

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi,

The children are starting to show signs of excitement as they anticipate performing in our final assembly, the holidays and of course Christmas day.

We know Christmas means many different things to our Kahurangi whānau and we hope whatever your plans are you get to relax and enjoy time with one another.

This is the final newsletter for 2022 and I want to take this opportunity to thank our Kahurangi community for what has been another good year despite it being a challenging one.

Tamariki I want to thank you for all the energy you have put into your learning over the year. Well done for continuing to put in the effort even when you found parts of your learning tough or not necessarily something you liked doing. We are proud of your success and the progress you have made. We also want to acknowledge your social development as every one of you has grown in this area and tried your best to demonstrate our school principles and expectations. It is you that makes Kahurangi School a great place.

It is certainly a pleasure to thank our **parents** and **whānau** for <u>all</u> your support

over the year. It's wonderful to have this support. A special thank you to those who have done extra and have actively been involved in school life by helping us with coaching, trips, special events, road patrol, extra-curricular clubs and sharing your expertise. There are also many times thoughout the year we've been witness to your generous support and aroha of our Kahurangi tamariki and whānau. Without request we have had many donations of money, food, school hoodies and tshirts, and vouchers to pass on to families who are in need. These acts of kindness mean so much to the recipients who have had hard things happening and needed our support.

Kahurangi Friends thank you for the wonderful events you put on for us all and our wider community along with your social media presence giving timely reminders and encouragement to support the smooth functioning of our school.

Kahurangi School has a committed and giving staff and I wish to thank them too.

Hannah, Andrea, Sam, Angela and Margaret, it's not an easy job that each of you do and at times you might not feel your work is noticed but it most definitely is! You're all awesome and truely appreciated.

We're lucky and benefit in countless ways from the wise advice and support of **Leah** our school counsellor. Her manaakitanga and encouragement always seems to be spot on.

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Our groundsman **Fono** does a remarkable job to ensure our outdoor environment is safe, clean and secure.

To our classroom teachers **Emma**, **Julia**, **Amy**, **Judy**, **Ruth**, **Maddi**, **Tessa**, **Meta**, **Claire**, **James**, **Erin**, **Rachel** and and **Josie** you are awesome! You all care so much about our children and put so much effort into delivering the best quality learning programmes you can. We are very lucky to have you and you make Kahurangi a richer place.

> We are fortunate to have two fabulous part-time teachers who provide regular cover for our teachers. **Vangela** and **Lesley** I'm confident in your ability and know the children are in good hands when their regular teacher is not there. I also want to give a special shout out to two of our parents **Karyn** and **Melody** who are trained teachers and have often stepped in to cover for absent teachers at a moment's notice. They do a great job to support the stability and continuity for our tamariki when we've really needed it.

We are thankful for the expertise of two skilled specialist reading teachers **Geraldine** and **Lily**. Thank you for the support you give to our youngest learners who need some extra guidance. Your knowledge and skill is invaluable.

To the leadership team, **Judy**, **Claire** and **Ruth**. Thank you for your considered and effective leadership and investment and commitment to our kura. I can't thank you enough!

Last but not least, thank you to our **School Board** for your governance and the hours you put in to ensure our school is governed well.

I one hundred percent mean it when I say Kahurangi School is lucky to have each and every single one of you! You all contribute to making Kahurangi the school it is.

I wish you all the very best for the last weeks of term and the Christmas and holiday season. Stay safe, enjoy one another and I hope you have a wonderful end to 2022.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Kyran Smith Tumuaki

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In keeping with national and international trends we have quite a few teaching staff leaving at the end of the year due to a whole host of reasons.

After ten great years service to our school, **Judy Bragan**, Deputy Principal and Year 3-4 teacher has resigned from her full-time role. There is some good news with her resignation which is that we're not losing her completely. Next year Judy will be working in a part time capacity to release class teachers and mentor one of our beginning teachers.

Kathryn Dron, our previous new entrant teacher who is currently on refreshment leave has made the decision to stay living in the South Island where two of her adult children are now living and where she grew up.

After four years with us **Erin Scott** is moving back to her home city Dunedin with her fiancé to be closer to family and friends.

