

news

Kahurangi
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KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Kia ora Kahurangi Whānau and Supporters

I want to take some in this newsletter to introduce you to a group that is very important to our school - Kahurangi Friends.

Kahurangi Friends is a group made up mainly of parents and whānau associated with Kahurangi School. Since its creation when our school opened, the group has remained dedicated to its primary goal: collaborating with the school to enrich the educational, social, and wellbeing outcomes for all our tamariki and their whānau.

Through the years, Kahurangi Friends has orchestrated a multitude of events, including the widely acclaimed and popular Waitangi Day Music Festival Kotahi. Alongside the many enjoyable events, they have made substantial monetary donations, rallied volunteers, and supported our school to have a social media presence. Their unwavering energy, enthusiasm, and commitment have consistently contributed to the success of our school.

Unfortunately, the challenges posed by recent Covid years have limited opportunities for Kahurangi Friends to connect with parents and whānau, however, we are determined to change this situation and eagerly anticipate renewed engagement.

Our school strongly encourages you to connect with this important group, as we know it will help strengthen your ties with our community. Furthermore, Kahurangi Friends offers a supportive network for you as parents.

I can assure you that participating in Kahurangi Friends does not demand an overwhelming commitment, and attendance at every meeting is not required. They warmly welcome any extra hands and input you can provide. If you wish to be involved or simply join their communication thread, please find their contact details below.

Email: kahurangifriends@gmail.com

Facebook: [@kahurangifriends](https://www.facebook.com/kahurangifriends)

Instagram: [@kahurangi_friends](https://www.instagram.com/kahurangi_friends)

Website: www.kahurangifriends.org.nz

Please join with Kahurangi Friends and build a stronger, more connected school community together.

Ngā manaakitanga, Kyrán

P.S. You will see on page 4 details about an upcoming Friends meeting. I'll be at this one so I'm happy to introduce you to people if you're feeling worried you won't know anyone.

We're feeling super proud of two of our rangatahi

A special shout-out to [Emma](#) and [Gage](#) who both had their writing chosen to be published in the latest Toitōi journal.

Toitōi is a quarterly journal of writing and art by New Zealand children, ages 5-13. With 100 pages of original stories, poetry and artwork, Toitōi gives our young writers and artists a real purpose and a wide audience.



noticeboard



Fri 19 May

Pink Shirt Day

Tamariki are encouraged to wear pink on this day.

School Assembly

Hosted by the class that learn with Julia.

2:15pm start

We love it when whānau join us!

Tues 23 May

Parent Teacher

Conferences

School finishes at 12:30pm

Thurs 25 May

Parent Teacher

Conferences

School finishes at our usual time.



A special welcome to our four new pupils who have started with us recently.

Gwyn, Mahuikia and **Katara** are settling in well and seem to be really enjoying school which is lovely to

see. A warm welcome to the whānau of these children too as they are all new to our Kahurangi community.

Jazzel is also enjoying school. Jazzel is Peyton's younger brother so we

already know him a little.

One of the things I'm really proud of and I love about our school community is how all our ākonga (young and old) really embrace new tamariki and look out for them.

A message from the Board

Kia ora Kahurangi whānau,

Thank you from all of us on the Board for trusting us with the privilege of leading the governance of Kahurangi School. It's a commitment we are certainly not taking lightly.

We were appointed in September 2022, after which we focused on understanding our individual and collective roles, and ensuring we were equipped with context that we needed to make decisions in our role. September quickly led into the very busy end of the year, culminating in our memorable final assembly at Rongotai College.

We came straight into 2023 with a focus on delivering an annual plan with re-shaped strategic initiatives. A new planning and reporting framework under the Education and Training Act 2020 was supposed to come into effect on 1 January 2023 but the Ministry of Education has not yet developed guidance for Boards on this. So, our one-year annual plan is an interim one before we develop our new strategic plan next year.

To develop the annual plan, we were guided by themes from: the whānau surveys, the wellbeing surveys from tamariki in our senior school, exit interviews from departing staff last year, and input from Kahurangi staff. We think we've got a pretty solid plan for 2023, that is well-aligned with the hopes and expectations of tamariki, whānau and staff. Follow [this link](#) if you are keen to have a read of this plan.

Your feedback in the whānau survey responses provided us with rich information about what you want for our school.

It was clear that whānau are supportive of our continued focus on the well-being of our tamariki.

To address this priority, there will be extended programmes for tamariki, and external advice sought on how to best equip our teachers to support tamariki with diverse and complex learning needs. While this might seem to focus on only a small portion of tamariki who have these needs, the impact of this work will be felt by all tamariki within the classroom.

We heard from you that you love how Kahurangi is multicultural and want us to ensure we continue to support and celebrate our diverse community and provide ways for growth.

Another strong theme was around engaging with parents. The survey responses showed that whānau are feeling concerned that they might not be getting a full picture of their children's progress early enough in the year. I know Kyran and the team have been working on addressing this concern which you will hear about.

