



**KIA ORA FROM KYRAN**

## **Tēnā koutou katoa ngā whānau o te Kura o Kahurangi,**

As we approach the end of this eventful year, I wish to offer a recap of what I shared in my speech for those who were unable to attend.

Our final assembly is always a heartwarming occasion, a time to draw a close to and acknowledge the journey we've had throughout the year.

Our overarching goal this year, as it has always been, centered around nurturing a love for learning among our tamariki, guiding them through challenges, fostering perseverance, and fostering a culture where mistakes are seen as valuable lessons. Our school's vision, "Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei - Striving for what is important and not being deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain," has been the guiding force influencing every aspect of our efforts.

The pride we hold for our tamariki extends beyond those receiving awards. Each child has shown remarkable improvement in diverse ways, whether academically, socially, or in their resilience. Each of them has also added something special to our school's culture in their own unique way.

Throughout the year, our school faced several challenges, from tailoring teaching programmes to address varying learning needs, managing funding constraints, to supporting the well-being of our ākonga and addressing complex behavioral needs. Additionally, the challenge of teacher retention remains a concern, largely influenced by broader nationwide teacher shortages and increased responsibilities placed on our kaiako.

However, amidst these challenges, we've celebrated numerous successes. Welcoming 59 new students and integrating six new teachers into our community. Our tamariki have also displayed exceptional leadership, progress, resilience, kindness, and growth across various facets of school life. From our Whānau Play Day to academic achievements, cultural celebrations, and sporting victories, this year has been marked by an array of accomplishments and continued learning experiences.

Our school's strength lies in the collaborative efforts of our community. I extend heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated kaiako and support staff for their tireless commitment in nurturing and educating our tamariki.

The involvement, encouragement, and partnership of our supportive whānau have been invaluable.



Special recognition goes to Kahurangi Friends for their unwavering dedication in organising events, financial support, effective social media communications, and valuable contributions to our school environment.

Moreover, the contributions from anonymous donors have significantly impacted our community, supporting and enhancing the lives of many.

Gratitude is extended to our Board for their pivotal role in guiding our school's direction and ensuring its seamless functioning. Their dedication behind the scenes is commendable.

We bid farewell to departing kaiako, staff, families moving on, and our departing year 8s. Your contributions and presence have been invaluable, and we wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

As we head into the holiday season, my wish for each of you is a wonderful time with family and a well-deserved break. I look forward to welcoming you back in the new year in which we'll continue to strive towards ensuring our tamariki are getting the best education we can offer at Kahurangi School.

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou.

Kyran Smith | Principal

# WELCOME TO KAHURANGI

On behalf of us all I extend a warm welcome to two new students, **Aram** and **Sana**, along with their whānau, as they begin their journey at Kahurangi. Having recently arrived from Iraq, this marks their start in New Zealand, and we are honored to be their first school.

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## Introducing our new teachers starting in 2024

### Anika Malloy

Tēnā tātou! Ko Anika Molloy tōku ingoa. Nō Ingarangi, Aerani, Kōtīrana me Hōrana ōku tipuna, arā, he tangata Tiriti ahau.

I am incredibly excited to join the whānau of Kahurangi School as a first year kaiako. Prior to studying teaching I had the privilege of completing a degree in te reo

Māori, New Zealand Sign Language and Education. I am an enthusiastic person with a passion for building meaningful relationships (whānaungatanga). I believe our tamariki are the greatest taonga (gift) to our society, and desire to create inclusive, nurturing, and empowering learning environments where each child can thrive in their identity and strengths. This looks like celebrating the beautifully diverse cultures, languages, and lived experiences that we all bring to our classroom.

When I am not at school, I love tramping, climbing, gardening, being creative, volunteering at The Free Store, and spending time with whānau and friends.

I look forward to getting to know this wonderful community!



### Anna Ravendran

Tēnā koutou katoa. Ko Anna tōku ingoa. My family are from Sri Lanka but I was born in England and call Aotearoa home after being here for over 20 years. Before teaching, I worked in international development. During this time I was fortunate to travel across the Pacific. I love working

in a school! I am passionate about lifelong learning, creating an inclusive environment and building strong relationships with learners and their whānau. In my free time, I enjoy exploring Wellington's coastline, learning new languages, trying new art forms and spending time with my whānau and friends won't be forgotten.