Rachel Collins is also moving on to her next challenge after being with us for five years.

Tessa Finnigan having recently bought her first home has secured a job closer to home which will mean she cuts an hour off an already long and tiring day of teaching.

Emma Chilcott is leaving too. Her partner has won a job promotion so they're both off to live in Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland).

We never like losing our kaiako but change can be good for a school and we also fully understand and accept their reasons for leaving. They've all made their mark on Kahurangi for different reasons and we're grateful for their mahi and commitment to our tamariki, kura and community.



Teachers on leave in 2023

Meta Beyers and Katie Morrow have been granted a year's leave from their full-time class teacher role for 2023. Lucky for them they got in early before we knew of any of our resignations!

They both plan on returning to their teaching positions in 2024.

MORE FAREWELLS

I would also like to share our well wishes to all departing students and their whanau.

This year we farewell 27 year 8 students who are off to college next year. It's been wonderful to watch you grow up into the wonderful rangatahi that you are! We know you feel ready and we wholeheartedly agree and wish you all the very best for this next important and major step in your learning journey.

To our students at different year levels that are moving on from Kahurangi to new towns and schools we also wish you well!

We also want to acknowledge **departing** whānau who will no longer have tamariki at our school. Some have had multiple children come through Kahurangi and have been here since the very beginning of our school. We thank you immensely for the support, belief and trust you had in all of us at Kahurangi to educate and care for your tamariki. It's not been taken for granted and we hope you leave with many good memories and confidence with the learning and progress your tamariki have made in their time here.

If your child won't be returning next year and you haven't let us know please make contact with us as soon as possible.

Christmas is near

Christmas is near, It might as well be here! Elves with pointy hats are making cricket bats. Connect four, chess, so much fun! Action figures, books, a nerf gun! "Ho ho lo! Load it onto my sleigh! Prancer, Rudolph, giddy up, hey!" Santa slaps his reins, and the reindeers fly! Super high up, into the silky night sky! But a Christmas tragedy is about to occur. Santa falls out and his vision starts to blur! He falls though the sky, Feet up high. When he lands face first In a chimmey, just the worst! Now Im sure the reindeers know what to do, But Rudolph is busting for a ginormous poo. But Rudolph is busting for a ginormous poo. But Rudolph is busting for a ginormous poo. But Rudolph of course, being the chief, Leads them away to let out some beef. So Santa now stuck, bellows for aid, And his hopes slowly but surely, start to fade. Luckily the home owner comes to his service, Obviously feeling slightly nervous, Because a random man in their home, Dressed (hilariously) as a gnome! "Now I m free!" Santa yelled with glee. So he fetched his reindeers And went up into the air! Christmas is saved! Santa is glad! Now he will check who has been bad.



By Matthew

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KAHURANGI SCHOOL

FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2022

AT RONGOTAI COLLEGE

We have this in the evening knowing that not everyone is able to come to our day time assemblies

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WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER

6.30 PM START

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OUR KAPA HAKA GROUP (EVERY STUDENT) IS PERFORMING.



In 2023 we're going to have the most significant change in staff since our school opened, but please don't worry. We're confident we can make this transition work well.

Education is facing the same staffing shortages that many other industries in New Zealand are. What this means is that we've not yet been successful in recruiting all of our classroom teachers despite working hard at it since September. We are close though. Be assured we have an option B just in case.

Because of the above I'm disappointed we're not yet ready to announce what classes teachers will be teaching, other than sharing who will be teaching our youngest class. Natalie Ballantyne will be our new entrant teacher and replace Judy Bragan as the junior school team leader.

Our decision to not share class information is because we don't want to be in a position where we have to make changes after announcing classes as this would be unsettling for everyone.

Please be assured we will share the information with you as soon as we can because we know you and your tamariki really want to know.

Our new teachers introduce themselves



Kia ora koutou. Ko **Brynne Hey** tōku ingoa.

