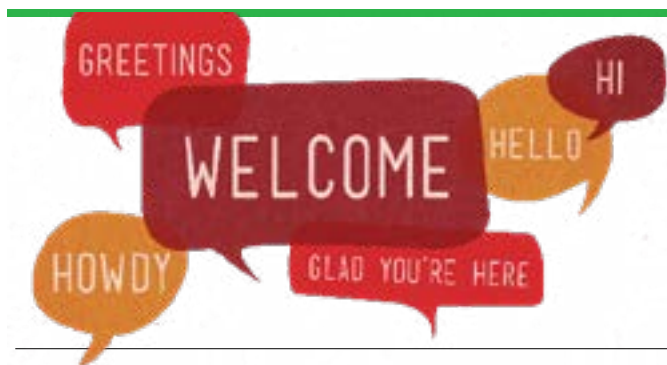
## Pedal Ready Bike & Scooter Programmes start

For our Year 3-6 students.

## Fri 19 March

## School Assembly

2.15pm in Broadway



We welcome three new five year olds to our kura.

**Zayed** and his whānau are new to our kura.

**Mohulamu** is the younger brother of Malakai and Fatai.

**Riah** is the younger sister of Destiny.

*Welcome to Kahurangi little ones. We hope you're enjoying learning with us.*

## A very special moment

At our assembly we welcomed back **Markus**. Many of you know that Markus has had a 7 month long stay in Starship hospital and has been very sick. We were delighted to hear of his progress and his transfer to Wellington Hospital. Although Markus is still quite unwell and still in hospital we are so happy and thankful for the progress he's made that allows him to have tiny visits to school to connect with us.

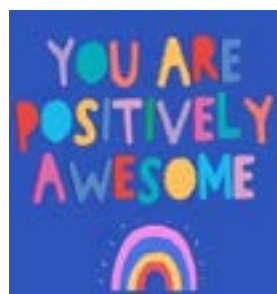


Knowing of the tremendous bravery, fight, strength and courage he has shown over the last 7 months it made absolute sense that we would see him deserving to wear our school kākahu which symbolises these very attributes.

We also saw **Jayden** Markus' brother as worthy of being adorned with our other kākahu as he has dealt with his brother's illness and family upheaval in

the most remarkable way. He has shown such kindness, selflessness, maturity and strength and been the best big brother!

I ask that you continue to send good thoughts, well wishes and prayers to Markus, his parents Karyn and Mike, brothers Jayden and Zeke as they continue on this incredibly tough journey.



**Whānau you are fantastic! Thank you for sending your tamariki to kura each day with a pōtae (hat). It allows our tamariki to have so much more fun at break times.**

## Kahurangi School EXPECTATIONS



We value **poutama learning** and display diligence.

We show **whakahi pride** and respect in ourselves, each other and our environment.

We respect **ahurea culture** and celebrate diversity.

We participate in our **ahikāroa community**.

These expectations are our version of school rules. Every teacher spends time with their class ensuring that our children understand these expectations as much as possible.

## If your child is absent from school

**Please tell us before we need to ring you. Phoning, texting, emailing or a message sent through the Skool Loop App or with another family member are all suitable ways of letting us know.**

**04 388 6386**

**office@kahurangi.school.nz**

**text: 027 748 0100**

# Our learning topics this term

## READING PRIORITIES

**Decoding and comprehension**

## WRITING PRIORITIES

**Recount & retell** (Junior School)

**Narrative & explanation** (Senior School)

## SCIENCE

**Momo tata korehāhā** (Endangered species)

(Senior School)

**Ngā manu ō Aotearoa** (New Zealand Birds)

(Senior School)



## LEARNING LANGUAGES

**Te Reo**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

**Small ball skills**



**Relationships with others**

## MATHEMATICS

**Addition & subtraction, measurement**

## THE ARTS

**Visual Arts - The art of Don Binney**

(Senior School)

**Visual Arts - Me!**

(Junior School)



**Ask your children about their learning. When your children know that you are interested in their learning they will take encouragement from it. It takes a village to raise a child. We can't do it without you.**

## School Assemblies

We hold these every fortnight on a Friday at 2:15pm in Broadway (which is what we call our hall). We see them as an opportunity to come together as a school whānau and celebrate successes, share learning and help build our school culture.