### Jo Roberts

Kia ora! I have recently moved to Wellington from Nelson, and am excited to be joining the team at Kahurangi School as well as the Eastern Suburbs community. I have well over a decade's experience in Primary School Teaching from year 0 to year 7. With a Master's in Education, I have strengths in literacy, numeracy, science, health and PE and inquiry. Advocating purposeful, interesting, and fun learning experiences in my classroom, I do my utmost to meet the learning needs of all the children I teach. In my spare



time I spend as much time as I can with my family. I love great company, good food, a decent coffee and hiking whenever possible. I recently ran the Aoraki Mt Cook half marathon, and love to travel.

### Grant Clarke,

Kia ora koutou. I've lived in Wellington for the last 20 years with some time in London and Hong Kong. I'm trained as a veterinarian but have just moved to teaching. I am privileged to be able to join the Kahurangi team. I keen to create strong relationships with tamariki and their whānau, so that they enjoy learning. I love art, the outdoors, science, my wonderful wife, teenage son and biking. Two cats share their home with us.



### Emma Muirhead

Kia ora! Ko Emma toku ingoa. I'm thrilled to be joining the teaching team at Kahurangi in 2024. I have been a teacher for a couple of years now and I love sharing the challenge and excitement of learning with ākongā. As a kaiako, I endeavour to nurture a positive,

creative and encouraging classroom for all tamariki. I have a lot of energy and enjoy spending time outside playing sports, especially gymnastics. I also enjoy designing and creating art. I'm looking forward to sharing these passions with the Kahurangi community!

### Nicholas Masters

Kia ora Kahurangi whānau. I'm thrilled to start this journey at Kahurangi School. With three years teaching year 7 and 8 students, I'm eager to bring my passion for learning to my hometown.

Kahurangi's emphasis on cultural responsiveness and community involvement mirrors my teaching values.

Having experienced the transformative power of community in education, I'm excited to continue this work in an environment that shares these beliefs.

My teaching philosophy focuses on high expectations, personalised learning, and fostering resilience and ambition. Outside the classroom, I enjoy various sports and recently embraced the challenges of chess.

I'm genuinely excited to be part of Kahurangi's community and can't wait to meet you all!



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# KOTAHI IS BACK... FOR THE LAST TIME!

## WHAT IS KOTAHI?

Kotahi is a music festival hosted by the Kahurangi School and Kahurangi Friends for the Strathmore community at our school. The first festival was held in 2014 (shoutout to founders Amanda Hereaka and Simon Bowden) and since then we've held 8 festivals over the last 9 years.

Kotahi is not a school fundraising event but a free, all access event put on with grant money sourced from the Wellington City Council, the Airport and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage. Kahurangi School opens the event with our Kapa Haka group (entire school) performing and it's a highlight for all.

In 2024, we're hosting Kotahi again on Waitangi Day! And we can't do it without you. The festival needs all of our school community to volunteer some of their time to make it happen. Can you bake some delicious food for our bake sale? Can you welcome people at the gate for 30 minutes on the day? Can you help with the set up and pack down? We appreciate any help you can give.

Over the next week, you'll see some parents after school holding clipboards and asking for volunteers to sign up. Please consider giving some of your time so we can run an awesome final Kotahi for all of us to enjoy! If you're keen, please email [kahurangifriends@gmail.com](mailto:kahurangifriends@gmail.com)

The amazing line up for Kotahi 2024 includes Mara TK, Sam Manzanza's Afro beat, Bret McKenzie, the Scots college Pipe band and more.....! Keep on eye on our facebook page for more details. <https://www.facebook.com/kotahimusic/>

## WHAT IS KAHURANGI FRIENDS?

Kahurangi Friends is a group made up of parents and caregivers of children from Kahurangi School. It's a charitable trust that supports the school by applying for funding for projects and delivering them, like Kotahi and the Breakfast Club, running fun events like the school disco, giving feedback on school policies and processes and lots more.

If you would like to get to know other parents and caregivers, and be involved in Kahurangi Friends please contact current chair, Preston McNeil on [kahurangifriends@gmail.com](mailto:kahurangifriends@gmail.com). All are welcome!

You can also follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/KahurangiFriends/>

We're also looking at starting a regular email newsletter. We hold quarterly meetings usually on Sunday afternoon at school.



