



Newsletter 1
22 February 2022

Kahurangi
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi

Tena koutou katoa.

It's been a pleasure to welcome back our tamariki (children)! We're four weeks into the school year and my feeling is that we've had an excellent start and I hope this has been your feeling too! Our tamariki have smiles on their faces when they enter the school gate and I'm delighted to see these smiles largely remain on their faces right until the end of the school day. I would like to thank our tamariki, whānau and staff alike for all you've done to support this to happen.

Our kaiako (teachers) have been working hard with both our new and returning tamariki on developing a strong class culture and helping them settle in and feel comfortable about school. I feel proud to share that when visiting all our classes I can sense a real air of positivity and enjoyment in what they're doing and learning as well as seeing fantastic engagement from all our tamariki no matter what their age.

We're all hoping that our new children, whānau (family) and staff have felt welcomed. We acknowledge that building relationships with you is more than a little tricky when we don't get to see each other or chat at drop-off and pick up times like we could before Covid existed. This can also be problematic if you and your children are wanting to make friends. If this is the case for you, please let us know and we'll do what we can to connect you with them. If you have been connected to our school for a while it would be lovely if you could reach out to our new whānau and do what you can to help them build friendships.

Admittedly one thing the teachers and I are feeling sad about is not being able to connect with whānau personally because of Covid restrictions. As a school we've always prided ourselves on the good relationships we built with whānau and missing out on our regular and casual conversations is really impacting on our relationships with you. I want you to know that our connection with you and your involvement in your children's learning is still hugely important to us. Our plan this year is to introduce some new ways of doing this. In the meantime I really want to encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher whenever you need to. With more Covid cases in Wellington we would prefer connecting over the phone or email but in-person meetings can be arranged if the above method is difficult.

Finally, I want you to know the team and I are highly determined this year is going to be a positive and successful year for our tamariki and kura and that it's not going to be ruined by Covid. We will focus on the things we can do, not on what Covid is preventing. We will hold strong to our school vision "Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei" which will continue to sit at the heart of who we are and what we're about. We will celebrate diversity and support our tamariki in developing strong relationships, experience excellence and engage fully in their learning. Our staff will promote high expectations in learning and behaviour and deliver quality teaching and learning programmes while doing our best to ensure our school environment is a happy and safe one for every single one of our tamariki.

Nāku noa, nā

Kyran Smith - Tumauki/Principal



noticeboard



Tues 1 Mar

Movin'March kicks off!

See page 7 for more information.

Tues 8 Mar

Meet the Teacher Conversation

School finishes at 12:30pm on this day. See page 5 for more information.

For further dates and events please check 'What's coming up' on the back page of this newsletter.

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

Welcome!

It is especially exciting turning 5 and starting school. I wonder how many of you still remember your first day of school and your teacher? The following children have started in our New Entrant class with Emma Chilcott. **Tovie, Ava, Willow, Ruby, Zara, Winter, Charlie** and **Merita**.

We have had some new older children start with us too. Welcome to siblings **Liberty** and **Troy** who moved from Newtown. **Jessekiel** has moved here from Porirua. **Mila** comes to us from Otaki and **Ariela** has moved from Auckland. **Liliana** has joined us too and has always lived locally.

New children, although you have joined us at a time when lots of other children have, we want you to know we are looking forward to getting to know you. The same goes for our new whānau too! Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai!

School newsletters

The newsletter you are reading usually comes out every three weeks on a Friday. It is sent out by paper (with your child), email, via our school app and you'll also find it on our school website. We use all of these different methods as we want to make sure it reaches everyone. We also continue with the paper copies as we know tamariki very much enjoying reading it and this ensures they get to see it too.

If you didn't receive this newsletter via email it's probably because we don't have your correct email. If this is you please email the office (office@kahurangi.school.nz). On some occasions whānau have found the newsletter has gone to their junkmail because it's sent to a large number of recipients.



**Do you want to know
the secret to stop
your child losing
their clothing at
school?**

The simple answer is....NAMING IT. 😊

Our lost property box is already full with unnamed clothing. Over the next few fine days it will be hung at the front of our school on the fence so whānau have the opportunity to go through it and find lost items. We'll also make sure tamariki have a chance to look through it before we send the unclaimed clothing to the local opportunity shop.

