



# news

Newsletter 10  
2 September 2022

**Kahurangi**  
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

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

School continues to be a busy place of learning both inside and outside the classroom.

Walking through classes it is easy to see evidence of the quality learning going on. Now that Covid restrictions are not so tight I encourage you to pop into your child's class and check out the displays or take a moment to flick through your child's books so you can see their work. Although I always try to share in the newsletter the learning going on, it really doesn't come close to capturing all we do. If you do make it in you're more likely to come across the results of your child's learning.



If you're viewing this newsletter online press play to get a taste of our experience with Orchestra Wellington's Music to Schools programme.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO  
PURCHASE A SCHOOL  
HOODY/TSHIRT FOR  
THOSE WHO WANT ONE**

Order form is on the back page

### noticeboard



#### Wed 7 Sept

School Board Elections  
Voting closes 4pm

#### Thurs 22 Sept

School Photos

#### Frid 30 Sept

Last day of Term 3

Keep informed - See the full list of key dates on the last page.



**Waka Pahī Tahī** made masks with Lesley after enjoying *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson.

# Welcome to Kahurangi

A special welcome to the three new students who have started with us.

**Brie** has turned 5 and starts in Emma's class.

**Maksim** and **Miroslava** are new to New Zealand and moved here from Russia. Maksim joins Waka Pūhara Tahī and Miroslava joins Waka Rimu Whā.

A warm Kahurangi welcome to you all and your whānau too. We look forward to getting to know you all!

## A new Teacher & Teacher Aide



I'd like to welcome **Amy Frankland**. Amy is the new teacher in Waka Rimu Toru and teaches our Y1-2 tamariki. Amy has come to us all the way from Scotland. We were drawn to Amy for many reasons but particularly because she came with excellent references, experience teaching juniors and building strong relationships with her learners.

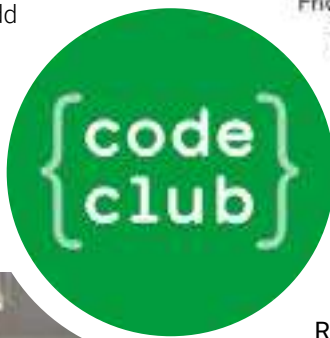
**Andrea Nonu** joins our learning support team as a Teacher Aide. We feel lucky to have found Andrea as she comes with many skills and capabilities that we know will add strength to our team. Andrea lives within our community so already knows a few of us.



**When**  
Friday, 2 September  
5:30pm - 7pm

**Where**  
Broadway,  
our school hall

Hosted by Kahurangi Friends



## Kahurangi

## is back for 2022!



**John (Sam Nui, Jo Rami and Alex's Dad) and Clive (Luca's Dad) are back running Code Club with some volunteer tertiary students for all our Year 5-6 classes.**

Last Friday they learnt how to code machines, Robots called Edisons, and portable computers called Microbits. The three classes were split into two groups.

The first group built a game of *Rock Paper Scissors* on the Microbits. Tamariki competed for the "World Championship" of Rock Paper Scissors, where Zach and Tun Soe were crowned the winners. The tamariki had great fun, there was a lot of cheering! Behind all the fun, they were learning about using random numbers.

The second group wrote code for an Edison robot to navigate a maze. Tamariki solved the problem by breaking it into two parts. First, they wrote code to find a line and then they got the robot to follow the line until the end of the maze. Both groups learned how to use coding to control physical devices which is an advanced outcome.

We are so grateful to the Code Club crew for sharing their expertise with us and leading this learning for us.



## Scooter repair workshop



Keen tamariki got to attend a Scooter Fixing workshop run by one of the MicroScooters mechanics. They loved this hands-on workshop and hopefully Daniel the mechanic will be back some time to lead another session for those who missed out.



A special thanks to Hilleke (Māia and Kāhu's mum) and ReBicycle for making this workshop happen!



## Students with cellphones

A change is required in the way we manage cellphones at school due to our rangatahi (young people) misusing them.

