

news

Kahurangi
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Kia ora e te whānau o Kahurangi,

As Term 2 draws to a close and we wrap up another busy and productive term, I want to say well done and thank you to all our students and staff for your hard work and to whānau for your support.

This will be my final newsletter for a while, as I will be taking a sabbatical during Term 3. While I will miss being at part of day-to-day life at school and engaging with tamariki, staff and whānau I am very much looking forward to this opportunity for rest and professional growth. I am confident that our school is in excellent hands with Ruth Cooper stepping into the role of Acting Principal. Ruth, alongside our dedicated team, will ensure that Kahurangi continues to thrive and that our students receive the best possible education and support.

Have a restful and enjoyable holiday break, and I look forward to reconnecting with you all in Term 4.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Kyran Smith

Tumuaki



Bear can jump on a pogo stick with no hands! Those of us watching were impressed!

noticeboard



Fri 5 July

Last day of Term 2
Usual 3pm finish.

Mon 22 July

First day of Term 3
Welcome back!

Wed 7 August

Teacher Only Day
No school for tamariki!



Some pictures of the poupou waka rimu toru made this week. Each tamaiti chose a star to represent, the poupou each depict what the star is known for.

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

HAERE MAI

WELCOME TO

OUR NEW FRIENDS

Welcome to our three new tamariki who have recently joined Kahurangi School. We are thrilled to have you as part of our whānau and look forward to the joy and energy you will bring to our community.

Tailoto and her whānau are new to our community. Tailoto has joined Waka Pahī, where she will be learning alongside Brynne and her classmates.

Akeelah and **Levi** have both turned 5 and are now part of our new entrant class. Akeelah is the younger sister of Heaven and Sineva, and we are delighted to welcome another member of their whānau to our school. Levi is Maya's little brother, and we are excited to see him join our kura as well.

A very special welcome to you all! We are excited to see you grow and learn at Kahurangi School.

Success at Eastern Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to our outstanding runners who excelled at the Eastern Zone Cross Country and qualified for the Inter Zone Cross Country competition for their year level. Well done to:

Rusty

Sophia.B

Ollie.J

Leif

Saffron

Sacha

Your fitness, skill, and endurance have truly paid off, and we are incredibly proud of your achievements!

Warm Congratulations to Julia

Julia Park, our Year 1 teacher, is expecting a baby! This is wonderful news for Julia and her husband Michael. As they both eagerly await the arrival of this precious addition to their family, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate and extend our warmest congratulations to them both.



Farewell to a few staff and welcome back to others

Regrettably **Maddi Prskawetz** will be leaving Kahurangi School at the end of this term. Maddi has decided to move to Australia to continue her teaching career. We are very sad to lose Maddi, as she has made a significant impact since joining Kahurangi as a beginning teacher. Over the years, she has grown into an effective and dedicated educator. We wish Maddi all the very best in her future endeavours.

Additionally, **Jo Roberts** has accepted an offer from another school and will begin her new role next term. Jo was employed on a fixed-term basis for 2024. We thank Jo for her contribution during her two terms with us and wish her well in her new role.

Teacher Aide, **Sandy McCourtie**, will also be leaving at the end of this term after approximately three terms with us. Due to funding cuts and rising operational costs, we regretfully cannot retain Sandy. We appreciate her mahi in support of our tamariki and wish her all the best.

We're delighted to welcome back **Claire Brown**, who has been on parental leave for three terms. Claire will return in a part-time capacity teaching one of our year 5-6 classes.

Beth Hughson, who previously worked as a part-time teacher, will return next term to teach our year 4 class two days a week. We're grateful to have Beth back as we continue our search for a full-time teacher for this class.

Staff changes mid-way through the school year are challenging but we are committed to supporting our tamariki during this period of transition. Whānau we are thankful for your support and understanding as we navigate these changes!



Ensuring effective communication - email addresses for whānau

We need your email address! It is crucial for us to have a valid email address for each family, so we can effectively communicate important messages and updates. At times we send important messages out by email only. It's possible you're not receiving all communication if we don't have a valid email address for you.

A good test is if you're not receiving our school newsletters electronically it will be because we don't have your correct email address.

