

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi.

What a whirlwind week it's been! I trust that Easter provided an opportunity for you all to unwind and enjoy some extra whānau time.

As always, this newsletter will provide insights into recent events and offer a glimpse into what lies ahead next week and into Term 2.

As we approach the end of Term 1 and we prepare for a well-deserved break, I want to extend my gratitude to all our tamariki and kaimahi (staff) for their hard work this past term along with my thanks to our whānau for all your support this past term.

We know the school holidays can be a bit of a juggle for whānau, balancing work commitments with keeping the kids entertained but we hope this break offers a chance for some relaxation and a breather from the usual school routine. We're looking forward to welcoming you back for another exciting term ahead.

From bicycles to rollerblades, our **Wheels Parade** had all the wheely cool rides!



noticeboard



Thurs 11 April

Whānau Māori Hui
6pm start

Fri 12 April

Last day of Term 1

Mon 29 April

First day of Term 2

Keep informed

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Eva and **Dylan** have turned 5 so are excited about being 'big school children' now.

Turning 5 and starting school is a very important time in a child's life and we're really hoping these tamariki have a wonderful start and a memorable and fun time learning at Kahurangi.

We sincerely hope that you all feel a sense of belonging within our school community.



BECOME A
READING
Friend

Volunteers always comment on how they look forward to reading with our tamariki and how rewarding it is. "It is a pleasure to help out; it's so important that children are confident readers." "Have really enjoyed reading with kids this year... the kids are always so keen and positive."

If you can spare an hour per week between 9.30 - 11am on weekdays, please consider becoming a Reading Friend. This is a chance for you to give back to the school, but more importantly, to make a real difference to tamariki - one book at a time. Please contact Meta (meta@kahurangi.school.nz) as soon as possible. Training takes 10 minutes :)

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When our kaiako spot well-behaved children, they might offer them a compliment or present them with a 'star student' slip of paper after writing their name on it. These slips then go into our star student box. During every school assembly, approximately eight names are drawn from the box. These fortunate students receive a 'Caught Being Good' certificate along with a book of their choice.

This award programme not only reinforces positive behaviour in our playground but also places value on books as a rewarding prize.



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!



A group of children and adults are gathered around a garden bed. They are wearing raincoats and hats, suggesting it might be raining or they are prepared for rain. Some are holding small containers or tools, and they appear to be engaged in a hands-on activity like planting or watering. The background shows green foliage and a fence.

A teacher with long brown hair, wearing a dark jacket, is leaning over a white table outdoors. She is pointing at a large sheet of paper on the table. Several young students are gathered around the table, looking at the paper with interest. The students are wearing various clothing, including a red baseball cap, a blue jacket, a pink shirt, and a blue jacket. The background shows green foliage and a metal fence.

A young girl with a red hijab and a patterned jacket is smiling and holding a small black beetle in her open palm. She is standing outdoors on a grassy area.

A group of children in traditional Japanese clothing (kimono and haori) are gathered around a stone well. They are using brushes to write on a blue grid paper placed on the stone surface. One child in the foreground is writing on a grid, while others are looking on or writing in the background. The scene is outdoors on a grassy area.

By Kingston

By Isaac

A simple line drawing of a bus. On the left, a stick figure is seated in the driver's position. Inside the bus, there are four groups of stick figures representing passengers: a single figure, a pair, a group of three, and a pair. The bus has two large wheels at the bottom and a small rectangular bumper at the rear.

By Ryder

By Alex P.C

By Jana





A special shout-out
to all our Kahurangi
kids who competed
in the Weet-bix
TRYathlon recently.



BAD NEWS

ABOUT SCHOOL BUS FARES

Sadly the government has made the decision to withdraw the funding for the age-based concessions that have been in place since 1 September 2023. As a result, fares for tamariki aged 5-12 and young adults under 25 years old will automatically return to the standard price fares from 1 May 2024.

Free travel ends, and 50% off adult fare applies on all Metlink services.

Children are still required to tag on and tag off the bus or trains using their Snapper card, to avoid being charged default fares.

What's coming up

Monday 8 April
Duffy Role Model
Assembly

1:30pm

Thursday 11 April
Whānau Māori Hui

An invitation has been sent home to all whānau about this. Please reach out if you haven't received it.

Friday 12 April
Last day of Term 1
Normal 3pm finish.

TERM 2

Monday 29 April
First day of Term 2

Friday 10 May
School Cross Country

More information will be sent home about this closer to the date.
Postponement Date

Monday 13 May
Teacher/Staff Only Day
No School for tamariki!

Wednesday 15 May
Eastern Zone Cross
Country

Our top competitors in our school cross country will be selected to represent us at this event.

Monday 3 June
Kings birthday
No school!

Tuesday 4 June
Teacher/Staff Only Day
No School for tamariki!