In the past we've trusted that children will have them turned off and not used at school. This year I am sad to report there have been a number of occasions when children have been caught videoing and taking photos of children (at times without their permission) and sharing them on social media and within group chats. There have also been many times we have become aware of rangitahi using their phones in the bathrooms, not just in break times but during class time as well.

From Monday, our new rule is that if a student brings a phone to school they must hand it to their teacher so it can be locked away until the end of the school day.

If a student is observed with a phone during the school day, they will be instructed to hand it over to the Principal. It will be returned to them once contact has been made with their whānau.

We know some of our young people won't be happy about this new rule but we suspect they are likely to be one of the students who secretly uses their phone during the school day.



## Voting is underway for our school board election and closes at 4pm on Wednesday 7 September.

If delivering or posting your voting paper, deliver it to:

The Returning Officer,  
Kahurangi School,  
43 Strathmore Avenue,  
Strathmore, Wellington 6022

before 4.00pm on Wednesday 7 September 2022. You may use the addressed envelope provided with your voting documents, but it is not required to deliver your vote. Posted voting papers must be received by the Returning Officer no later than five days after the election. Try to post it as early as possible as New Zealand Post has reduced postal delivery days in most areas. Your vote will not be counted unless your voting paper is delivered or posted before 4.00pm on the day of the election.

*Please note voting papers may not be emailed or faxed.*

## Unwelcome guests

Head lice, nits, or kutis, are very common in with school aged children and easily spread.



Please check your child's hair as teachers are noticing they're becoming a problem.

If you would like a nit removal comb or some treatment solution please contact or call into the office.

## IMPORTANT - SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION - THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2022



What they offer on the day:

- A relaxed and unique style of photography
- A friendly and easy-going photographer
- Fun and general silliness to get even the shyest children smiling
- Group photos of each class
- Individual portraits and siblings photos.

To view the pictures, they offer an on line ordering system. You will be advised of the password for the online gallery when the proofs are ready. Proofs are available to view online approximately two weeks after the date of the photo shoot, you will then have two weeks to place an order and two weeks after orders will be delivered back to the School.

<https://www.inspirephotography.co.nz/>

Inspire Photography will be coming to photograph the children on **Thursday 22 September 2022** starting at 9am.

Out of school siblings can be photographed at 8:30am, before the main shoot starts.

Inspire Photography is an award-winning, Wellington-based professional photography studio who specialise in School and ECE photography.

Basic Pricing		
Size	Single print price	3 or more copies
A. 10x15cm (4x6 inches)	\$16	\$12
B. 12.5x20cm (5x7.5 inches)	\$19	\$15
C. 20x30cm (8x12 inches)	\$29	\$21
D. 24.5x37cm (10x15 inches)	\$45	\$30
Individual Digital File	\$40 per file	\$10-\$30 thereafter
Group Photo	\$18	

*Digital File, Sibling and Group packages are also available at the time of ordering. \* A discount applies if you order 3 or more identical prints at the same size with the same specifications.*

### Saturday Netball

We're super proud of how well our players and teams are doing. Their motivation and fair play is awesome and they're representing our school in the community terrifically! Thank you to the all the sideline supporters and whānau who cheer the teams on each week. Thank you also to the coaches and managers for making netball happen for our tamariki.





# WOW WRITING by some of our tamariki

## Tackle rugby should be allowed at school

Have you ever wanted to play tackle rugby at school but your principal doesn't allow it? Well, here are some reasons why we should be able to play tackle at school.

Firstly, we should allow tackle rugby because it's fun. You can tackle people on the ground, you can score heaps of tries and it builds teamwork!

Secondly, if you don't feel safe you could get a ref that knows the rules. For example, a student that is a year 7 or 8. If you don't know what you're doing, ask the ref to tell you what you're doing wrong or right.

Thirdly, it's also good if you practice for your rugby club because if you practice more you get even better! You can do it just in case your rugby training is cancelled. Also you can know what you're doing if you're a back or a forward.

