

**KIA ORA FROM KYRAN**

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

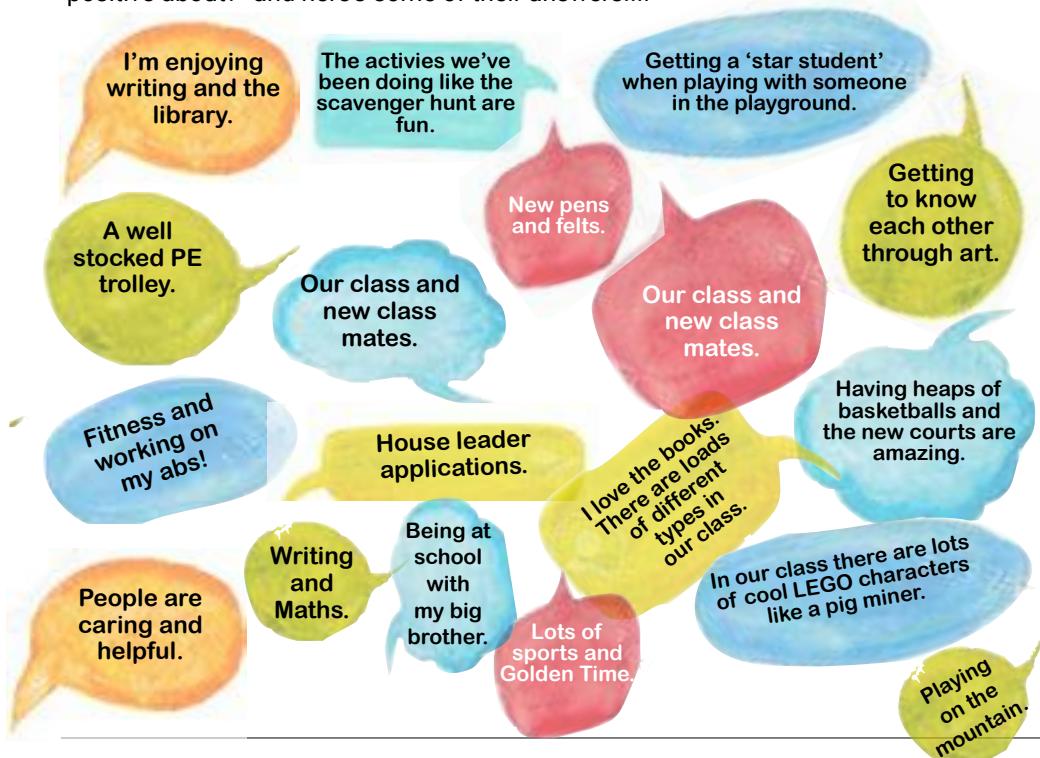
We have had an excellent start to the year - truly! The children have settled extremely well into their classes and are very busy in their learning already. Finished work is making its way on to the walls as teachers and children aim to put some 'life' into their classrooms.

The first month of school is very much focussed on getting routines and systems operational in the classroom and building class culture for the new 'learning' year. Classes have been shuffled around a bit which means tamariki have different learning relationships to form, and with new teachers there is always a 'bedding in' period where everyone needs to get used to each other.

An important topic that our teachers will be talking about this month with their classes is the importance and value of having a growth mindset. They'll explain to our tamariki that this means believing that 'you can do it' and through practise, effort and resilience you will grow in your learning and become better. This message is an important one for the start of the school year. As all our tamariki are another year older, all their learning will be more challenging than the year before.

### The voice of our tamariki

We surveyed our children about this past week. We asked "What are you feeling positive about?" and here's some of their answers....



We absolutely love it when we see our tamariki helping one another!

### noticeboard



**Mon 13 Feb**  
**Y7-8 Technology starts**

**Fri 24 Feb**  
**House Leader Applications close**  
Y7-8 students can apply

**Wed 22 Feb**  
**Cricket Tournament**  
For Year 5-8 students

**'Meet the teacher' interviews**  
See page 2 for details .  
School will finish early at 12:30pm on this day.

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



We're delighted to welcome lots of new tamariki to our kura!

