



Welcome to our new tamariki that have started with us this term

Samantha, Elliott, Taika and **Alex** have all turned 5 so are excited about being 'big school children' now.

Samantha and her whānau are new to our kura. Elliott and his whānau are new too. Taika is the younger brother of Ariki. Alex joins her two older sisters Sam Nui and Jo Rami. Turning 5 and starting school is a very important time in a child's life and we're really hoping these four tamariki have a wonderful start and a memorable and fun time.

A special welcome to two new older children too **Cruz** and **Charlie**. Cruz has joined one of our Year 5 and 6 classes Waka Rā Tahī and is the younger brother of Liliana. Charlie has started in Waka Pahī Rua which is one of our Year 2-3 classes. Charlie and his whānau have just recently moved into our neighbourhood.



Has your child ever come home with a 'Caught Being Good' award?

Our staff on duty at morning tea and lunch times aren't just looking for problems or things going wrong. They are also looking for tamariki who are following our school expectations. When seeing these 'good behaving children' they may acknowledge them with a compliment or give them a 'star student' slip of paper with their name on it. This slip of paper then gets put into our star student box and at every school assembly we draw approximately eight children's names out and they receive a 'caught being good' certificate and a book of their choice.



This award reinforces children following school expectations in our playground and places value on books as a reward.

Voting has opened for our School Board Election

We have 8 candidates for the Board of Trustees election:

- Byron Darling**
- Becky Hopkins**
- Alison Howard**
- Jane Pierard**
- Mike Townsend**
- Sam Wadham**
- Iraia Whakamoe**
- Robyn Wong**

An election will be held to select the 5 parent representatives.

Voting papers and optional candidate statements have been posted to parents and caregivers on our electoral roll.

Completed votes can be posted or delivered back to the school office.

Voting closes on Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 4pm and votes are counted on Tuesday 13 September 2022. Results will be announced shortly after.

Thank you to these candidates for their willingness to contribute to Kahurangi School in this way and good luck for the vote!

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES ARE BACK ON!

We are delighted to share that our fortnightly school assemblies are starting back up. It's been over a year since we last held one which helps explain why we're so pleased.

There are a few slight changes that we need to make for these to be able to go ahead. We are asking for only the whānau of the hosting class come as we want to be sure Broadway (our hall) doesn't become over crowded. Visiting adult whānau will also be asked to wear a mask along with all of our staff and year 4-8 tamariki.

Our first assembly is next Friday 19 August and will be hosted by Waka Pahī Rua which is the class that learns with Josie.



Jack we are SUPER proud of you!

Congratulations to Jack for having his story *Losing a Friend* published in the latest Toi Toi magazine.

Losing a friend

My friends and I were sitting around, talking about the future. We were talking about what we were going to do in Year 8. Then Arsalan said that he was moving. The sentence bounced around in my head for what seemed like ages.

"Where?" Hunter asked, breaking the silence.

"Auckland," he replied.

I was shocked. Arsalan was my best friend. Even though he was moving at the end of the year - which was still a few months away - it was huge.

At lunch and for the rest of the day I could hardly focus because the words made such a dent in me. They were all I could think about. Arsalan was moving.

The words finally stopped when I got home. But when I remembered, it happened again. The words were like sharp beaked birds flying straight into me. I had trouble getting to sleep that night but when I did, I had good dreams. The next day at school it happened again. The words were too heavy so they toppled on me.

The last time I saw Arsalan was the day after school finished for the year. It was my party. We had fun but then we had to say goodbye. We took a photo of us together and then he left. Writing this now makes me really sad. I hope I can see him again one day.

Jack - Age 10



Tūmanako Art Exhibition



Last term a couple of our senior classes worked on a piece of art over a period of eight weeks to be displayed in the Tūmanako Art Exhibition. The children and Mrs A put a lot of effort into their art and they were very proud of their final art work. Some of our children got to attend the opening with their whānau.

The exhibition is now open to the public at the Johnsonville Library Waitohi Hub until the 20th of August.



Please tell us immediately if your child gets chickenpox or measles or comes into contact with 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.

In the holidays...



I played
Hungry
Hippos.

By Tovie

We were sad to hear of the passing of Dorothy (Dot) Warring. Dorothy was one of our Volunteer Readers for many years. She also taught many of our children how to play the ukulele. She will be missed.



Periods are a fact of life for half the population. Period.



Thanks to a government initiative which started last year, pads and tampons - regular and super - are available to our girls for free and are allowed to take enough for their whole cycle.

How can our girls access the products?

They just need to ask one of our staff that they trust or at the office.

If you know your daughter is shy you're welcome to make contact with us on her behalf and we can give her some discretely or you can come and collect them for her.



Our senior classes were recently treated to a very entertaining high tech show by Capital E Story Studio Live. The actors were performing in Avalon studios and streaming live to Broadway. The students were thoroughly engaged as it was fast paced, funny and interactive. The topic was New Zealand place names and why so many have been renamed after colonists when they already had Māori names.

What's coming up

Tuesday 16 August - Wednesday 17 August

Cricket Wellington Smashplay Sessions

For all our tamariki.

Wednesday 7 September Eastern Zone Swimming Sports

For selected Y4-8 students.

A notice will be sent home about this.

Friday 19 August School Assembly

2:15-2:50 pm

Hosted by the children that learn with Josie. See page 2 of this newsletter for more detail.

Voting for our Board Election closes

4 pm

Monday 5 September - Tuesday 6 September Masters of the Muralverse Filming

All day.

For selected Y7-8 students.

Friday 2 September School Assembly

2:15-2:50 pm

Hosted by the children that learn with Claire. See page 2 of this newsletter for more detail.

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Scouting is operating in your area,

The Eastern Bays Scout Group situated in Worsler Bay is open to all youth aged 6-14.

We welcome young people and are open to all genders, ethnicities and religions. We are the world's largest non-formal education institution, serving over 13,000 young people all across New Zealand.

There are five youth sections in our Scout Group and we are keen to recruit new members for our youngest section, Keas which is for 6 to 8 year old.

If you would like to know more please - email easternbays@group.scouts.nz

Donna and Stuart, Kea Leaders.