In conclusion, I hope I persuaded the principal to allow us to play tackle rugby at school!

By Tiaki I



One day Mum sent Jack to town to sell the cow for money. But Jack did not get money. He got beans from a man. Jack's mum threw them out the window. After the beanstalk grew. Then Jack climbed up and found a castle. He crawled under the door and found a giant eating dinner. He called for a bag of coins. The giant fell asleep counting. Jack crept over and stole them and climbed down and showed Mum. She was impressed, then they were running out of money. Jack climbed up again and found the giant again. He called for a goose that lays golden eggs. The giant fell asleep watching the goose. Jack crept over, took the goose and climbed down and showed Mum. She was impressed and they lived happily ever after.

This is one of the longest stories Teddy has written. He spent all his writing time and some of his own time writing it. It took a lot of focus!

By Teddy

## Captain Taniwha

Captain Taniwha plunged into the Pacific Ocean and he shouted "Hooray! I can see again. Then he saw a shark going in circles around his ship. He was terrified. Captain Taniwha said "What is happening?" He drove the ship to land with the last bit of battery and climbed onto land. He couldn't stand not going into the water for a swim. So he plunged in and started swimming. Suddenly he felt himself getting lifted up from underneath. It was the same shark he had seen earlier. He was shuddering so much and he was so scared. When they were right under the water they started to

talk and it said "Do you want to come over for a barbecue and play games for the night?". Captain Taniwha replied "Sure". Captain Taniwha has no idea what he was getting into. They played a few games and then it was time for dinner (for the shark at least). Quietly the shark snuck up behind Captain Taniwha, opened his mouth and snap! The shark ate Captain Taniwha. Then the shark sneezed as it was swimming around in the reef. Captain Taniwha came flying out and landed in Samoa. He lived his life eating yummy Samoan food.

By Ariana

### The lost thing

It has really wiggly legs and an elephant trunk  
It is red and also on the back of it looks like a whale that has some claws with two bells.

It has some doors and it looks like a humongous robot that is red.

It is as big as a colossal cinder block.

Inside it has some mechanical stuff and a supernova light.

It was very very sparkly.

By Neyon

## McDonalds is the worst

Are you a McDonald's person? Well if you are... drop that burger right now! And listen up because McDonalds is really bad for you. That's what I'm going to talk to you about today.... Also I don't want to catch you eating that burger while you are reading this.

You do not get what you think you are ordering when you go to McDonalds because they lie in their adds! McDonalds orders food advertising specialists that make the burger all nice looking, while really the burger you get looks like a depressed person made them. So never trust McDonalds adds.

McDonalds is a very very unhealthy place. All of the McDonalds burger buns are white-bread based. And white bread is very unhealthy for you. McDonalds also processes their meat! So this means all the nutrients gets washed out of it! So this makes McDonald's a very unhealthy place.

McDonalds is everywhere and the more it spreads the more common it gets, so this makes it harder for other restaurants to start their business. This is really sad because McDonalds is going to become the only restaurant, this is called a monopoly. This makes all the healthy restaurants less popular and they will have to pack up for business.

So in conclusion McDonalds is worse than you think. Because not only is their food processed... it's a monopoly and they lie in their adds. So you should never go to McDonalds again!

By Niko Cakovan

Niko is able to clearly convey his well thought through ideas through his writing. His personal voice also comes through and his use of humour and wide vocabulary make it a very engaging read.



## My superpower is...

My superpower is flying. I am really fast. When I jump really high, I am flying up in the sky.

When I was flying down the street, I fought and fought. I had lots of powers. When I forget I had flying powers then I push the flying button and go flying up.

Charlie

My superpower is kindness. I can be kind to my friends and family.

Ava M

## Life of Ze Cat

My name is Sebastian Catersan. I am seven years old and I am ze wisest cat in ze neighbourhood. My schedule is very complicated. I wake up, I pour coffee on hooman computer, I smash glasses, I steal breakfast, I take a quick power cat nap and zen I scratch ze couch. I have no time for socialising.