We have 8 new entrants, **Arna** (Charlie's sister), **Elise** (Cameron's sister), **Zoe** (Jade's sister), **Cora** (Gage's sister),

**Kahurangi** (Kuia's sister), **Archie** (Mara's brother) and **Tom** and **Zinnia** who with their families are new to Kahurangi.

We've had some older children who have started too. Welcome to brother and sister, **Junior** and **Billie** who are new to Wellington from Kotemaori in the Hawke's Bay region.

**Makesi** and his younger sisters **Layanah** and **Penina** have moved here from Kilbirnie.

**Emilia** has moved to New Zealand from Chile. *Ola* to Emilia and her whānau.

**Rifaa** has joined us all the way from India! A special welcome to her and her family too.

**Zac** has joined us from Thorndon School after recently moving.

**Lesly** joins our oldest class from Newtown and gets to reconnect with a past friend who moved last year.

**Layla** joins us all the way from Saint Clair in Dunedin and gets to join her cousin Azaria at Kahurangi.

**Marsha** joins one of our senior classes as she moved here from Brooklyn.

**Dakoda** is from Newlands and joins her cousin Malika at Kahurangi.

**Katana** joins us all the way from Putāruru and has her cousin Joshua at Kahurangi too.

We hope you all enjoy learning at Kahurangi and feel 'at home' soon. We are enjoying getting to know you!

## 'Meet the teacher' Interviews on Tuesday 28 February

These meetings are a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and share your thoughts and feelings. We want you to do most of the talking so the teacher can learn more about your child. We really want to hear from you!

We hope having them 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.

A letter will be sent home next week with all the information.

## Stay up to date with school information



**Download the Hero app today!**



We have made a decision to do away with the multiple apps and platforms we've been using in favour of moving to one app that will enable us to centralise all our school information into one place.

This year we are moving forward with the **Hero** app and will no longer be using the Skool Loop app or our website app. Not only should the **Hero** app make finding school information much easier for whānau but we hope it will enhance our communication.

Schools that are already using the **Hero** app says it has helped them to build an online environment that enables teachers, ākonga (students) and whānau to view and share content anytime, anywhere on any device. The software is secure, approved by the Ministry of Education and easy to use.

We are excited about the features that Hero has to offer. These include the ability for whānau to

- read and comment on school notices and newsletters
- respond to trip permission requests and school surveys
- view school term dates and the school calendar of events
- notify the school if your child is absent or late
- select how you wish to receive notifications
- access your child's school reports

We will also be building up to our staff and students posting content (written posts, images, video and work samples) about the learning they do in class, much like our early childhood centres do so capably. This is going to take some real time though, especially as we've got lots on our plate settling new staff and tamariki into our school along with providing engaging learning programmes and experiences for 270 tamariki each day. Our leadership team are currently developing a plan that will see us embedding this platform into all aspects of school life over the next three years.

