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Kahurangi SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Tēnā koutou katoa ngā whānau o te Kura o Kahurangi,

As the school year draws to a close, things are even busier than usual. With only three weeks until the summer break, tamariki are excitedly looking forward to the upcoming celebrations. Behind the scenes, our team and I are working hard to wrap up this year smoothly and prepare for the new one ahead.

Our teachers are busy finishing up the students' reports, highlighting each child's progress and achievements. We're also taking time to look back on our journey this year, celebrating successes, and finding ways we can make things even better.

Meanwhile, we're gearing up for 2024, we've employed new staff and getting them ready to join us. In the midst of all these tasks, we're excitedly planning special end-of-year events like the Year 8 Leavers' Dinner and our Final School Assembly.

While we juggle these responsibilities, making sure our tamariki are learning and managing themselves well is our most important goal.

Nga mihi, Kyran Smith | Tumuaki

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Wed 6 Dec

Y8 Leavers' Dinner A very special occasion to celebrate our Y8s reaching the end of their primary school days.

Wed 13 Dec

Final School Assmbly

Wed 20 Dec

Last school day of 2023 ***** We finish school at <u>12 noon.</u>

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



A warm and heartfelt welcome to our one new tamati who has started school.

Joel has turned the big 5! He joins his big brother Ashton who is doing a wonderful job looking out for him.

It's been lovely getting to know you Joel!



Ka kite ano au i a koutou!

After five wonderful years at Kahurangi School, I'm sad to share **Josie** is leaving to head off to explore the world. Her passion and enjoyment for teaching has left a lasting impact on the children she taught, and her dedication and genuine enjoyment of our children will be dearly missed.

James, after three years, will also be leaving to pursue teaching abroad alongside Josie. He's contributed greatly to our school, particularly in organising after-school sports and giving his all.

Our overseas teachers, **Chad** and **Merryl**, won't be returning. Chad is heading back to the UK, while Merryl will stay in Wellington but won't continue full-time teaching, choosing to explore more of New Zealand. Their hard work and dedication adapting to our curriculum won't be forgotten.

Meta, who has been at Kahurangi since the beginning, has decided not to continue in her full-time role but will still work with us one day a week. Her invaluable contribution over the many years she's been with us will be greatly missed. I personally will miss her warm greetings and her willingness to lend a hand whenever asked.

Katie, who joined us in 2018, we also say goodbye. After taking parental leave following the birth of her child in 2021, she's decided to prioritise parenting over a full-time teaching role. I also want to express my gratitude to Katie for her valuable contribution to Kahurangi during her time here. She has always been a passionate supporter of our students and our school which makes it difficult to see her leave.

The really great news is that we've recruited all of our new kaiako and I'll be introducing them in our final newsletter for the year. I'm genuinely enthusiastic about the fresh energy they'll bring to our kura and have confidence they too will establish themsleves in our kura and make an impact in their own way, just as our departing teachers have.

Fab poems by some of our Year 4s

She is like a flower, growing up. She is just like a gorilla, protecting me. She is like a teacher, teaching me how to write and read. She is as kind as a butterfly. She is like a bee, looking at the house. She is as tall as a tree, grown up. She is my Mum. By Mounir

He is like a pom pom, always needing to be squeezed. He is as fluffy as a teddy bear, always there when you need it. He is like my bodyguard, always protecting me. He is as kind as your bff, giving you hugs. He is like a hungry hippo going through the cat food. He is my cat, Paku. By Cameron

She is like a circus, alway making us laugh. She is as stompy as a hilarious dancer. She is like a sloth, always exhausted and tired. She is as sweet as a watermelon, always making cute faces. She is like a never ending story, never letting go of books. She is as noisy as a truck, mostly yelling and screaming. She is my little sister. By Larson

He is as kind as my mum, giving me hugs. He is like a paleontologist, digging up bones in the sand pit. He is as playful as a kitten, running around. He is like a coach, always telling me to take him for a walk. He is as fast as a cheetah, running around. He is my Grandma's dog, Billy. By Emily