Important Dates to mark on your calendar

TUESDAY 8 MARCH
Meet the Teacher
Conversations

School finishes at 12:30pm

FRIDAY 1 APRIL
Teacher Only Day
No school for the children

No school for the children

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

Kotahi once again was a hit! Thank you Kahurangi Friends!



This year Kahurangi Friends' Kotahi Music Festival happened online because of Covid. Last year Kotahi was recorded over the month of December. Our Kapa Haka was filmed along with several bands including world famous **Fat Freddy's Drop**. The bands played to small audiences in the weekends. All the footage was then edited and woven together to form the three hour music festival that streamed on Youtube and Facebook channels on Waitangi Day. The streaming had over 5,000 views from people as far away as England, Thailand, USA and Australia! If you missed the event you won't be able to find it online at the moment but in the future it will be shared in part. There were many moments watching the festival that I felt so very proud of Kahurangi Friends, our tamariki and super duper talented parents and whānau that used their talents to produce this event! I also want to give a special shout out to Faye McNeil and Lize Immelman who were the superwomen who visioned and produced this event!



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Meet the Teacher Conversations

Tuesday 8 February

School will finish early at 12:30pm on this day.

This is a perfect time for you to have some one on one time with your child's teacher. Along with hearing how they have settled into the class and school life the teachers would also like to hear from you. Having these conversations early in the year will mean the teachers can make good use of the information you give them to support your child in their learning.

There is also the opportunity to book an appointment with me (Kyran) if you have anything at all you'd like to discuss.



Kyran Smith
Principal



Emma Chilcott
Year 0-1 Teacher



Julia Park
Year 1 Teacher



Emma Milne
Year 1-2 Teacher



Jodie Adams
Year 2-3 Teacher



Rachel Collins
Year 2-3 Teacher



Judy Bragan & Ruth Cooper
Deputy Principals & Year 3-4 Teachers
Judy & Ruth share the class



Erin Scott
Year 4 Teacher



James Kyle
Year 5-6 Teacher



Meta Beyers
Year 5-6 Teacher



Maddi Prskawetz
Year 5-6 Teacher



Tessa Finnigan
Year 7-8 Teacher



Claire Brown
Team Leader &
Year 7-8 Teacher

This year you can book either a person-to-person conversation or a scheduled phone call by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and entering the school code **eq4un** or by phoning our school office.



PLEASE NOTE THE ONLY THING THAT WILL STOP THESE CONVERSATIONS GOING AHEAD IS IF A TEACHER IS SICK. IF A TEACHER IS ISOLATING ALL THE APPOINTMENTS WILL SWITCH TO SCHEDULED PHONE CALLS.

It is sunhat season!

Mostly our tamariki are awesome at remembering to wear their sunhats at breaktimes. Teachers remind tamariki when they notice them not wearing them. If children leave their hat at home they must eat and play under our canopy or other shade areas at break times which they never find as much fun. For this reason we encourage tamariki to leave a hat at school so they're not caught out.



Our tamariki are loving the ramps!

Thanks so much to the whānau who answered our call and came down in the weekend to help us unload them and put them together! Many hands sure did make light work!



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.

**SUPER
HAPPY
AWESOME
NEWS!**

After a year of delays the refurbishment of our basketball and netball courts is happening.

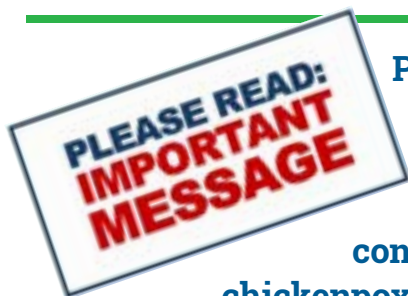
The base preparation should be finished by the end of the week along with the foundations for the basketball

hoops. The asphalt should go down next week. After that we'll be able to open the courts up for our tamariki to play on. The next company is lined up to install the special surface once the ground has settled. We hope the project will be complete by the middle of Term 2.



Our senior school have a physics focus for their science unit. Waka Rimu Whā made canister rockets using baking soda and vinegar to create carbon dioxide!





