



KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Naumai e te whānau or te kura Kahurangi

Tena koutou katoa.

Welcome to the inaugural school newsletter of 2024! We extend a warm welcome to all members of our school community, both familiar faces and those joining us for the first time. A special greeting goes out to the new ākongā (students), whānau (families), and kaiako (teachers) who have become part of the Kahurangi family.

As we kick off the year, we have 255 pupils spread across 12 classes. We anticipate this number to grow to approximately 280 as new 5 year olds join.

At Kahurangi School, our guiding principles - Learning, Pride, Culture, and Community - shape our approach to education. In the coming weeks, our dedicated kaiako (teachers) will immerse our tamariki (children) in these principles, helping them understand the significance of each in their daily school lives and why they are integral to our kura (school).

Our kaiako will also focus on three key areas within their classes:

1. Establishing a sense of community, ensuring each child feels safe.
2. Setting clear expectations and routines.
3. Gaining deeper insight into each child's individuality, understanding how they learn best, their strengths, and areas of challenge.

Throughout the year, you can expect to receive newsletters every three weeks, typically on Fridays. These updates will keep you informed about school events, explain our approaches, share curriculum highlights, showcase our tamariki's achievements, and provide community news. Newsletters are sent via email to whānau and school supporters, with a hard copy given out to students, as we know they like to read it too. If you haven't received the newsletter via email, please update your email address with our office team.

Recognising the crucial role whānau plays in supporting their tamariki's success, we appreciate the positive impact already evident in how well our ākongā (learners) have settled into school these past few days. Conversations about the importance of school, family expectations, and the values of being a good person and showing respect to peers and staff are invaluable. These discussions truly make a difference, as no child wishes to disappoint their parents and whānau.

In closing, regardless of what 2024 may bring, I have full confidence that collectively, as students, parents, whānau, teachers, and support staff, we can all achieve success by believing in and supporting each other!

Ngā manaakitanga,
Kyrán Smith | Tumuaki (Principal)



noticeboard

Tue 6 Feb
Waitangi Day & Kotahi
No school but we hope you can come to Kotahi.

Tues 20 Feb
Kahurangi Board Meeting
7-9pm
Whānau are welcome to attend board meetings if it interests you.

Fri 23 Feb
School Assembly
2:15pm
Whānau are welcome to join us!



Greetings to our newcomers at Kahurangi! We extend a warm welcome to **Aram** and **Sana**, siblings who have recently relocated all the way from Iraq. They joined our kura in the last few weeks of the 2023 school year.

It brings us great joy to welcome back **Galaxy** and **Adrian**. Your return to our kura was a delightful surprise, and we're thrilled to have you with us once again.

A warm welcome to **Elif** and her whānau, who have recently moved from Upper Hutt.

Additionally, a warm greeting to **Philip**, who has joined us

from Auckland and is now alongside his cousin Sandra.

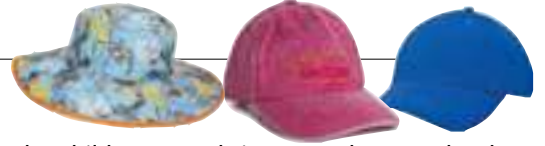
Let's also celebrate the arrival of some new five-year-olds. **Elsie** is now part of our kura, joining her sister Ava.

Charlie, the son of Emma T, also joins our community.

We are excited to introduce **Ryder** and his whānau, who are new additions to Kahurangi.

We extend a warm welcome to **Ruby** as she joins her cousin Cyrus.

Sun hats



A reminder that the children must bring a sun hat to school every day in Term 1. Our sun is harsh and this provides some protection. Children who don't have a hat at school must eat and play under our canopy during break times.

Information about Kotahi!

2024 • THE FINAL KOTAHI

Kotahi MUSIC FESTIVAL

10 YEARS OF CELEBRATING THE STRATHMORE PARK COMMUNITY

FREE ENTRY

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD STALLS • ACTIVITIES • HĀNGĪ

BRET MCKENZIE • MARA TK

SAM MANZANZA • WELLINGTON PIPEBAND

WAITANGI DAY 6TH FEB 2PM - 6PM
@ KAHURANGI SCHOOL 43 STRATHMORE AVENUE

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All our children are performing at Kotahi this Tuesday

As usual our tamariki will be demonstrating their Kapa Haka skills by opening this event at 2pm. We are really hoping to have as many of our children join in as possible.

Time to arrive:

- 1:30pm so children can change into their Kapa Haka uniforms

Where to go:

- All students should come into Waka Pūhara (the senior area next to our sandpit)

What to wear:

- Boys need to wear shorts - black is best
- Girls don't need to wear anything special as they wear a dress. Some girls feel more comfortable if they wear tight bike shorts and a strapless tube top under their dress.

Who:

- Every student in our school. Our new students can choose if they would like to join in as they haven't had much time learning the items.



We'd like all our families to be involved in the event but realise you might already have special things planned for this public holiday. Those of you who can make it, we are sure you'll have a great time! Invite as many people as you like.

Kahurangi Bake Stall

The Kahurangi Bake stall holds a very special place in our hearts, it is run by parents for Kahurangi tamariki and all proceeds go towards the school.

So, come along and wake up that baker in you and fill the table with aroha for our kids. Be part of something to remember and cherish for the coming years.

A quick brief of how we run the bake stall

- Parents can bake any kind of treat.
- Please label the ingredients / Vegan / Gluten Free or contain nuts.
- Please tag your container or use take-away containers (biodegradable if possible)
- Bring your goodies on the day directly to the stall.

Kahurangi School bake stall is located behind the stage. If you have any queries, please reach out to rashleen@gmail.com or call 0223997877.



HANGI

IS BEING SOLD AT KOTAHI

We are grateful to Haere Whakamua for coming along to Kotahi this year and selling hāngī on the day. You can place your order beforehand on their PledgeMe page (link below). Also read a bit more about the Haere Whakamua initiative there. Please leave your name and phone number with your order/pledge. They will be available for pick up between 4.30-6pm on the day. Some sales available on the day! <https://www.pledge.me.co.nz/projects/7762-kotahi-hangi-fundraiser-for-haere-whakamua-6-feb>

Volunteers are needed for Kotahi. Can you help?

Kotahi is a great opportunity to meet other whānau and to contribute. We need your help whether it be on our cake stall or helping Kahurangi Friends with something else. A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered - you should have received an email from the Kahurangi Friends team by now. Anyone else who would like to contribute can email Kahurangi Friends with their name, email address and cell number, or just come to the Friends tent early on the day at Kotahi! The email address is kahurangifriends@gmail.com