I grew up in the sunny Hawkes Bay and I moved to Te Whanganui-a-Tara when I began my university studies. I have recently completed my Masters of Teaching and Learning at Te Herenga Waka. I am passionate when it comes to building reciprocal learning focused relationships. I believe my

warm, positive, genuine and supportive demeanour will fit well at Kahurangi School and I look forward to getting to know the school community.

In my spare time I enjoy being in the sun, walking, cooking, painting and spending time with my family and friends.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi - everybody has something to offer, and by working together we can all flourish.

Kia ora l'm Natalie Ballantyne.



Originally from Otago, I have lived in Wellington for the last 20 years and spent most of that time teaching in Lower Hutt.

I believe in building strong relationships with my students and their whānau, and in creating a welcoming safe environment for my students

so that they feel comfortable and confident to take risks to achieve. I have a love of the Arts, Numeracy and especially Literacy - I am mad about books and share that love with children, helping them to feel the excitement of becoming readers themselves.

When I am not at school I enjoy tinkering in the garden, experimenting with new recipes, walking the coastline, and hanging out at the side of a sports field watching my two teenage sons.

Kia ora, I am Emma Tapuai.

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I have been teaching for over 17 years. After 7 years of teaching overseas in the UAE, I have just returned and back again to Kahurangi School. I love my job as a teacher and am passionate about children's learning and education. I strive to make sure



all my students have success. I especially Maths, Reading and Physical Education. love teaching

Outside of school, I love spending time with my two young children and my husband. We enjoy going to the park, playing and watching sports, and trying different cuisines.



Tēnā koutou!

Ko **Madison Boyes** tōku ingoa Nō Te Whanganui-a-Tara ahau

I ako ahau ki te whare wananga o Waitaha He paetahi ahau I te kura tuatahi

Nō reira tēnā tātou katoa

I recently graduated from the University of Canterbury, and

I am so excited to be joining the Kahurangi community.

As a kaiako, I see relationships as the starting point to providing a safe and happy learning space, where ākonga can grow, learn, and thrive. I'm passionate about creating a space where individual needs, interests and cultures are recognised, catered for, and nurtured.

Aside from teaching, I enjoy going to the beach, travelling, and spending time with whānau.





2023 SCHOOL YEAR DATES

- Term 1 Thursday 2 February - Thursday 6 April
- Term 2 Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June
- Term 3 Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September
- Term 4 Monday 9 October - Wednesday 20 December

Holidays

- Monday 6 February Tuesday 25 April Friday 2 June Monday 5 June Wednesday 26 July Monday 23 October
- Waitangi Day ANZAC Day **Teacher Only Day** King's Birthday **Teacher Only Day** Labour Day

Lost Property



If your child has lost an item of clothing, it's probably in our lost property box!

Over the next few weeks we will display all the clothing on the courts so the children can check if anything belongs to them but I must tell you they are very quick to say it doesn't. Parents and family members you are welcome to look on behalf of your children.

Please note that anything left in the box after school finishes for the year will be passed on to our local charity shops.

Kahurangi Friends notice





Our winning Year 5 relay team. Yes you're right if you notice two of the runners are actually year 4!

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Athletics success continues

It is a big achievement to make it to the Primary School Inter Zone Athletics competition.

A very big congratulations to the following children who won a placing!



Maya	Sprints - 1st Relay - 1st
Eden F	Long Jump - 1st Sprints - 1st Vortex - 2nd 800m - 2nd
Pauna	Quoits - 3rd
Cedrick	Long jump - 2nd Quoits - 2nd
lvy	1500m - 3rd
Jerome	Discus - 3rd
Hafsah	Relay - 1st
Lily	Relay - 1st

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HAVE YOU GOT ANY AT HOME? PLEASE RETURN THEM TO SCHOOL SCHOOL T-SHIRTS READING BOOKS

LIBRARY BOOKS

we don't mind how many you have, we just need them back before the end of the year.

Our Year 8 leavers' dinner and celebration was a special evening



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A great iniative we'd love for our tamariki to get involved in!



December 1 - January 31, 2023

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The Adventure Begins with Wellington City Libraries!

Read books, explore the city, win prizes! Our annual Summer Reading Adventure is back -- register now to join in on the fun!

https://wcl.beanstack.org/reader365



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