Please tell us
immediately
if your child
comes into
contact with
chickenpox or measles or
develops them

We have some children attending our school that have serious health conditions. They are currently doing well and are able to attend school and we love this! Their illnesses do however make them more susceptible to infections. It is critical for them that we know of any children who have come into contact with chicken pox or measles so we can alert their whānau.



Kaiako wear orange vests at break times so children can spot them easily when they need help.

Children bringing cellphones to school

We know there can be a need for our senior students to bring their phone to school. More often than not this is so a parent can reach them after school if they're not picking them up. For this reason we allow phones at school.

Our tamariki are not allowed to use their phone at school. We implemented this rule so they make the most of being with their mates. If they are caught using their phone their teacher will hold it for the day. If it becomes a recurring problem I have asked teachers to contact home and let parents know.

I do want to warn whānau that on a few occasions over the years we have had cellphones stolen out of children's bags. If this happens, of course we share our disappointment with the senior classes but unfortunately it doesn't often result in it being recovered. Whānau, we thought you should be made aware of this as it might make you reconsider whether or not you want to allow your child to bring their phone to school or not.

We have suggested to the children if they do really need to bring their phone to school they hand it in at the office so it can be kept safe during the school day.



Our tamariki love Golden Time!



Golden Time happens every Friday after lunch time. Tamariki earn their Golden Time by following class and school expectations. The activities they get to do are especially special and beyond what would usually happen during the course of a normal school day. Some of the choices so far this year have included; blindfold tag, class hide and seek, making playdough, who can make the longest chain from a fruit burst wrapper, bubble wands, Black Panther, weaving and Kahoot.

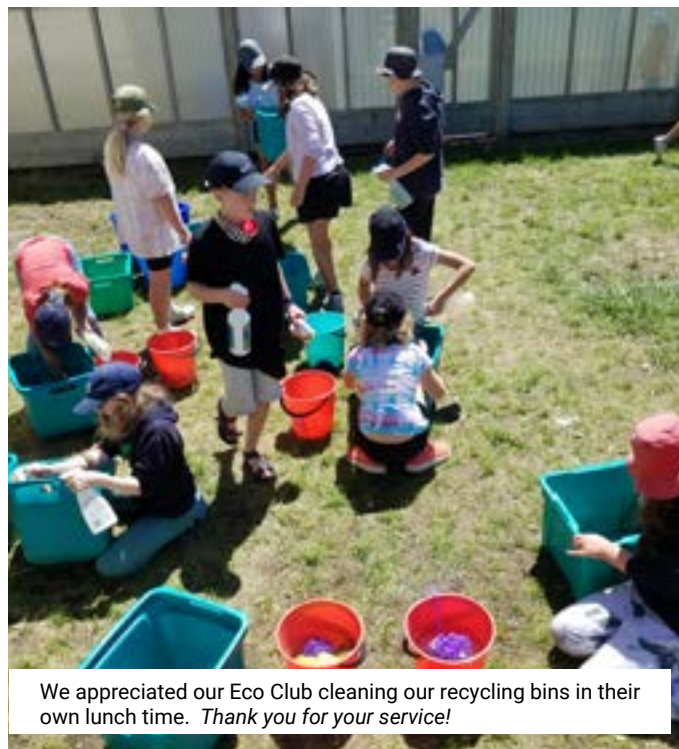
School life



Tamariki making a fairy house.



An act of kindness caught in a photo.



We appreciated our Eco Club cleaning our recycling bins in their own lunch time. *Thank you for your service!*

Movin'March starts next Tuesday

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.



There's also a cool [Whānau Photo Competition](#). Simply post a pic or message responding to the weekly themes and be in to win one of 5 x Micro Scooters or 10 x Family passes to fun Wellington destinations! Competition runs 1-31 March.



If you're a coach or manager of one of our sports teams we'd love for you to send through the occasional photo of the children playing so we can share them in the newsletter.

What's coming up

Wednesday 23 February Kahurangi School Board Meeting

6:30pm

These meetings are open to whānau and usually happen twice a term.

If you intend to come please RSVP so we can share the link with you as these meetings are happening online during Covid Times.

Tuesday 8 March Meet the Teacher Conversations

School finishes at 12:30pm. See page 5 for more information.

Friday 1 April Teacher Only Day

No school for the children!

Tuesday 1 March Movin'March kicks off!

Wednesday 2 March House Leader applications due

Year 7-8s know about this process.