



news

Kahurangi
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi.

With the chill of winter setting in this past week I think it's timely to talk about what happens here at Kahurangi during the colder months.

First we make a big effort to get tamariki outside every day unless it's extremely cold, super windy or raining. We know some whānau worry their children don't like being outside in the cold but we find for the majority it's actually the opposite. Generally the children can't wait to get outside, burn some energy and have the opportunity to be more active and run around.

As kaiako (teachers) we're also aware that daily exercise is hugely important therefore our kaiako still make a big effort to take their classes out for fitness or P.E.

Contrary to the common belief that exposure to cold air or rain causes a cold, fresh air is actually good and healthy. When children (including adults) spend a long time together in indoor spaces germs and illnesses often spread more easily, which gives us yet another good reason to get tamariki outside.

During the colder months the children mostly eat inside and then they are released to play outside so it's really important they come to school dressed appropriately. We'd really appreciate you ensure they come to school wearing suitable clothing and footwear including a few layers of clothes plus a warm jacket. We'll do our best to make sure they stay mud free and dry.

At the later part of the day or after lots of running around or when coming inside, children start taking off layers causing them to leave jackets and hoodies lying around outside or in random places. A gentle reminder that if clothing is named it is easy to return to its owner. If you've ever looked in our lost property you'll know unnamed clothing is a big problem for us. Our lost property box is nearly always overflowing despite us dropping off unclaimed clothing to the local op shops each term.

Lastly, during drop-off or pick-up times, if it's raining heavily, our priority is to keep our tamariki as warm and dry as possible. We encourage them to seek shelter promptly, either by quickly moving indoors or staying under cover in areas like the entrance ramp or the library until they spot your car or the school bus arrives.

We also ask that you remain particularly vigilant and adhere strictly to road and parking rules to ensure the safety of all our tamariki.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our Kahurangi community.

Together, let's keep our tamariki healthy, safe, and engaged, no matter the weather. Kia ora, whānau!



noticeboard

Fri 17 May

Pink Shirt Day

We're encouraging tamariki to come to school wearing something pink in honour of this day.

Wed 22 May

Eastern Zone Cross Country

For selected Y4-8 students

Keep informed

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

New tamariki at Kahurangi



It is lovely to welcome five new students and two new whānau to Kahurangi!

Bess and Wilde have both turned five so have joined our youngest class of learners. Bess joins her older sisters Annie and Faye and Wilde joins his older brothers Khan and Ari.

"Goeie dag" to Aiden and his whānau who have moved here all the way from South Africa! "Hola" to Fabiana, Paulina and their family who have moved here from Panama.

We are thrilled to welcome these new tamariki to our community and can't wait to see the wonderful new perspectives they bring. I'm confident we'll all do everything to support them settling in and feeling 'at home'.

Please make sure you've downloaded the Hero by LINC-ED app

The HERO app stores all our newsletters and we'll now be using it to send out all our trip notices, sports notices, calendar dates and events. This year we'll be using it to book parent interviews and also upload student reports too, which will allow you to always find a copy.



You can download the app to your smart phone via the app store. It's free and available on both the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Once downloading the Hero app sign in with your email that you have shared with our office. Set yourself a new password which will be sent to your email account. Check your email account for your new password then log into the app and see what you can see!

Thank you again ReBicycle Eke Rua for lending us the ramp



It's always such a treat to have the ramp. Our tamariki really do love it!

**ANZAC
DAY**
25 April



**LEST WE
FORGET**

Remembering History

By taking part in special activities to remember the past, students learn why it's important to remember history and how it helps shape our lives today and tomorrow.



FREE at school

Period products - pads and tampons

Rangatahi (young people) just need to ask at the office or one of our staff that they trust. The idea is that they can get enough to last their whole period.

If you know your daughter is too shy, please feel free to make contact on their behalf and we can give them some discreetly or you can even come in and collect some on their behalf. We're in a fortunate position and have got loads of stock so if things are tough financially you're very welcome to come in and get what you need for other family members.

Nit treatment

Head lice, nits, or kutis, are very common in school aged children and easily spread. If you would like a nit removal comb or some treatment solution please contact or call into the office.