They are also a time that our students can show leadership by hosting the assembly. A different class hosts the assembly each time.

We love it when whānau and friends come although we appreciate that it's not possible for many because of work and we want you to know that's OK too! If you do find yourself free you are always welcome.

**OUR  
HEARTFELT  
THANKS**

**Passing on special  
thanks to the Bartlett  
whānau for your work to  
make our new bike racks  
happen!**

**Our thanks also to  
Kahurangi Friends for  
the donation towards  
the bicycle racks!**

**Late last year Thomas  
George Macarthy  
Trust gave us \$2000  
towards books for our  
library. Fabulous!**



## Priceless taonga

The pair of contemporary kākahu (cloaks) that our senior students Savana and Matthew are wearing (and wore in our Kotahi performance) were created, woven and gifted to us by Irihāpeti Te Aho.

She was inspired after seeing our Kapa Haka perform to create this pair of fusion Hieke/Pākā from harakeke (flax) grown at our very own kura (school). The kākahu that Savana is wearing is in the form of a tree and the one that Matthew has on is in the form of a bird.

When Irihāpeti came and gifted them to us we held a special assembly. Our tamariki and kaiako are very aware of the preciousness of these taonga she has made and gifted to us.



**Photos of our sporting teams** With so many sports teams playing for our school it's hard to ensure we get photos of them all. It's great when whānau send me photos that I can share in newsletters. Please email any goodies to [principal@kahurangi.school.nz](mailto:principal@kahurangi.school.nz)  
Picking your best 1 or 2 is perfect!



Artwork by **Mohammad**

## A new teacher joins Kahurangi School

Jackie Lay is our new Reading Recovery Teacher. She was motivated to apply for the position as she was particularly keen to work with young learners who for whatever reasons are struggling with their reading. She is excited to join our Kahurangi team and get to know our wonderful tamariki and community.



We are excited to have Jackie as we can already see she's especially conscientious and we're confident she will be an asset to learning support.

## How did we do in 2020?

One of the many tasks I do as Principal in January is accumulate school wide achievement and progress data to get a fuller picture of how we are doing overall. I then share it with our leaders, teachers, support staff and Board of Trustees so we can fairly evaluate our teaching and learning programmes and get a sense of what is going well and what we need to improve and keep working on. Below is a small sample of what we found out.

## In regards to wellbeing

At Kahurangi we aren't surprised to know that your children's wellbeing is as important to you as academic progress. Every whānau tells us that a massive priority is that their children



feel safe and happy at school. Before the year finished we again surveyed our year 4-8 students anonymously to get their perspective on a range of questions regarding their wellbeing at school. Below are the results from this survey.

Children report...	% OF CHN	
	2019	2020
feeling safe at school	80%	81%
our school wants us to get on with students from different cultures	95%	97.7%
knowing what to do if someone is being bullied	72%	76.8%
being taught how to manage their feelings (like if they get angry)	53%	64.9%
never bullied by other students	21%	50.7%
my parents and teachers respect each other	98%	97.2%

## In regards to reading, writing and maths achievement

	% OF CHILDREN WORKING 'AT' OR 'ABOVE' AGE EXPECTATIONS		
	2018	2019	2020
Reading	71.9%	78.6%	74.7%
Writing	63.3%	69%	69.3
Maths	67.8%	71.6%	71.7%

Our team wanted greater improvement (as we have high expectations of ourselves and the tamariki) but we're also realistic about there being so many challenges last year and thankful that we didn't drop in very many areas. We're also optimistic that we can build on this in 2021.

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic had a profound impact on all aspects of life including student wellbeing and achievement. There are untold factors within the time that were not conducive to raised outcomes for children, some of which included:

- Raised anxiety levels
- Increase in behavioural issues
- Disruption in attendance at school
- Shift of focus from academic achievement to wellbeing
- Lack of explicit teaching
- Severely modified curriculum which focussed on engagement as opposed to differentiated teaching
- Household pressures
- No contact with some families
- English language barriers
- Inequity in what 'education' children received during lockdown





**Kotahi was awesome! Well done Kahurangi Friends!**



**Well done tamariki with Kapa Haka! You were brave!**  
**Thank you whānau, staff and friends for your volunteering, cake baking, support dressing our tamariki, hangi preparation and everything else you did to make the event happen. Our cake stall raised \$547.40.**





Tēnā koutou katoa,

I provide talking therapy for families and students when things are feeling hard at school or at home.