**We're awarding spot prizes of Pak'n'save vouchers to whānau who download the Hero app.**



# Thank you for coming to our Whānau Play Day!

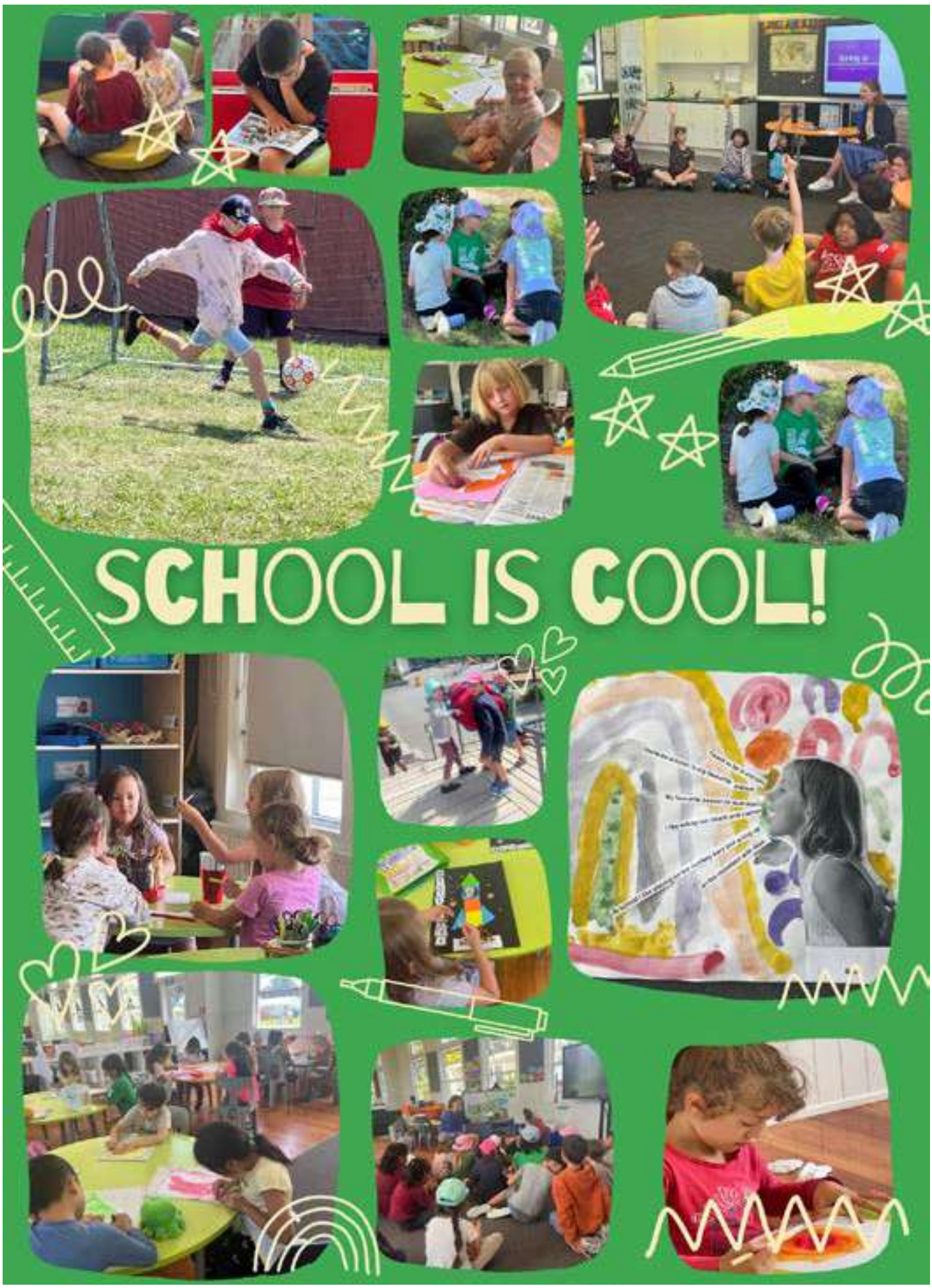


Our thanks goes out to **Kahurangi Friends** and the **Wellington City Council** for their support and sponsorship along with all our other providers! You definitely helped make our event successful.









# SCHOOL IS COOL!



## Something cool for our girls!



The Girls Got Game Park Tour is an event that will give female ballers a chance to get out on their local courts and show their friends and whānau just how much of a baller they are, or have a go at basketball for the first time! Girls Got Game activations, 3x3, giveaways and a whole load of fun - you don't want to miss out! The best thing is that it's free!



## What's coming up

### Monday 13 February Y7-8 Technology

Starts for our intermediate rangatahi.

### Fruit in School programme starts back up

Every child gets given a piece of fruit if they want it. Often there's enough left over to have a second piece too.

### Wednesday 22 February Cricket Tournament

Keen Y5-8 players will bring a notice home about it.

### Friday 24 February House leader applications due

Year 7-8 students have been talked through the process with Ms Cooper.

### Tuesday 28 February 'Meet the Teacher' Interviews

You can read more about these on page 2.

**SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY AT 12:30 ON THIS DAY.**

### Wednesday 1 March NZEI Paid Union Meeting

We're hoping for parent volunteers that are willing to supervise children so we don't have to close early. More about this on page 4.

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