One day, when I was scratching ze couch, I saw there was a trail of treats leading into ze bathroom. I was suspicious, but it's food and I love food because food is food and food loves me. Anyway, I was nibbling on ze treats to ze bathroom when I noticed my hooman was following me. The treats went right by ze bathtub. Just as I realised what my owner was doing, he dug his disgusting claws into my stomach AND THREW ME IN THE HECKING BATH!!!!!! Uh, sorry I lost my cool there.

I was traumatised. I lost my beautiful mane in zat water!!!!!! I screeched a dreaded screech. I couldn't help it!! Its against ze law to throw a grown cat into water even if their breath smells of mouldy tuna! IT'S ZE LAAAWWW!!!!!! I walked out of ze bathroom with a towel wrapped around me like a burrito. I will never forget that day.

I did run away but I came back because they were having fish fingers zat night. Shortly after, I did have an incident where I got stuck in ze pringles jar but we don't talk about that because it gives me claustrophobia. I Still live with them, eating all their food and doing my daily schedule [while also scratching them uncontrollably because they got THE CHICKEN TREATS instead of THE BEEF TREATS I mean how can you get zat wrong!]

The end!

by Hazel



This piece is very entertaining because it has been written from the cat's perspective.





## Persuasive Letter by Izzy

Dear Professor Giant,

I am writing to you about this unacceptable behaviour of cutting down trees. I strongly believe that deforestation could lead to some dreadful events of extinction in the near future. Don't you think animals deserve better?

To begin with, I'd just like to say cutting down trees is WRONG! I mean think of all those poor animals that are homeless because of your nasty behaviour. How would you like it if you woke up to someone sawing through your home?

Secondly, did you know that deforestation is one of the biggest causes of global warming? Deforestation could lead to erosion. Erosion is when trees get cut down on hills. One tree could cause small land slips, but if you cut down 100's of trees it could cause land slips big enough to destroy workspaces, schools, churches and even homes. If you keep going at a rate like this, it is estimated that in 100 years there will be no more rainforests. That means less oxygens and more carbon dioxide in the air.

Finally, trees hold the world together. This means that without trees the earth will basically just collapse. You don't want the earth to collapse, do you?

In conclusion, I strongly believe that you should stop cutting down trees. You are destroying animals' homes, causing global warming and reducing oxygen levels. For this reason, I think you should take up some new hobbies like knitting or even figure skating.

Sincerely,  
Izzy

Izzy has been skilful at carefully selecting strong emotive language that helps to emphasise her argument.

## Why we Should Speak Publicly at a Young Age

Have you ever been scared to speak in public? Well maybe you haven't spoken that much as a kid in public and maybe speaking at a young age would benefit your confidence to grow? It has been proven that speaking at a young age can benefit success in your life at home, and in your community.

Firstly, speaking at a young age can level up your confidence. With increased confidence you can do many things. Did you know that 75% of American adults don't have the confidence to speak in public, which ranks higher than fear of death, spiders, and heights? With the confidence of speaking you can take calls and order food with ease.

Secondly, the benefit of speaking in public can make you comfortable with big crowds. With this skill you can hold long conversations with strangers. Also, easily answer questions in classes. Breaking down in front of people is less expected, so talking on behalf of a family member would be a great help for your family.

Thirdly, when you speak in public you learn new high level vocabulary while writing. When writing a speech, the new vocabulary you use is a great way to bring high level vocabulary into your daily lives. A speech that has high level vocabulary could draw in a crowd, and easily win them over.

With all the reasons I hope that I persuade you that speaking at a young age can do wonders for your adulthood.

By Sophie.B



## GUINEA PIGS ARE THE BEST!

I believe that Kahurangi School should get a class pet and it should be a guinea pig.

Guinea pigs are small and you can hold the guinea pigs. They are cute. Sometimes you can get scratched by their sharp claws. And they poop and pee.

