



Newsletter 3  
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# news

**Kahurangi**  
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

## Kia ora Kahurangi whānau

I trust and hope this newsletter finds you well.

It's always wonderful to return to Alert Level 1 and have whānau back on our school grounds. Although we seem to be able to transition in and out of alert levels quite easily it never feels normal to keep you or discourage you from entering. We really mean it when we say it's nice to have you back in our school!

We've now come to the end of week 7 of the school term and it's fair to say that the 'honeymoon' phase is now over with the excitement of the start of the year merging into normal school life. It's particularly common at this time for teachers and whānau to see little concerns become more prominent. This has been the case for some of our teachers noticing some concerning behaviours that haven't dissipated as it was hoped they would. Our leadership team (our two Deputy Principals and myself) will be encouraging our teachers to reach out to you and share these concerns. Our hope is that a collaborative conversation with you now will result in the problem being resolved before it grows any bigger. If you too have a concern I encourage you to reach out to the teacher of your tamariki.

Two weeks ago we announced our 2021 House Leaders which is a highly anticipated occasion for our Year 7 and 8's who want to be elected into these roles. This year we had the highest percentage of applicants we've ever had which also meant we had the highest number of disappointed students ever too. Our staff really felt the children's disappointment and we know the same will be said for parents and whānau of these tamariki. Although we know dealing with disappointment is an inescapable part of growing up it is still one of the hardest things to fall short of something you really want. I really hope all of our unsuccessful tamariki know that we do believe in them and are proud of them for being brave enough to put themselves forward. We also really want them to know that they don't need a house leader title to be a leader!



Khorus was awarded a Principal's Certificate and got to wear our kakahu for demonstrating leadership through his actions.

## noticeboard



### Fri 26 March

**Zealandia Trip**  
For children who learn with  
Kathryn, Katie and Judy

### Mon 29 March

**Movin'March Event**  
See page 5 of this  
newsletter

### Tues 30 March

**Zealandia Trip**  
For children who learn with  
Josie and Daniel

### Thurs 8 April

**Mihi Whakatau**  
Welcoming new whānau

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

## Congratulations to our 2021 House Leaders

**Waipoua | Blake & Ian**

**Waikato | Matthew & Daley**



**Taupō | Ivy & Mohammad**

**Aoraki | Tegan & Grace**

# Hāere mai

Welcome to  
Kahurangi  
School

**Kora** is 5 and she and her whānau are new to our community. It's lovely to have you join us Kora and we look forward to getting to know you more!



## Are you free to help our children with their reading?

Our fantastic Volunteer Reader programme has been happening since the beginning of Kahurangi School back in 2013.

**We now need some more adults to read with our tamariki PLEASE.**



This is a perfect way for you as parents to give back to our community.

If you have a spare hour between 9 and 11 am, please contact Meta [meta@kahurangi.school.nz](mailto:meta@kahurangi.school.nz) as soon as possible. She will give you all the information you need and explain how things work.

**Our other volunteers all say they find reading with our kids a really rewarding thing to do.**



## Pedal Ready! Scooter Ready!



A super duper massive thank you to Pedal Ready and their crew for providing our tamariki with scooter and bike training and providing extra bikes and scooters so everyone got to participate! It's such valuable and important training that we couldn't have provided without them.







## Hula with Linda

After seeing Linda at Kotahi we asked her to come and teach us some moves. Our tamariki really loved it!



If you think you'd enjoy this Linda runs sessions up at the Strathmore Community Centre every Monday night 6:30pm for a gold coin donation. Children are welcome to join in too. If you want to know more check out her Facebook page called 'Hula Fix'.



One of our whānau have no use any more for a 'do-little' seat that can be attached to an adult bike. If you have a little one and would use it please see Kyran.

# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

## A QUICK SURVEY

WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL DO YOU WANT TO HEAR  
MORE ABOUT IN THE NEWSLETTERS?