Please send us your email address (or any updated contacts) to the school office.

office@kahurangi.school.nz

What to do when your child is absent from school



Please, please, please tell us before we need to get in touch with 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



Kahurangi Karaka



Kahurangi Whetū



Kahurangi Whero

WHĀNAU BREAKFAST



YUMMY
KAI &
GREAT
COMPANY



A very big thank you to **Kahurangi Friends** for organising the special whānau breakfast. It was a wonderful occasion that brought us all together. We also extend our gratitude for the weekly Breakfast Club you run, which makes a positive difference for our tamariki. Thank you for your ongoing support and care!



If you visit Miramar Library soon check out the Matariki art by some of our ākonga (learners)

GIVEAWAY! GIVEAWAY! GIVEAWAY! GIVEAWAY! GIVEAWAY! GIVEAWAY!

Warm winter jackets available

We have received a donation of good quality second-hand warm winter jackets. These jackets will be available to anyone who would like them. They will be hanging on our fence on the next few fine days after school. Please help yourself if you or anyone you know is in need of a warm jacket this winter.

Guitar donation

A generous community member has donated a guitar with a canvas case. We would like it to go to a student or whānau keen to use it regularly for learning or playing. If interested, 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 please call into the office and get as many as you need.

Period products - pads and tampons

We are committed to ensuring that all our students have access to the period products they need. Our girls can simply ask at the office or speak to a trusted staff member to receive enough supplies to last their entire period.

If your daughter is too shy, you can contact us on her behalf. We can provide the products discreetly, or you can collect them yourself.

We have plenty of stock available and understand the cost of living is really tough at the moment. We want to make sure that anyone who needs these products can get them, whether for themselves or other family members. Rest assured, we will handle all requests privately and discreetly, allowing you to obtain what you need without anyone seeing what you are getting.

ROCKET CHALLENGE BLAST OFF!

Houston, we have lift off! Our Year 5-6 tamariki participated in the thrilling Rocket Challenge this term. Stepping into the role of Mission Command, our ākonga designed, built, and launched their own water rockets. This exciting hands-on experience taught them about Newton's laws, the engineering design process, and teamwork.

1

Getting Ready



Our tamariki met their Wonder Project Ambassador and learned how the engineering design process helps launch rockets.

First Flights

2



They discovered what rockets need to lift off, understood health and safety rules, and launched their first test flights.

3

DESIGNING ROCKETS



They learned about Newton's first law of motion and the forces acting on a rocket, then began designing the ultimate rocket.

Prototype Development

4



They explored Newton's second law of motion, identified key features of a rocket, and developed a prototype based on their designs.

5

SECOND FLIGHT TESTS



They understood Newton's third law of motion, launched their second test flights with prototype rockets, and recorded data from each launch.

Final Blast-Off

6



They analysed their test flight data to improve rocket designs, launched their best rocket for the final blast-off, and celebrated their Rocket Challenge journey.

What's coming up

Thursday 4 July
Choir Open Rehearsal
Whānau are welcome to attend.
2:20pm

Friday 5 July
Last day of Term 2!
Usual 3pm finish

TERM 3

Monday 22 July
First Day of Term 3!

Tuesday 6 August
Senior School Swimming
You can expect a notice home next term letting you know if your child has swimming on a Tuesday or a Friday.

Wednesday 7 August
Teacher Only Day
No school for the tamariki!

Friday 9 August
Senior School Swimming
You can expect a notice home next term letting you know if your child has swimming on a Tuesday or a Friday.

School Assembly
Hosted by the children who learn with Grant.
2:10pm
Whānau welcome

Tuesday 13 August
Board Meeting
7pm
Whānau are welcome to attend. Please let the office know if you are planning to come.

News from the Community

SCOTS COLLEGE AND TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR JULY HOLIDAY CAMP

- Led by Tottenham Hotspur's Development Coach, Sonny Sturgess
- Monday 8 July to Wednesday 10 July 2024, 8:30am-12:30pm
- Designed for football players at any level - girls and boys aged 10-14 (Years 6-9)
- Based at Te Whaea Astroturf (Hutchison Road, Newtown, Wellington) or alternative grounds depending on ground conditions

FURTHER INFORMATION AT www.scotscollege.school.nz

"As an attacker I have learnt different ways to beat an opponent using skills like the Ronaldo chop or Zidane turn."