Fruit

Since our school opened we've been eligible and grateful to be part of the fully funded 'Fruit in Schools' programme which was a government initiative which supports children to eat more fruit and vegetables. This programme allows each of our tamariki to receive one piece of fresh fruit each day. Our younger children are given their fruit at 10 o'clock and the older children at morning tea.

Lunch

KidsCan provide us with some long lasting lunch items (fruit pottles, scroggin, OSM bites) that children get given if they don't have lunch or have forgotten to bring it.

Duffy books

At Kahurangi School we promote reading and enjoyment of books to grow our children's world! For this reason we are a Duffy Books in Homes school. This means each child receives free books throughout the year. We also award books for following school expectations in the playground. The school pays \$4000 to be part of the programme and we have a sponsor that pays the other half.

Free fruit Friday

If you're keen to receive some leftover fruit on Fridays, please send a named supermarket bag (or

something similar) to our teacher, Brynne (whose in the class next to the basketball court). She will arrange for her dedicated fruit helpers to deliver it, ensuring your child can bring some home at the end of the school day.



We're joining in on Pink Shirt Day



Kahurangi School is joining the movement on Pink Shirt Day (Friday 17 May 2024), and encouraging our staff and students to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone. To celebrate this important kaupapa we're also encouraging tamariki to wear pink or rainbow colours.



Last week, our school participated in 'NZ Sign Language Week.' Each class took time to learn New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL), a key aspect of our cultural identity. This experience helped students learn basic signs and phrases, improving their awareness of the deaf community and the value of inclusivity.

CROSS COUNTRY 2024



It was wonderful to see all our tamariki participate in this year's school cross country. Every student who crossed the finish line showed great determination and resilience, which are values we know our whānau rate highly.

We acknowledge that cross country running is a favourite for many but can be challenging for others. It was wonderful to see all the tamariki not only doing it but trying their best which demonstrates excellent sportsmanship and courage.

Every student who took part added a valuable layer to their character. Learning to engage in activities that might not be one's strength or preference is a critical life skill. It teaches our tamariki to embrace challenges with a positive attitude, preparing them for varied experiences in life. By stepping out of their comfort zones and participating, they learn resilience, perseverance, and the importance of giving their best effort regardless of the outcome.

The kaiako and I are proud of every student who took part. Their effort and perseverance teach them to tackle any challenge with a positive spirit. Well done to all our runners for adding to their character and pushing their limits. Let's keep encouraging our children to embrace challenges with enthusiasm!



A special thanks to our kaiako who organised this year's cross country event, perfectly arranging everything from the perfect weather conditions (wink-wink) to the superb finish line. Their meticulous planning ensured an enjoyable and smooth day for all.

A shout-out also to our volunteering whānau, whose numbers were the highest we've ever had. Your crucial support, with marshalling and marking and enthusiastic cheering greatly contributed to the event's success.

We appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication. This year's event highlighted the incredible community spirit at our school.

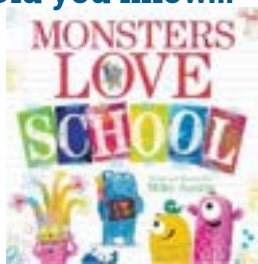
RESULTS...

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH
YEAR 0-1	Sana	Lexi	Elise	Eva	Sandra	Hoai An
YEAR 2	Brie	Sineva	Olive	Arna	Pyae Phyto	Cora
YEAR 3	Ava	Nell	Ava	Willow	Ruby K	Heaven
YEAR 4	Kora	Faye	Māia	Ashden	Zahra	Sylvie
YEAR 5	Sophia B	Grace	Magnolia	Jennifer	Sofie C	Anya
YEAR 6	Lili	Maya	Fatai	Bear	Stella	Galaxy
YEAR 7	Rayan	Sophia H	Nialisa	Johanna	Teuila	Jaslyn
YEAR 8	Sacha	Saffron	Sasha	Hazel	Amelie	Tessa

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH
YEAR 0-1	Kingston	CharlieT	Jazzel	Gwyn	Jude	Wilde
YEAR 2	Tom	Tyler	Cooper J	Taika	Elliot O	Fred
YEAR 3	Innis	Zeke	Liam C	Charlie K	Ne'emia	Lachy
YEAR 4	Lyon	Māia K	Curtis	Lachlan L	Charlie H	Caleb
YEAR 5	Rusty	Moe	Mohit	Ollie P	Cameron	Diego
YEAR 6	OllieJ	Hirini	Finn	Jakey M	Nelson	Matias
YEAR 7	Rāwiri	Tun Soe	Maxwell	Liam M	Haroun	Zach
YEAR 8	Leif	Austin	Hamza	Roman	Jack	Jayden



Did you know...



