

Special Notice -
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Kia ora e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi.

Ngā mihi o te tau hou – Happy New Year! I hope you've all managed to enjoy some well-deserved rest and time with your whānau over the break. To all our new learners and their whānau joining us this year, a very warm welcome to Kahurangi School. We're so excited to have you as part of our kura (school) and look forward to getting to know you as we embark on another year of learning and growth together.

As we get ready to welcome our tamariki back, I wanted to take this opportunity to connect with you and share a few key reminders to help start the year smoothly.

Our First Day back

The school year begins on **Monday 3 February** and we can't wait to see all our tamariki.

Preparing Your Child for the New School Year

For many children, the start of a new school year is an exciting time, but it's also perfectly normal for some to feel a bit nervous. You can help channel this by:

- Encouraging them to share what they're excited about or what they're feeling unsure of.
- Reassuring them that nerves are normal and a natural part of starting something new.
- Celebrating small wins during their first few days back.

The Importance of Attendance and Being On Time

Starting the year with great attendance sets the tone for a successful school year. We ask that tamariki come to school every day unless they are unwell or there is a very good reason for their absence. Being at school every day allows tamariki to engage fully in their learning and strengthens their connection to their peers and teachers.

If your child will be absent, it's really important that you let us know rather than waiting for us to contact you. We've made it as easy as possible for you to do this:

- Call: 04 388 6386
- Text: 027 748 0100
- Email the school office: office@kahurangi.school.nz
- Use our school HERO app to notify us
- Also through the school website under "Parent Quick Links" on the homepage

Children arriving on time is also key to starting their day positively. School begins at 8:50am, and we strongly encourage families to aim for children to arrive at least 10 minutes before the bell. This extra time allows tamariki to settle into the day, connect with their friends, and be ready for learning.

While our teachers are mindful to never make a big deal about late arrivals, it can be hard for children to just slot into the flow of the day. They also miss out on an important part of the morning routine where teachers share the plan for the day – something we do because we know all children thrive when they know what to expect.

Class Placements and Teachers

In case you missed it, I sent an email on 16 December with information about your child's class placement and teacher for this year. Most of our teaching team remain in their same classrooms, though there have been a few changes. If you're unsure about anything or need clarification, please get in touch with the office.

Stationery and Sun Safety

We provide all the stationery your child will need, so there's no need to worry about buying supplies. However, there are a couple of sun safety items we do need your support with:

- **Sunhats** Please ensure your child brings a named sunhat to school every day. Naming their hat is very important – trying to reunite a lost hat with its owner among 250+ children can be quite the challenge! Children without a sunhat will be directed to play in shaded areas only, and while these spaces are available, they're never quite as fun as having access to the entire playground.
- **Sunblock** While we provide sunblock for shared use, children are responsible for applying it themselves. To ensure they're protected, we strongly recommend applying sunblock at home before they leave for school. This extra layer of protection, alongside their hat, will help keep them safe in the sun.

Short Week Ahead

A quick reminder that next week will be a short one, as Waitangi Day falls on Thursday 6 February.

We're Here to Help

If you have any questions or need support as we begin the term, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We're so excited to see all our tamariki again and look forward to another fantastic year of learning, growth, and connection here at Kahurangi School.

Ngā mihi nui,

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