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Newsletter 3
15 March 2024

Kahurangi
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi,

Tena koutou katoa.

At Kahurangi we have the belief that homework doesn't really help our tamariki learn better, and research supports this. Instead, we prefer our tamariki be involved in after school activities such as sport or specialist classes (such as music or art lessons) or involved in completing home chores or even just relaxing, which are all things that are nurturing of their interests beyond the confines of the classroom.

Furthermore, we strongly believe that the demands of a full day's learning (4.5 hours of class learning time), represent a significant day's effort for our tamariki. We also understand that our tamariki need time for relaxation, play, and family. We also believe that fostering a healthy work-life balance from a young age sets them up right for their future. It also helps them grow essential life skills such as time management, self-care, and interpersonal relationships with their friends!

With all that said, we're huge advocates of kindling a passion for reading in our tamariki. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of urging whānau to prioritise reading as a very important activity at home and to ensure their children do so daily. Whether it's the child reading a school text aloud to you, delving into the pages of a library book, being read to by you, or indulging in extra reading time before bedtime, fostering a habit of reading is immensely important in nurturing a lifelong and capable learner.



OUR TAMARIKI LOVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS!



noticeboard



Tues 19 Mar

Trip to the Botanical Gardens
Junior School classes

Thurs 21 Mar

NZEI Union Meeting for Teachers
See page 2 for how this impacts tamariki

For further dates and events please check 'What's coming up' on the back page of this newsletter.

Every day at school counts

We want to highlight the importance of tamariki (children) attending school every day unless they are unwell or have a valid reason to be absent.

As we move forward in 2024, we recognise that every single day of school counts. It is both a legal requirement and a shared responsibility between whānau and our kura (school) to ensure our tamariki are present and actively engaged.

Please remember to inform the school if your child will be absent, whether it's due to illness, a tangi, or a medical appointment. Family holidays or extracurricular activities not organised by the school are not considered acceptable reasons for absence.

If you're facing challenges getting your child to school, please reach out so we can work together on changing this.

Photos of after school sports

Whānau, we enjoy featuring photos of our sports teams in our newsletters! With so many teams, we rely on your help to capture the moments. Please send your photos to kyran@kahurangi.school.nz. Your contributions are valued!



A shout out to our Kahurangi Lightning Floorball team who are dominating this term with a flawless record of four consecutive wins. Not only are they shining on the court but they're standing out for their politeness and respect of their coach too. Keep up the fantastic teamwork, Lightning!

teacher

UNION MEETING NEXT WEEK

NZEI (Teachers Union) have scheduled a paid union meeting for teachers next Thursday afternoon.

If you are able to collect your children or give permission for your children to make their own way home at 12:30pm this would be appreciated.

If your child/ren do have permission to leave school without an adult picking them up please email the office (office@kahurangi.school.nz).

Children remaining at school will be supervised, however, not participating in a usual learning programme due to operating with a skeleton staff.



Kyran will be there with one of our Kahurangi Gazebos if you want to hang with other Kahurangi kids and whānau.

Calling for Donations: Science Supplies Needed!

Our senior school is gearing up for an exciting term of Science experiments, and we need your help! **Please donate** clean, empty **1.5L bottles** and **ice cream containers** to support our hands-on learning activities. Drop off your contributions at the school office. Thank you for helping us spark curiosity and innovation in our tamariki!



Desperate for help on the crossing before and after school

Sadly we've had very few offers of help for this important job and would love some whānau to help share the load. Please email angela@kahurangi.school.nz if you're available for a morning or afternoon slot.

Movin' March

We're a Movin' March school and every day our kaiako are stamping passports in the classroom as part of the WOW Passport Challenge. When the children complete a passport they receive a prize. At the end of March we send all of the passports in to the Council for our tamariki to be in to win one of 6 x \$400 MYRIDE vouchers. There's also a Whānau Photo Competition with some cool prizes including 5 x Micro Scooters. Check out [this link](#) for more details.



School life...





FREE KAI
Mon & Tues
mornings in
Broadway
from 8am

We are excited to share that Te Karapu Parakuihi o Kahurangi (Kahurangi Breakfast Club) is in full swing. **Monday & Tuesday mornings in Broadway from 8am** our volunteers are serving kai for any tamariki that want something to kickstart their day, and learning.

If you haven't checked us out we love meeting new tamariki, **please come in for a Milo and kōrero!**



Volunteers: NGĀ MIHI NUI to our group of awesome volunteers that come down and make KBC happen. We are so grateful for the amazing mahi that happens each week.

THINK YOU COULD HELP? KBC are looking for more volunteer support so we can offer breakfast more days of the week.

Please contact Kyle for more info kahurangibreakfastclub@gmail.com

Kahurangi Friends

AGM 2024

Annual General Meeting

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL
FROM 7:30PM IN BROADWAY

Kahurangi Friends invite all Kahurangi School whānau to attend the AGM. This year we are combining the AGM & Strategy Meeting to discuss the planning for school activities and events (e.g. Matariki, discos), and it's a great opportunity meet other whānau.

Kahurangi Friends plays an important role in providing experiences, opportunities and resources for our tamariki to flourish.

Please contact Preston for more info kahurangifriends@gmail.com

What's coming up

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Trip to the
Botanical Gardens
Junior School Classes

Thursday 21 March
NZEI Union Meeting for
Teachers in the afternoon
School operating on a
skeleton staff. See page 2
for more information

Friday 22 March
School Assembly
Hosted by the class
that learns with Emma
2:10pm in Broadway

Wednesday 27 March
Rippa Rugby Tournament
Keen Y5-6 students

Friday 29 March
Good Friday - No School

Monday 1 April
Easter Monday - No School

Tuesday 2 April
Easter Tuesday - No School

Monday 8 April
Duffy Role Model Assembly

Friday 12 April
Last day of Term 1
School finishes at our
normal time of 3pm.

Monday 29 April
First day of Term 2

News from the Community



Miramar Central School
Te Kura o Whataitai

SCHOOL FAIR

Friday 5th April
5pm - 7.30pm
38 Park Road, Miramar
(04) 9390684

- EFTPOS AVAILABLE
- GAMES
- BAKING AND SWEET TREATS
- CULTURAL FOODS
- DRINKS AND SPIDERS
- PLANTS
- FACE PAINTING AND HENNA
- BOOKS
- RAFFLES