



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 whānau.

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 ho! 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 chimney, just the worst!
Now I'm sure the reindeers know what to do,
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.
Luckyly the home owner comes to his service,
Obviously feeling slightly nervous,
Because a random man 's 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



**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



WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER

6.30 PM START

**OUR KAPA HAKA GROUP
(EVERY STUDENT) IS PERFORMING.**

2023

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 I'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 and 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**.

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 love teaching Maths, Reading and Physical Education.



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 aha
I ako aha ki te whare wananga o Waitaha
He paetahi aha 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.

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



December 1 - January 31, 2023



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>

Upcoming Events

Wed
30
Nov

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

5:30-8:30pm The Pines, Houghton Bay

Fun Day!

Whānau are welcome to come and join us!

Tues
6
Dec

Wed
14
Dec

Final School Assembly

6:30-7:30pm at Rongotai College
All of our children perform in Kapa Haka

Reports are being sent home

Thur
15
Dec

Fri
16
December

Last day of school

We finish at 12:30pm

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HEROES ASSEMBLE!
FOR COMMUNITY IMMUNITY

GET VACCINATED AND RECEIVE A \$50 PAK'NSAVE VOUCHER.
COVID-19 | MMR | BOOSTRIX
(Eligibility criteria applies)

Sunday
4th
December

COVID-19 Community Health Service
200 Taranaki Street,
Wellington Central

Come along anytime between
10.30am - 2.30pm
ALL AGES WELCOME!

No appointment necessary - walk in or drive through.
For any queries, phone 0800 714 200