



KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi. Tena koutou katoa.

Thank you for the messages of support our kaiako and I received from whānau in regards to the strike. It feels good to know you support the cause and like us you want the best for all tamariki.

Regardless of whether you agreed with the strike action or not I think that you'll likely be able to support that investment into our education system is massively important. Our kaiako love what they do, but not enough funding for schools means that we often don't have the capacity to provide the level of support we know is necessary to ensure each child is supported in ways they can thrive and excel. This is why teachers and principals all across Aotearoa are appealing the government for an increased investment that would allow for smaller class sizes, more time for all individual students and more specialist learning support staffing. Keeping, retaining and attracting good teachers (and principals) is also on top of our mind. We're also hoping for a pay boost that shows us that our work is valued, and would return teaching to being an attractive profession to be part of.



Enviromental Art!

noticeboard



Mon 20 Mar

**Eastern Zone Girls' Futsal
Tournament**
Keen year 3-4 players

Fri 31 Mar

**Movin'March 'Bling your
wheels' Parade**
Whānau welcome!

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

MASTERS OF THE MURALVERSE Watch now on TVNZ+

Season 1, Episode 4 features Kahurangi and our students.

Last year six of our students with the support of artist Joe McMenamin designed and painted a mural for our school. This journey was documented in a television programme called Masters of the Muralverse which is now playing on TVNZ+. We are super proud of Tama, Wolf, Sam-Nui, Jada, Sammie and Mackenzie for creating a wonderful mural and representing our kura so well!

KIA ORA

Welcome to Kahurangi!

Since our last newsletter we've had five new pupils start with us.

Welcome to **Katana** who joins our oldest students who learn with Claire in Waka Pūhara Tahī. Katana joins some of her cousins who are at Kahurangi.

Our other new learners have all recently turned 5 therefore join our youngest class.

Waimārie also has a few cousins that learn with us.

Chloe and her whānau are new to Kahurangi.

Fred and his family are new to our kura too.

Cooper is excited to join his older brother Conner who already learns with us.

Our tamariki are great at being sun smart

Whānau I'm sure you'll be delighted to hear that our tamariki are very good at wearing a hat outside. Thank you for ensuring they have a hat. You're awesome too!

Junior children need to bring their book bag back to school every day please!



Please note they don't get a new one every year. If their 'old' book bag is at home please send it back to school as they need to be using it.



Please note we didn't share this Teacher Only Day date with you last year due to the Ministry of Education not announcing until after we had already shared our 2023 calendar with you. The date we have chosen to go with aligns with the majority of schools in the Eastern Suburbs.

This extra day will be dedicated time for our teachers to understand, prepare and engage with changes across The New Zealand Curriculum refresh, the redesign of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. It's also an opportunity for kaiako to share ideas and expertise, and to grow their confidence in implementing the upcoming curriculum changes.

We are expecting the Ministry of Education to announce another Teacher Only Day later in the year.

Congratulations to our 2023 House Leaders



We would also like to acknowledge all the year 7&8 students who submitted an application and weren't chosen. It's not easy not being chosen and we understand your disappointment. We want you to know that not being selected (this time) doesn't mean you wouldn't have made a great leader.

Happening soon!



More information will be sent home about this on the week of the event.

What to do when your child is absent from school



Please, please, please tell us before we need to ring you. Phoning, texting, emailing or a message sent through our HERO 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

School Assembly

We usually hold these every fortnight on a Friday at 2:15pm in Broadway (which is what we call our hall) but due to it being used as a learning space they haven't been able to happen. We're looking forward to starting back up in Term 2.

When they do happen we see it as an opportunity to come together as a school whānau and celebrate successes, share learning and help build our school culture. They are also a time for our students to show leadership by hosting the assembly. A different class hosts the assembly each time.

We love it when whānau come but appreciate it's hard for some due to work and we want you to know that's OK too!

Our Water Polo and Mini Polo season is underway

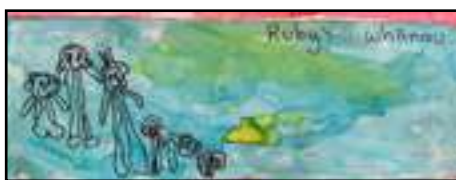


This term we have three teams entered in the competition. Some players are new to the sport and some are in their second or third season playing for the school. It's wonderful to hear how much they're all enjoying the season and how supportive of one another they are!



Our special thanks to **Ruth Tapper** (Mackenzie's Mum) for coordinating our water sports teams instead of a teacher having to do it.





Snorkeling Experience

Our Year 7-8 learners participated in a wonderful learning experience last week which supported them to connect with our local marine environment. For many of our rangatahi (young people) it was a first time experience which made it an extra special trip and reminds us why these types of learning experiences are important.



Heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the following organisations and people for donations to our school

Thomas George Macarthy Trust - Biennial Library Grant 2022 - \$2,000

Eastern Suburbs Youth Trust - \$700

PWC - \$1,380 and \$2,000

Foxton Fizz & Scorcharama regularly put money into our account each year.

Maree Henwood and Simon Keller made a \$300 donation to the school.

The Bennett whānau - \$500

Hicks and Wong whānau - sponsored a basketball team in the Hoop Kids league - \$160



Good luck to our triathlon children who are participating in the Weetbix TRYathlon on Sunday!



A photo of Lili, Eden and Pounamu who played in the Junior Oceania Tag Tournament last weekend.

Wellbeing support

We all have times in our life when mental health, social or personal issues can feel overwhelming. We know this is the case for our tamariki too and sometimes you as parents and whānau worry that the usual support you can offer them is not enough. We're in a fortunate position at Kahurangi to have access to a counsellor and social worker who can offer a higher level of support that most schools aren't in a position to. Below, Leah and Jackie introduce themselves and share the type of support they can offer. You're encouraged to reach out to your child's teacher, myself (Kyran) or them directly if you have concerns for your tamariki. Please note that at times there can be a wait list and we prioritise the most serious needs first.

KAHURANGI SCHOOL
COUNSELLOR

Tēnā koutou katoa.

I am Leah Cooper, the school counsellor. I have 15 years experience in mental health and wellbeing, working with young people, adolescents and adults.

I provide talking therapy for families and students when things are feeling hard at school or at home.

This can include but is not limited to:

- Anxiety, worry
- Low mood
- Change and loss
- Anger
- Trauma

We can work together to problem solve, develop skills to manage hard feelings, identify strengths and values as well as to shift thinking to be more flexible and helpful in moving forward.

Referrals can be made through Kyran, your child's classroom teacher or you can email me directly leah@kahurangi.school.nz

I love working with the Kahurangi community.

Ngā mihi, Leah Cooper

I'M AT KAHURANGI EVERY TUESDAY

KAHURANGI
SOCIAL WORKER

Tēnā koutou katoa.

My name is Jacki Condra and I hail from Te Whanganui-a-Tara. I am a proud mother of my 13 year old son, two cats, and five goldfish.

I work for a kaupapa Māori social support service called Kahungunu Whānau Services and work with tamariki and whānau of Kahurangi School two days a week.

My role is to walk alongside whānau and tamariki to support finding solutions to challenges that may impact on your child's education and wellbeing.

Using a Whānau Ora approach, our practice is strength-based and supports whānau to identify their goals and aspirations.

It is a privilege to be your school social worker and I look forward to working with you.

Referrals can be made through Kyran, your child's classroom teacher or you can get in contact with me yourself

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What's coming up

Monday 20 March Eastern Zone Girls' Futsal Tournament

For keen year 3-4 tamariki.

Tuesday 21 March Moanamana Sailing Trip

Waka Rā Tahī

Wednesday 22 March Moanamana Sailing Trip

Waka Rā Toru

Thursday 23 March Moanamana Sailing Trip

Waka Rā Rua

Wednesday 29 March Eastern Zone Schools Football Tournament

For keen year 5-6 tamariki

Moanamana Sailing Trip

Waka Pūhara Tahī

Friday 31 March MovinMarch 'Bling you wheels' Parade

11:30-12:30pm

See page 3 for more detail.

Tuesday 4 April Ocean Clean Up Trip

For all year 4 tamariki

Wednesday 5 April Eastern Zone Schools Football Tournament

For keen year 7-8 tamariki

Thursday 6 April Last day of Term 1

School finishes at 3pm.

Term 2 Wednesday 26 April First day of Term 2

Friday 5 May School Assembly

Hosted by Waka Rā Tahī

2:15pm

Whānau welcome!

School Term and Holiday Dates

Term 1	Thursday 2 February - Thursday 6 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Monday 24 April Wednesday 26 April - Friday 30 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Monday 9 October - Wednesday 20 December	11 weeks

Holidays

Pre Term 1	Teacher Only Day Teacher Only Day	Monday 30 January Tuesday 31 January
Term 1	Waitangi Day Good Friday Easter Monday Easter Tuesday	Monday 6 February Falls in the school holidays - Friday 7 April Falls in the school holidays - Monday 10 April Falls in the school holidays - Tuesday 11 April
Term 2	[New Date] Teacher Only Day* ANZAC Day Teacher Only Day King's Birthday Matariki	Monday 24 April Tuesday 25 April Friday 2 June Monday 5 June Falls in the school holidays - Friday 14 July
Term 3	Teacher Only Day	Wednesday 26 July
Term 4	Labour Day	Monday 23 October

*[New Date] Teacher Only Day - This extra day was announced by the Ministry of Education late last year after we had already shared our dates with you. We have aligned this date to fit with the majority of Eastern Suburbs Schools. For more information follow this link: <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/school-terms-and-holiday-dates/teacher-only-days-2023-and-2024/>