We can work together to problem solve, develop skills to manage hard feelings, identify strengths and values as well as to shift thinking to be more flexible and helpful in moving forward.

**I love working with the Kahurangi community.**

**Ngā mihi, Leah Cooper**



Artwork by  
**Blake**



Artwork by  
**Ivy**



Artwork by  
**Aisah**



Artwork by  
**Tegan**



## Movin' March starts this Monday

It's time to walk or wheel! We're a Movin'March school and we'll be stamping passports as part of the [Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge](#). Twelve lucky students in the region will win a \$400 MYRIDE voucher.



## What's coming up

**Monday 1 March**  
**Movin' March** kicks off!

+ A music gig for the kids!

**Wednesday 3 March**  
**Eastern Zone Cricket** Tournament for keen Y5-8 students

**Friday 5 March**  
**School Assembly** in Broadway at 2:15pm

**Monday 8 March**  
**Kahurangi Friends Meeting** see page 6.

**Tuesday 9 March - Friday 12 March**  
**Pedal Ready Bike Programme.** for our year 5-6 students

**Scooter Ready Programme.** for our year 3-4 students

**Monday 15 March - Tuesday 16 March**  
**Pedal Ready Bike Programme.** for year 6 students who reach the next level

**Friday 19 March**  
**School Assembly** in Broadway at 2:15pm

**Wednesday 24 March**  
**Eastern Zone Football** Tournament for keen Y5-6 students

**Friday 26 March**  
**Zealandia Trip** For the Junior School

## ► News from the Community ◀

HOUSEHOLD STUDY

Join our **WellKiwis** study and help fight the flu



Are you living in the **Wellington** region with at least one child aged 19 or younger living in your household?

We are calling for volunteers to take part in ground-breaking research into how people develop immunity to the influenza (flu) and how the virus spreads in a household. This will help scientists develop a universal flu vaccine that could put an end to flu pandemics and save millions of lives around the world.



### Find out more about the study

We want to make sure you have all the information you need to make an informed decision before participating in this important study.

Go to <http://wellkiwis.co.nz> for more detailed information on the study.

## Strathmore Park Play Day

Kahurangi School Grounds | Friday 19 March | 3 - 6.30pm

Bring the family down to the park for an afternoon full of fun and games. Free play activities for the whole family - unwind and welcome the weekend with us!

For more information email [ActiveWelly@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:ActiveWelly@wcc.govt.nz) or visit <http://t.ly/VrEt>



### Swimming tuition and coaching in a non-competitive and fun environment

Swimmers are placed in groups (lanes) according to age, ability and personal comfort.

For children aged four to eighteen.

Club Nights:  
Fridays 7-8pm  
Freyberg Pool



High level of coaching in all aspects of learning and development of swimming techniques

A family atmosphere and a low-cost approach (\$85 pa). free trial period

"We want every child to be safe, comfortable and able to enjoy the aquatic environment."

An enjoyable experience so that our young swimmers look forward to coming back

For more info go to [www.maranuisswimming.co.nz](http://www.maranuisswimming.co.nz), contact [maranuisswim@gmail.com](mailto:maranuisswim@gmail.com), or just come down and give it a go.



FORWARD GEAR  
PARTNERING FOR THE GOOD OF OUR CHILDREN

## Would your family like to be part of the Forward Gear clothing programme?

### What is it?

Your child/children will be matched with a clothing donor (a family with clothes to spare) and that donor will provide your child with quality clothing (and sometimes shoes) throughout the year. The donor will have kids that are the same sex and a similar size to your child.

### How does it work?

When a donation is made, your child will be told at school that there is a package to collect at the end of the day. The clothes will be in a strong, easy to carry, paper bag.

### How do I join?

If your child would like to be a Forward Gear kid please fill in this form and hand it back to the school office. We will tell the office (who will tell you) when we have a clothing donor for your child.

Please return ASAP to our Kahurangi School office.

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**Please note: If you want to be in this programme again it's important you complete a new form this year.**



	Child's name	Age	Gender	Size of clothes worn	Current shoe size	Caregiver's name & address
1st Child						
2nd Child						
3rd Child						
4th Child						