

news

**Kahurangi
SCHOOL**

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi.

It's hard to believe we've reached the end of Term 1 already! This term has been a busy one with a lot of activity taking place, and I know both our staff and students are looking forward to some much needed rest and rejuvenation.

This term we've welcomed 27 new students (including 14 new whānau) to our school. From our end it seems they have settled in well, and I'm grateful to everyone who has supported them during their transition to our school, from their whānau to their teachers and our staff, to all our children who have befriended and welcomed them.

We've also welcomed a lot of new staff this term, which has added to the busyness of the past few months. I want to take a moment to acknowledge our new teachers' hard work and dedication in getting to know our students, families, and our Kahurangi approach.

I am thankful for our continuing staff, who have not only assisted with the transition of our new staff but also doing their bit to ensure the continuity of our Kahurangi approach. Term 1 is always a demanding term, and I recognise you have taken on yet another responsibility to support our tamariki and to make our school thrive.

Thank you to our families for all your support this term. I know it's not easy juggling everything that comes with raising children, and I want to acknowledge all you've done to support your children and us. Your behind-the-scenes efforts have contributed to the overall positive term we've had.

I would also like to extend a special shoutout to our board members who are diligently working behind the scenes to ensure our school is functioning as it should be.

I'm also pleased to report we've been far less impacted by COVID this term. As we head into the

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Our Waka Pahī classrooms are complete! Ka mau te wehī!



noticeboard



Wed 26 April

First day of Term 2

See page 2 if you're unsure why our first day of the term is a Wednesday.

Thurs 4 May

Loungewear Day

An event organised for us by our House Leaders

Fri 5 May

School Assembly

2:15pm

Whānau are welcome to join us!

Keep informed

See the full list of key dates on the last page.

winter months, we must remain vigilant, but I'm hopeful that we'll continue on the path of being less impacted than in recent years.

Today marks a special day for us as our Waka Pahī classes move into their permanent classrooms after spending the whole term in the hall. Our teachers and students have managed remarkably well in this space, but I'm sure they'll be relieved to be in a more suitable learning environment.

Our building projects are almost complete, with just a few smaller jobs left to finish over the holidays. Since Term 4 last year, we've completed approximately \$700k worth of building works. We've had new windows installed in our junior and senior blocks, which will support improved ventilation and allow the windows to remain open on typically windy Wellington days. We've also installed ceiling soundproofing in our senior classrooms, creating a more conducive learning environment, especially in our joint learning class spaces. The biggest job was the full refurbishment of two of our junior classes, which now look fabulous and are of the same quality as our Waka Rimu and Pūhara learning spaces.

Looking ahead to Term 2, we know it's going to be another busy one as our teaching team supports our students to drill down into their learning. In response to parent feedback from our survey late last year, we'll also be introducing a new reporting system that will see us sending home school reports early in the term (instead of the last day of Term 2) about how tamariki are progressing. Further information about this change will be sent home early in the term.

Thank you once again for your support this term, and I wish you and your whānau a restful and enjoyable break from our entire team.

Nāku noa, nā,

Kyran Smith



A warm and heartfelt greeting to our new tamariki who have joined us in the past few weeks.

Jeremiah, Kamiza, Sineva, and **Cobh** have recently celebrated their fifth birthdays and are thrilled to now be considered 'big school children.' Sineva is the younger sister of Heaven, and Cobh is the younger brother of Bear.

We recognise starting school is an important milestone in a child's life, and we are excited to welcome these four tamariki into our school community. Our goal is to ensure they have a memorable and enjoyable experience as they begin their educational journey.

To Jeremiah and Kamiza's whānau, we extend a special welcome and hope that you feel at home in our school community soon.



TEACHER ONLY DAY

Monday 24 April 2023

ANZAC DAY

Tuesday 25 April 2023

START OF TERM 2

Wednesday 26 April 2023

Beach Clean Up

A shout out to our Year 4 tamariki for doing your bit to keep our local beach clean!

AND TO THE WHĀNAU WHO SUPPORTED THE TRIP!

WE **LOVED** OUR MOVIN'MARCH 'BLING YOUR BIKE' EVENT!



A special thanks to our organising team and everyone who got behind the event!

Moving up celebration

On Monday, we celebrated a significant milestone to recognise a group of our five-year-olds who were progressing from our new entrant class to the next level. We are incredibly proud of their achievements in the short time they have been with us. Their courage and effort



have not gone unnoticed, and we are thrilled to witness the remarkable accomplishments they will undoubtedly continue to make in the months and years ahead at Kahurangi School.

Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome back an ex-student **Laina Semu**. Laina is currently pursuing a career in teaching at Victoria University. We are thrilled that she has chosen to return to Kahurangi to gain this experience. Laina will provide support for our Waka Pūhara Rua students in their learning.

It's worth noting that Laina had shared her dream of becoming a teacher when she was a student at Kahurangi. It is particularly delightful to see her fulfilling this aspiration!



We are a Duffy School

At Kahurangi School we promote reading and enjoyment of books to grow our children's world! For this reason we are a *Duffy Books in Homes* school which means each child receives free books throughout the year and we also award books for following school expectations in the playground.

Today all of our children will come home with two books they chose earlier in the term. Our hope is that their younger siblings will enjoy them too!



We extend our gratitude to all the whānau who generously donated games (and money to buy games) to keep our children occupied during the coming winter months when they can't get outside to play!

A very important event next term

Next term, we have a significant event lined up - a school-wide spell-a-thon! We hope this event will enhance our children's spelling abilities and serve as our primary fundraiser for the next two years. Last year, we raised an impressive \$35,000 which exceeded our expectations by far. While we are uncertain if we can even hope to reach this amount again, any funds we can raise to support our students' best opportunities will be greatly appreciated.

What's coming up

Wednesday 26 April First day of Term 2

This assembly will be hosted by our Y6-7 class who learn with Maddi P.

Tuesday 2 May Weekly swimming starts for our junior school tamariki

We love it when whānau join us!

A separate notice is coming home with junior tamariki about this.

Thursday 4 May Loungewear Day

Our house leaders are organising a fun event for our tamariki.

Friday 5 May School Assembly

2:15 pm start

Now we have Broadway back as a hall (and not a classroom) we can start having whole school assemblies again.