



# news

Pānui #2  
27 February 2024

**Kahurangi**  
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

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

While we're moving forward positively, we're still aiming for that perfect settled feeling with all our classes operating just right. Our kaiako continue to be focussed on fostering a supportive learning environment for all of our tamariki whilst making sure they are all behaving in the way we expect them to. I'm pleased to share they doing a great job of keeping our standards high.



## Lunch time + friends = fun time!

Our tamariki find all kinds of things to do to keep themselves busy during break times including making people out of the dry grass and hill sliding with old boxes.



### noticeboard



#### Wed 6 March

Junior School Trip to the Botanic Gardens

Eastern Zone Cricket Tournament for keen Y5-8 tamariki

#### Fri 8 March

School Assembly  
Hosted by the class who learns with Brynne

#### Keep informed

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



We're delighted to welcome two new five-year-olds, **Lexi** and **Isaac**, to Natalie's class. Both children, along with their families are new to our school community.

As Lexi and Isaac settle into their new roles as big school children, we aim to ensure they feel embraced and supported by all of us, with their families also feeling warmly welcomed

### Stay up to date with school information



**Download the Hero app today!**

Using the **Hero** app should make finding school information much easier. The app allows you to:

- read and comment on school notices and newsletters
- view school term dates and the school calendar
- notify the school if your child is absent or late
- select how you wish to receive notifications

We also acknowledge that we haven't always been the best at keeping our Hero app up-to-date and it's a goal of ours to get better at this.

### Celebrating Sportsmanship and Unity!

Last week, we received an uplifting email from Scots College, praising our Rockets Floorball team for their exceptional sportsmanship, inclusivity, and teamwork. Despite a minor challenge with player availability, both our students and theirs engaged in a friendly match, showcasing the true essence of sportsmanship and fair play.

I believe this acknowledgement serves as a good reminder for all our Kahurangi players and supporters (across all of our sports), of the importance of teamwork, inclusivity, and sportsmanship beyond winning. These values are fundamental not only to sporting success but also personal growth and community building.

My gratitude also extends to Michelle and the Scots floorball team. Your acknowledgment and fairplay highlights the significance of fostering positive relationships between schools.

### Our Zero Waste unit of learning



As part of our tamariki's Science and Social Science learning we're partnering with the Wellington City Council's Zero Waste Education Programme. Their educator has been assisting our kaiako in making lessons more informative and engaging. Our goal is to help our tamariki connect with why caring for our planet is crucial.

### Celebrating our 2024 House Leaders and recognising the courage of all applicants



Congratulations to our new 2024 House Leaders! Your application and leadership qualities have earned you this important role. Our staff trust in your commitment and feel proud of your achievement.

*To all year 7 & 8 applicants, we truly appreciate your efforts. We understand how brave and committed you were to apply for these roles. If you weren't chosen, please know it doesn't mean you're not capable. Each of you has special strengths that will shine in the future. More chances will come, but sometimes things don't line up perfectly. Just know, your leadership potential is still strong.*

# Kotahi was a wonderful success!

## Important note of thanks!

To **Faye, Lize, Kahurangi Friends** for producing such an exceptional event. Your dedication and tireless efforts in planning and execution really did pay off!

To our invaluable **volunteers**, this day wouldn't have been possible without you!

To our generous **whānau** who contributed delicious baking for our cake stall.

A round of applause for our remarkable **tamariki** whose confident performance impressed the crowd.

To our **staff** for their support of our Kapa Haka performance and assisting our tamariki.

Last but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to the **Board** for your important contributions behind the scenes.

**Together, you all made this event a resounding success and I am deeply grateful for your collective efforts.**



**We're thrilled to share that \$1715.10 was raised from the cake stall and \$1476 from the BBQ!**

## Special shout out

Over the summer, Emily did something really awesome! She opened her own flower shop to help our school. She worked hard and raised \$240! This money will buy new books for our library and sports gear for us to play with.



Emily, your kindness shows just how great our school community is. Thanks a bunch for all you've done!

## We hate it when they come to school!

I'm sorry to share that some whānau have spotted head lice in their children's hair. It would be awesome if we can work together on this by checking your child's hair regularly for signs of these pesky critters. Early detection is key to stopping their spread. If you find any, please treat them promptly. Thank you for helping keep our school and tamariki healthy!



## Can you help with Road Patrol?

We would love to have parents help with road patrol before (8:30-8:50 am) and after school (2:55-3:10 pm). Just one slot per week can make a big difference in keeping our students safe.

To sign up or inquire about available slots, please reach out to Angela Keane at [angela@kahurangi.school.nz](mailto:angela@kahurangi.school.nz). Angela will gladly assist in finding a day and time that aligns with your availability. Thank you in advance for helping keep our tamariki safe!

## Royal New Zealand Ballet comes to Kahurangi!

Last Tuesday our tamariki were given the wonderful opportunity to participate in dance workshops, courtesy of the Royal New Zealand Ballet (RNZB). Every child who put their hand up got to join in.

These workshops weren't just for our tamariki who already do ballet but were adapted for all our ages and abilities. Our children got to experience a variety of activities, including warm-ups, learning basic ballet moves, and even trying out dance moves inspired by RNZB performances.

We're super thankful to the Royal New Zealand Ballet for giving us this awesome opportunity without charging anything. It's experiences like these that make learning extra special and help us learn new things.

A big shoutout to Jordana and the RNZB team for making this happen, and to all our students who embraced this fantastic opportunity.





# School Term and Holiday Dates 2024

Includes Corrections in Red  
Updated 26.2.24

### Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 31 January - Friday 12 April	11 weeks
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July	10 weeks
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September	10 weeks
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 14 October - <del>Friday 20 December</del> <b>Tuesday 17 December</b>	9 weeks

### Holidays (during term time)

Pre Term 1	Thursday 25 January Friday 26 January	Teacher/Staff Only Day Teacher/Staff Only Day
Term 1	Monday 29 January Tuesday 30 January Tuesday 6 February Friday 29 March Monday 1 April Tuesday 2 April	Meet the teacher* Meet the teacher* Waitangi Day Good Friday Easter Monday Easter Tuesday (a school holiday for all NZ schools)
Term 2	<del>Wednesday 8 May</del> <b>Monday 13 May</b> Monday 3 June Tuesday 4 June Friday 28 June	<del>Teacher/Staff Only Day</del> <b>[New] Teacher/Staff Only Day</b> King's Birthday Teacher/Staff Only Day Matariki
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 August</b>	<b>Teacher/Staff Only Day</b>
Term 4	Monday 28 October Tuesday 29 October	Labour Day Teacher/Staff Only Day

I'm sorry about the amendments to the calendar. Unbeknowst to me there was an fault in the template I was using which meant school was open for too many days. This mistake means I needed to trim fours days off the school calendar. Now we will finish on Tuesday 17 December (as opposed to Friday 20 December). We've also added a day just for teachers and staff on Monday, May 13th to make up for it. I'm sorry for any trouble this causes, and thank you in advance for understanding.

## If your child is away from school



Please, please, please tell us before we need to ring you. Phoning, texting, emailing or a message sent through our HERO app or with another family member are all suitable ways of letting us know.

**04 388 6386**  
**office@kahurangi.school.nz**  
**text: 027 748 0100**



Some of our youngest tamariki working at ordering their numbers by themselves.