IF WE HOSTED SOME PARENT EVENINGS  
WHAT WOULD YOU FIND USEFUL? e.g. Internet  
safety, supporting learning at home, managing  
behaviour, building children's confidence etc.

## SURVEY COMPLETED BY

Every survey completed will go into the draw  
to win 5 children's books of your choice. One  
survey per whānau please.



## Free tickets to The Wiggles Show



Variety - The Children's Charity have given us 50 free Wiggles tickets for their Wellington show. The show is on Thursday 1 April at 4pm at the Michael Fowler Centre.

We would love to give these tickets firstly to whānau whose children love The Wiggles and who might not ever get to view a show such as this because of the expense of the tickets.

Of course we wouldn't want any left over tickets to be wasted. Please let us know if you'd like to be considered for any leftover tickets or if you'd be willing to take an extra child with you as sometimes there's whānau where it's just too difficult to go but they'd love their child to be able to attend. Please see or email me (Kyran) if you would like to be considered for some tickets.



As an example, on Thursday 35 children arrived late to school. These 35 late children do not arrive all at once, which means there were 35 interruptions spread throughout the classrooms in the first hour.

This makes it hard for them because they miss out on important information and their class and teacher are having to cope with the interruption.

At Kahurangi we never ever growl at children for being late but we don't want you getting the message that we don't mind it either.

## To celebrate Movin' March we want children to come to school with their feet dressed up in one of four cool ways.

### HOLIDAY Feet

A holiday that is important to your whānau like Easter, Halloween or Matariki

### FICTIONAL Feet

Anything make believe, maybe a game, movie, book that you like

### FITNESS Feet

Make your feet into wheels or style them like a sport.

### KAHURANGI Feet

Dress your feet up with your house colour or to align with a Kahurangi value



**Monday  
29 March  
at 9:05am**

**Yes, there'll be a parade and prizes!**



Arise Breakfast Club is back!  
It's every **Wednesday** morning.



A NEW INITIATIVE THIS YEAR

**ORGANISED LUNCHTIME GAMES**



Historically the second half of lunch time is when our children seem to be involved in the most conflicts with each other. In an effort to curb this problem we have introduced optional supervised lunch time games. Every day at 1pm a teacher comes out and leads a popular optional game or activity that children want to play. Like we hoped, these games add some fresh interest into what can be a long lunch time of self managing for some. At the end of the term we'll compare break-time behaviour data from Term 1, 2020 with this term's data to see if it's having the impact desired. At this early stage it does seem like it is.



We're appreciative of the recent donation made by the **Henwood/Keller Whānau**. It is very kind of them especially as we don't think they have any whānau who attend Kahurangi.

## What's coming up

### Wednesday 24 March Eastern Zone Football Tournament

For Keen Year 5-6 players.

### Friday 26 March Zealandia Trip

For the classes who learn with Kathryn, Judy and Katie

### Monday 29 March Movin'March Event

See page 5 of this newsletter.

### Tuesday 30 March Zealandia Trip

For the classes who learn with Josie and Daniel

### Wednesday 31 March Eastern Zone Football Tournament

For keen Year 7-8 students. Your child will come home with a notice if they've expressed an interest in playing.

### Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Staff This is a public meeting.

### Thursday 1 April \$1 million money scramble More details to be shared on this very special day!

### Friday 2 April Easter | Good Friday

No School

### Monday 5 April Easter Monday

No School

### Tuesday 6 April Easter Tuesday

No School

### Thursday 8 April Mihi Whakatau

To welcome all new whānau who have started at Kahurangi or who are about to.

### Friday 9 April School Assembly

Hosted by the children that learn with Rachel. 2:15pm  
All welcome!

### Tuesday 13 April

### PSW Futsal Festival

For keen Year 1-4 students.

### Wednesday 14 April

### PSW Futsal Festival

For keen Year 5-8 students.

### Friday 16 April

### Last day of Term 1

Happy Holidays! School finishes at the usual time of 3pm.

### TERM 2

### Monday 3 May

### First Day of Term 2

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