She is like a fluffy mess on the ground waiting to get broomed. She is as fluffy as a lion's mane. She is like a cow with grey and white on her. She is as silky as a spider's web. She is like a sloth, always happy and lazy. She is as tired as a baby, always sleepy. She is my cat, Smudge! By Tommy

She is like a big pompom, always making me want more. She is as clumsy as a toddler, always needing to be watched upon. She is electricity, always doing zoomies. She is as lazy as a fat rat, being too full to stand up. She is like a stuffed teddy, always wanting to be loved. She is as sweet as a lollipop, always making me go crazy. She is my cat, Coco. By Ana

She is like a master baker, always baking around. She is as pretty and graceful, as a ballerina at work. She is like a wish, always making life great. She is as strong as a boxer, always lovingly protecting me. She is like a heart, beating inside of me. She is as smart as a computer, always helping me. She is my MUM. By Magnolia

He is like a protector, protecting me with whatever happens. He is as kind as god, always looking out for me. He is like a helpful robot, putting and getting stuff for us. He is as healthy as broccoli, running and jumping over obstacles. He is like MJ, dunking and raining 3s on the other team. He is as strong as the Hulk, helping my dad with our table. He is my brother. By Diego

She is like Albert Einstein, teaching me cool stuff. She is as poor as a beggar because the house is very broken. She is like a cook, always cooking me good stuff. She is as cheerful as a giant, always cheering for me. She is like candy, always super sweet. She is my second Grandma.

By Mohit



KAHURANGI FRIENDS FOR A FABULOUS DISCO!































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School Term and Holiday Dates 2024

Term Dates

- Term 1 Wednesday 31 January Friday 12 April
- Term 2 Monday 29 April Friday 5 July
- Term 3 Monday 22 July Friday 27 September
- Term 4 Monday 14 October Friday 20 December

Important Dates

Thursday 25 January	Teacher Only Day
Friday 26 January	Teacher Only Day
Monday 29 January	[New] Meet the teacher*
Tuesday 30 January	[New] Meet the teacher*
Tuesday 6 February	Waitangi Day
Friday 29 March	Good Friday
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 2 April	Easter Tuesday
Wednesday 8 May	Teacher Only Day
Monday 3 June	King's Birthday
Tuesday 4 June	Teacher Only Day
Friday 28 June	Matariki
Monday 28 October	Labour Day
Tuesday 29 October	Teacher Only Day
	Friday 26 January Monday 29 January Tuesday 30 January Tuesday 6 February Friday 29 March Monday 1 April Tuesday 2 April Wednesday 8 May Monday 3 June Tuesday 4 June Friday 28 June Monday 28 October

*Meet the teacher - School is open but operates differently. Whānau will be invited to book an appointment(s) to meet and connect with their child/ren's new 2024 teacher prior to the children's first day.



FUTURE FERNS SATURDAY NETBALL YEAR 1-4











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Kahurangi Friends xer Velcome to our NEW CHAIR

Welcome to Preston our new Chair, for our parent group, Kahurangi Frienda

We want to formally announce this awesome naws and say thank you to Preston for moving into this important role, we're very excited to have you part of the Kahurangi Friends committee



Kahurangi Friends 🗙

Come And Join Us For Our AGM/ END OF YEAR GATHERING SUNDAY 3 DECEMEBER, 3PM

Come join us for our AGM in Broadway, our school hall, from 3pm.

We'll be going through our year that's been and talk a little bit about what's coming up, including new committee members.

End of year gathering straight after, at Faye and Preston's. (BYO food and what you'd like to dtink) MEETING TIME : 3PM

What's coming up

Wednesday 6 Dec Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Monday 11 December EOTC Sailing Trip

For the students who learn with Chad. Fingers and toes are crossed for good weather.

Tuesday 12 December Practise at Rongotai

The whole school will be attending a Final Assembly practise at Rongotai College.

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Wednesday 13 December Final Assembly

See the cover page of this newsletter for more details.

Friday 15 December School reports are sent home

Wednesday 20 December Last day of the school year!

Please note we have an early finish at 12noon!

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