But they teach kids how to look after things and it is easy to pick up their tiny poo. I strongly believe you should get a Guinea Pig!  
By Awahi

## Captain Taniwha and the Sticky Space Snot

- "Oh no the space snot is on my spaceship. I should have got water from the gas station.
- Oh water... I like water".
- The Taniwha's ship plunged into the Pacific Ocean.
- "Yes...yes! Oh no, is that a shark in front of my ship?"
- He quietly swam to the surface and the shark chased the taniwha across the ocean.
- "Get awaaaaay from me" he said.
- "I said... get away from me!" he said loudly and he swam as fast as he could but he didn't go faster than the shark.
- "You asked for it" he said and he got out his lazer sword and swung it around. Then he chopped the shark's neck off.
- Captain Taniwha carried his spaceship to the gas station in New Zealand.
- "Now I can get some water for my ship".
- The end.

By Caleb.R

Caleb worked extra hard over a few days to produce this creative work. It is the most he has ever written which he was proud of. He doesn't often share his writing - this was the first piece of writing he has chosen to share with the class.



## The Fateful Battle By Ariki A-C

Ten thousand years ago the son of a king was born, at the same time so was the newly born ice dragon. Sadly both female parents died from the birth of their children so they never got to see their mothers. As soon as the dragon grew up to be the king of the ice dragons he used hatred against the kingdom's people. The king read his prince son stories about their ancestors and how dragons killed his town's people. When the prince turned sixteen they began their training.

One day the holy war began between the kingdom and the dragons. When the war started an ice meteor came flying down, hitting a thousand men and instantly freezing them. The surrounding men got put into a coma and never woke up. Then the young king dragon saw the enemy that he had wanted to kill for years. It was the prince of the kingdom. The dragon pierced

the prince in the knee and blew him away with his powerful wings.

After 68 days of endless fighting the dragons summoned a nuclear ice meteor with all of their power. It was so powerful it could destroy everything in its path. It was bigger than the sun some people thought. It struck in the middle of the war where it all started, ending the fight and resetting the world.



Ariki worked on this piece of choice writing over two days once he completed his learning task. Ariki's imagination and enthusiasm for storytelling frequently comes through in his writing and this is a great example of both.

Dear Giants,

I am writing this letter to you to explain why cutting down trees is unacceptable. I strongly believe that cutting down trees is bad for the environment. When you're cutting down trees have you ever thought about animals' homes?!

Firstly, do you think cutting trees is good for animals who live in them? Trees are homes to 1000's of creatures. Aren't you bored of cutting down trees everyday?

Next you're just polluting the whole world and choking the air! If you keep this going then it will be harder for humans and animals to breathe. I want you guys to stop cutting down trees.

In summary, I strongly urge you to stop cutting down trees. Can't you even see what you are doing to the world around you? You have to stop cutting down trees because animals are losing their homes, it is bad for the environment and polluting the air. Therefore I strongly believe the giants should stop cutting down the trees.

From Tautiaga

Little Red Riding Hood always wears a red cape when she goes outside. She always has a big smile on her face and she has brown hair.



By Phoebe

Tautiaga has been working very hard at using a range of persuasive techniques in his writing. In this writing he has used rhetorical questions and persuasive language well to help support his argument.

## Climate change is NOT inevitable

I think we can change climate change because we can stop making smoke and gases.

I think we can help the planet by stopping the smoke that goes into the atmosphere and not using

electric machines. At the moment we don't care about our future, all we care about is money.

I think we can change it because we can make things electric because they can make better machines. We can also stop breeding cows that put gas in the atmosphere.

We can use solar panels that absorb the light for electricity to power lights, cars, trucks TVs, e-boxes, hospitals and other things!

That is why I think we can help climate change and stop it before it is too late.

By Ari



Samantha, Elliott and Brie have been using their phonics sounds to write words they don't know how to spell.

## Kia Manawaroa

Kia Manawaroa is the Ministry of Education's pānui for whānau Māori.