We also know there's some work to do to make sure our families all feel connected to our school. Covid restrictions over the last couple of years have limited important interactions and connections between the school and families. There will be opportunities planned over the year for new families to learn how things work, as well as creating space for you to talk with the team and share what you would like to see in our school's future. This will help to guide us with the development of the next strategic plan.

Please know that you are welcome to attend our Board meetings – meetings are open to the public, except for discrete parts of the meeting related to confidential matters where the Board would ask you to step out briefly. Just please let us know in advance that you are coming.

If ever you would like to reach out to us on the Board, you are very welcome to email us at presidingmember@kahurangi.school.nz which is an email address that only the Presiding member has access to. Thank you again for putting your trust in us – here's a pic of us at this week's Board meeting.

Kia pai ō rā whakatā,

Jane Pierard

(on behalf of Kahurangi School's Board)



Left to right: Iraia Whakamoe, Margaret Hudson (Board Secretary), Robyn Wong, Kyran Smith, Jane Pierard (Presiding Member/Chairperson), Alison Howard, Angela Keane (Staff Elected), Mike Townsend

Every school day counts!

We all recognise that education is the pathway to the future. The key to educational success relies on being present at school. You may not think a day absent here or there seems like much but...



Please help to ensure that your child has the best opportunity for success by making sure they are at school every day unless they are genuinely sick.

To help motivate our tamariki to come to school every day we have started a new Kahurangi tradition. I'll be awarding a Principal Certificate and a Crunchie Bar to every student who achieves 98-100% attendance in a term. Congratulations to the following students who achieved this goal in Term 1!

Kāhu	Stella	Mataio
Sylvie	Ollie	Aria
Hunter	Zeke	Khaled
Lily	Sofie	Connor
Jayden	Maya	Larson
Mackenzie	Eden	Hunter
Mohamed	Curtis	Ariana
Rusty	Joshua	Rebecca
Izzy	Māia	Zico
Oli	Maxwell	Anh Duy
Matthew	Amelie	Thu
Delilah	Jesica	Cameron
Nelson	Pauna	Amina
Moe	Saffron	Diego
Charlie	Frida	Elijah
Henry	Emily	Hazel
Zara	Rafael	Finn
Nell	Grace	Maiwenn
Pavel	Ne'emia	Teddy
Jade	Lachy	Hirini
Tun Soe	Tessa	Elliott
Jada	Dakoda	Brie
Toa	Sophia	Tom
Azaria	Niko	Zoe
Noah	Liam	Layanah
Pyae Phyo Win	Ava	
Makesi	Lola	

The tamariki whose names are blue achieved 100% which is especially impressive!

Important dates to remember!

Tuesday 23 May

Parent Teacher Conferences

School finishes at 12:30pm

Friday 2 June

Teacher/Staff Only Day

No school for the children



"I didn't wear P.J.'s but I still had fun."

"I was snuggly and warm ALL day. It would be cool if we could wear pj's EVERY single day!"



"One of the things I loved about PJ day was all the fun activities in the afternoon."

"I loved being able to wake up in the morning and not have to get dressed!"

"I didn't wear P.J.'s but I still had fun."

Thanks House Leaders!

"The house leaders did an amazing job of planning this event."



Whole school photo, 3 March 2023

Thank you EkeRua ReBicycle for the use of the portable pump track

Our tamariki have really loved having the pump track and were sad to see it go. We're hugely grateful for the use of it and are extremely fortunate to have had such a fantastic resource at no cost to our school.

A special shout out to **Mike** and **Hilleke** who invested their energy and time into the logistics of getting it to and from our kura.

Periods are a fact of life for half the population. Period.



Thanks to a government initiative which started last year, pads and tampons - regular and super - are available to our girls for free and allowed to take enough for their whole cycle.

How can our girls access the products?

They just need to ask one of our staff that they trust or at the office.

If you know your daughter is shy you're welcome to make contact with us on her behalf and we can give her some discretely or you can come and collect them for her.

OUR SPELLATHON WILL NOW BE HAPPENING IN TERM 3!

A gentle reminder to please send children to school in warm clothing suitable for the cold weather

We noticed yesterday that many of our tamariki were cold when playing outside because of the drop in temperature. Whānau we do like to send the children outside even on cold days so it's important they have suitable clothing.



We know that times are especially tough for some of our whānau and you might struggle to be able to provide necessary items of warm clothing. If this is the case, please reach out to us by either letting Kyran or your child's teacher know and we'll see what we can do.

If you are in a position to pass on good items of warm clothing that your children no longer fit we're happy to receive these and pass them on to whānau we know would appreciate them.



Kahurangi Friends
STRATEGY MEETING
 Sunday 21 May
 3pm-5pm in Broadway
(our school hall)

Our Agenda:

- Hear from Kyran
- What is important to us and our tamariki
- Plan for the year ahead

All whānau and friends welcome.
(Some activities provided for tamariki)

"She is inspirational!" Sam Nui

She likes puzzles and going for walks.

My Mum is kind smart and loving.



She likes being a fertility nurse and helping people have kids.

She is good at making pizza and driving.



She likes trying out new recipes.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OF OUR KAHURANGI MUMS!



She likes coming to my football games and cooking.