By students who learn with Natalie

Reports are being sent home at the end of the month

Teachers are currently working on reports and these will be sent home on Friday 31 May. We're also planning on sharing these on the school HERO app.

Never ending story of lost property

No matter what we do the pile never seems to get any smaller. Parents and whānau you are always welcome to come and check the lost property box yourself as the children aren't great at checking it themselves. The lost property box is located in the Broadway foyer (our hall).



The Winter sport season has started

As usual we have plenty of children and teams playing for our school. In future newsletters I look forward to sharing how they're doing.



It's super appreciated when parents email me (Kyran) game and team photos as it's a struggle to be able to see all the teams play.

Guitar donation



A generous member of our community has kindly donated a guitar, complete with a canvas case. While we discussed that we already have several guitars, the donor was more than happy for it to be passed on to someone who will make good use of it.

Ideally, we would like this guitar to go to a student who wants to or is learning to play the guitar or a whānau who is keen to use it regularly.

If you are interested in being considered as the recipient, please email or speak directly to Kyran.

Batteries

The airport has donated us a big supply of confiscated batteries. We don't have a need for them all. If you'd like some call into the office.

We now have a choir!



When approached by Amie (Sophia B's mum) asking us if we would like some help to start a choir we eagerly accepted. With Amie's mahi and enthusiasm and some keen staff we launched it at the start of the term. Keen Y4-8 students have been given the opportunity to attend three introductory sessions before deciding if they are keen to commit.

Native birds by some of our Year 4's



You'll find the rest of these artworks outside Waka Rimu Whā (the class that learn with Jo). They're definitely worth a visit.

What's coming up

Wednesday 15 May

Visit to Scots College to watch their production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
Senior School

Friday 17 May

Pink Shirt Day

We're encouraging everyone to come to school wearing pink.

Tuesday 21 May

Kahurangi School Board Meeting

7-9pm

Whānau are welcome to sit in on a meeting and observe. Please let us know if you plan on coming.

Wednesday 22 May

Eastern Zone Cross Country

For selected Y4-8 students.

Friday 24 May

Postponement date for Eastern Zone Cross Country

For selected Y4-8 students.

School Assembly

Hosted by Waka Rā Rua
2.15pm in Broadway/hall. All welcome!

Friday 31 May

Reports being sent home

Monday 3 June

King's Birthday

No School!

Tuesday 4 June

Teacher Only Day

No school for the children

Wednesday 5 June

Eastern Zone Football Tournament

A note will be sent home with keen senior students.

Friday 7 June

School Assembly

Hosted by Waka Rimu Rua.
2.10pm in Broadway/hall.
All welcome!

Monday 10 June

Student Progress and Achievement Conversations (Parent Interviews)

3pm-5:30pm

Tuesday 11 June

Student Progress and Achievement Conversations (Parent Interviews)

1:30pm-5:30pm

Early 12:30pm finish for children on this day.

Wednesday 12 June

Postponement date for Eastern Zone Football Tournament

A note will be sent home with keen senior students.

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Scouting is operating in our area!



The Eastern Bays Scout Group situated in Worser Bay is open to all youth aged 6-14.

We welcome young people and are open to all genders, ethnicities and religions. We are the world's largest non-formal education institution, serving over 13,000 young people all across New Zealand.

There are five youth sections in our Scout Group and we are keen to recruit new members for our youngest section, Keas which is for 6 to 8 year old.

If you would like to know more please - email easternbays@group.scouts.nz - Donna and Stuart, Kea Leaders.



Does your child want to learn to play the ukulele?

Term 2 beginner ukulele classes for 8 yrs + starting in May

Miramar Saturday 11:30am-12noon

\$100 per term

To book your FREE Introductory class phone Sonia on 021 2555 681

UNDER 25?

Fares are changing for young adults and children from 1 May 2024

Find out more at metlink.org.nz/fares
0800 801 700

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