Read the latest issue of Kia Manawaroa: [Kia Manawaroa August 2022 – Education for parents' and whānau](#)

It is written by Māori for Māori, with information about opportunities and milestones in education, Māori success as Māori, Te Reo Māori, and COVID-19 updates relevant to whānau as and when appropriate.

The latest issue is out now with updates about:

- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori dates
- New resource to support tamariki transition into kura
- Whānau wellbeing and support
- And so much more!

## What's coming up

### Wednesday 7 September

#### Eastern Zone Swimming Sports

Selected Y4-8 tamariki

### Board Elections Voting closes 4pm

See page 3

### Tuesday 13 September

#### Futsal Tournament

Year 2-4

For keen players

### Wednesday 14 September

#### Futsal Tournament

Year 5-6

For keen players

### Friday 16 September

#### 'Masters of the Muralverse' Mural Reveal

More details to come.

### Special Duffy Assembly

### Wednesday 21 September

#### Eastern Zone Floorball Tournament

For keen players

### Thursday 22 September

#### School Photos

See page 4 for more details

### Friday 30 September

#### Last day of Term 3

Usual 3pm finish

### Next Term

### Monday 17 October

#### First day of Term 4



## News from the Community

### UP Foundation Free Play Futsal

UP Foundation is a charity providing free activities to the community. Free play Futsal is for all kids from year 2-8 starts on the 4th of September 2022 at the Indian

Sports Club at 48 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie from 2pm to 4pm and then following dates for Term 3 and we will advise about Term 4.

Sunday 4 September 2-4pm Sunday 11 September 5-7pm

Sunday 18 September 3-5pm Sunday 25 September 2-4pm

You can enrol by sending your details to

paulus@presentersplatform.co.nz Name/Age/ Class year/ School/ email address [Capital Football Link for event](#)

You can also just turn up and enrol on the day.



# Order Form | School **tshirts** and **hoodies**



Tshirts are all Kahurangi green with a white 'K' and their name in white on the rear, as seen in this picture.

tshirt **\$35**



Hoodies are all navy blue (not our Kahurangi blue) with a green 'K' and their name in white on the back, as seen in this picture. (Please note the 'K' will be the green shown in the picture, not the same as our first run of hoodies.)

hoodie **\$55**

Your Name / Name on payment	
Your contact phone number	
Name of child taking the order home	

	Sizes	Price \$	Number ordered	Total	Name to appear on rear (surname or first name) Be aware that if you order their surname you can pass them up or down your children. Please print clearly.
Child Tshirt	Child tshirt 6	\$35			
	Child tshirt 8	\$35			
	Child tshirt 10	\$35			
	Child tshirt 12	\$35			
	Child tshirt 14	\$35			
Child Hoodie	Child Hoodie 6	\$55			
	Child Hoodie 8	\$55			
	Child Hoodie 10	\$55			
	Child Hoodie 12	\$55			
	Child Hoodie 14	\$55			
Adult Tshirt	Adult Tshirt XS	\$35			
	Adult Tshirt S	\$35			
	Adult Tshirt M	\$35			
	Adult Tshirt L	\$35			
	Adult Tshirt XL	\$35			
	Adult Tshirt XXL	\$35			
	Adult Tshirt XXXL	\$35			
	Adult Tshirt 5XL	\$35			
Adult Hoodie	Adult Hoodie XS	\$55			
	Adult Hoodie S	\$55			
	Adult Hoodie M	\$55			
	Adult Hoodie L	\$55			
	Adult Hoodie XL	\$55			
	Adult Hoodie XXL	\$55			
	Adult Hoodie XXXL	\$55			
	Adult Hoodie 5XL	\$55			
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>				\$	<b>Date payment made:</b>

Please make payment on line to Kahurangi School's ASB account number **12-3481-0035039-00** Enter the name written on this order form and either "Hoodie" or "Tshirt" or "Both" in the reference fields so we can match your order with your payment. Once payment has been matched your order will placed. **Please note orders close 23 Sept 2022.**

**Please complete your deposit before handing this form back to the school office.**