I love her because she is kind, willing to help me, gives me support, talks with me when I'm feeling down.

My Mum likes cooking, Samoan food, the car, to sing, my dog, facebook and her phone.

I love her because she is my mum and she still spends time with me even when she has lots of work to do. I enjoy going on walks with her and talking about her work.

My mum is good at looking for the best food prices.

My mum like going to the gym, hanging out with friends and family, going to church and the beach.



She likes supporting me at my sports.

She is good at being my mum.

I love her because she is amazing, superb. No words describe how wonderful she is!!!

My mum is good at reading and writing.

She goes without so me and my siblings can have everything we need.



My Mum really likes hanging out with friends. She also likes mixing drinks like coke and vodka or redbull and vodka.



She likes onions.

My Mum always makes sure I'm ok.

My Mum is good at sleeping and being quiet.

I love her because she is pretty and she rides a scooter with me.



She is good at providing for my family and meeting all our needs.

She likes noodles and pies.

I love everything about her!



She is good at keeping my family safe.

My Mum is the person I love the most. She never gives up on me or my sis and bro.



My Mum is good at speaking English.

We asked our tamariki to write about what made their mum special and they wrote so many heart warming things. This didn't surprise us at all because we see all you mums in action! Sadly we don't have the room to publish them all but I've picked a few that stood out. I've left some of the children's names off as I didn't want to give away your secrets. :-)

THANK YOU SO MUCH KAHURANGI FRIENDS

We are grateful to receive your \$7,000 donation. These funds will go towards education outside the classroom experiences. Just as the cost of living is increasing so are activities such as these so the Kahurangi Friends contribution will make sure we can still participate in all the activities we want to.

School life...



FREE HEALTH NURSE CLINIC

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

THURSDAYS
8:30-10AM
AT KAHURANGI

Tracey Hill our school Health nurse will be at our school each Thursday morning from next week onwards. Tracey is able to provide information or help support you around any questions you may have about your tamariki's health and well-being.



WHEN YOU CAN'T GET A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT
THIS COULD BE A GOOD ALTERNATIVE

CONTACT DETAILS

Tracey Hill
027 277 8091
tracey.hill@huttvalleyrhh.org.nz

Tracey will also be supporting the delivery of some basic health and hygiene lessons as required. We are grateful for Tracey's support of our kura.

HOT OF THE PRESS!



PINK SHIRT DAY

Kahurangi School is joining the movement on Pink Shirt Day - Friday 19 May and encouraging our tamariki and kaimahi (staff) to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



What's coming up

Wednesday 17 May
Visit from Wellington East Girls College to talk with our Y8 girls

Friday 19 May
Pink Shirt Day
Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu,
Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora

*Speak Up, Stand Together,
Stop Bullying!*

School Assembly
Hosted by the class that learn with Julia.
2:15pm

Parents and whānau you are always very welcome to come to this. We have our assemblies in our hall which is named Broadway.

Tuesday 23 May
Parent Teacher Conferences
School finishes at 12:30pm on this day.

Wednesday 24 May
Eastern Zone Cross Country
For senior students (Y4-8) who placed in our school cross country. A notice will be sent home.

Thursday 25 May
Parent Teacher Conferences
School finishes at 3pm.

Monday 29 May
Samoa Language Week starts
We'll be celebrating this special week all week!

Wednesday 30 September
Eastern Zone Cross Country Postponement Date

Friday 2 June
NO SCHOOL
We are closed for Teacher/Staff Only Day.

Monday 5 June
NO SCHOOL - King's Birthday

Tuesday 13 June
Board Meeting
7-9pm
Whānau are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the office if you are planning on coming.

Friday 16 June
School Assembly
Hosted by the class that learn with James.

News from the Community



Wellington High Open Evening 2023

Monday 12 June
4:30pm – 5:45pm
or 6pm – 7:15pm



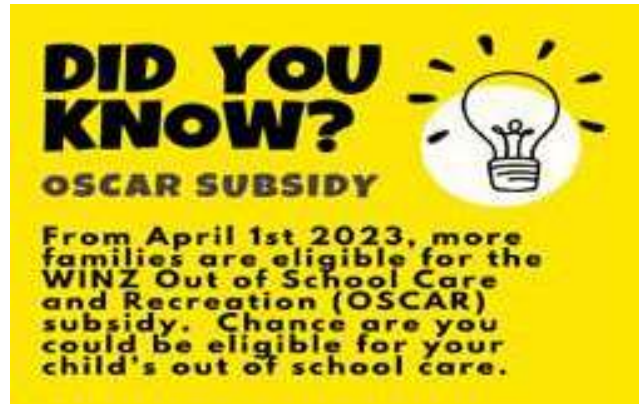
Book by scanning this QR code or visiting:
www.trybooking.co.nz/NTS

You and your whānau are warmly invited to attend Wellington High School's Open Evening.

This is a ticketed event and pre-booking is essential.

For details, please visit www.whs.school.nz/open-evening.

School tours at 4:30pm and 6pm, followed by the Principal's address. Information packs will be available.



Find out what you could be eligible for by following [this link](#).

