

news

Kahurangi
SCHOOL

Kia ora e te whānau,

We continue to feel incredibly proud of how well our tamariki have settled into their learning. They are demonstrating fantastic listening skills, engaging positively in their mahi, and already embodying our school values of learning, pride, culture, and community!

This year is shaping up to be a significant one as we navigate major changes in education. Primary schools across Aotearoa are required to implement structured approaches to the teaching of reading and writing, alongside the refreshed English curriculum for Years 0–6 and the updated Mathematics curriculum for Years 0–8. Our teachers have been working hard to get up to speed with these changes—attending professional learning, reading extensively, and engaging in deep discussions to determine the best approaches for our tamariki.

However, these changes are substantial, and it's unrealistic to expect our kaiako to master everything in the short time they've had. This will be a year of learning, refining, and embedding new approaches, and we appreciate your support and patience as we work through this together. The exciting part? These shifts are grounded in the latest research and best practices, which we're hoping will result in improved learning outcomes for every single one of our tamariki.

Alongside curriculum changes, we are also encouraged to adjust our assessment and reporting practices to better reflect student progress. This means we'll be introducing new assessment approaches and redeveloped reports. The challenge? We are still waiting on further guidance from the Ministry of Education, which makes it difficult to plan with certainty. Some have described it as "flying the plane before it's fully built"—and that certainly resonates! It's not ideal to be starting the year without a clear roadmap, but we remain committed to making the best decisions for our ākonga as information becomes available.

Despite the challenges, it's going to be an exciting year, and we look forward to working through these changes together. If you have any pātai, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyran Smith - Tumauki/Principal



Teamwork makes the dream work... and the fun perk!



noticeboard



Wed 19 Feb

Meet the Teacher Conversation

School finishes at 12:30pm

Thurs 20 Feb

Meet the Teacher Conversation

School finishes at 3pm

Fri 21 Feb

School Assembly

2:15pm in Broadway (our hall)

Keep informed

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

Hello

KIA ORA

WELCOME TO OUR KURA

A very warm welcome to all the new ākonga (learners) and their whānau who have joined our Kahurangi School community!

Starting a new school is a big step, whether you are five years old or joining us further along your school journey. We know it can be exciting and a little nerve-wracking, but we are here to support you every step of the way.

We're thrilled to welcome **Kyden** (Y4), **Austin** (Y7), **Brooklyn** (Y6) and her twin sisters **Dreius** and **Cattleya** (Y4), **Florence** (Y6) who joins her sister Heidi, **Hailey** (Y6), **Maria** (Y3), twin sisters **Kelera** and **Kalara** (Y5) and their brother **Rupeni** (Y8), and **Lillyrose** (Y2), who joins her big sister Jaslyn.

A special shout-out to our brand-new five-year-olds who are just beginning their school journey: **Alfred**, **Matilda**, **Rūhī** (who joins her sister Olive), **India**, **Emma** (whose siblings Sofie and Liam already attend), **Lloyd**, and **Hakopa** (who joins Samaria-Mei, Patricia, and Taimana).

We can't wait to see all of you settle in, make new friends, and bring your unique talents and energy to our kura. Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui – be strong, be brave, be steadfast!

Nau mai, haere mai – welcome to the Kahurangi whānau!



Sand-sational fun at lunchtime! Our sandpit is the place to be! From castles to epic dig sites, there's no shortage of imagination at play!



Can you help with Road Patrol?

We'd love for parents to lend a hand with road patrol before school (8:30–8:50 am) and after school (2:55–3:10 pm). Just one slot per week can make a big difference in keeping our tamariki safe.

If you're interested or would like to check available slots, please contact Angela Keane at angela@kahurangi.school.nz. She'll be happy to help find a time that works for you.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe!

Giving Our Teachers the Time to Do Their Best

At Kahurangi School, our teachers have dedicated Classroom Release Time (CRT) to support their workload and ensure they can continue providing high-quality learning for our tamariki.

Every teacher in Aotearoa is entitled to one school day every fortnight for classroom release. This is part of their employment agreement, negotiated between NZEI (the teachers' union) and the Ministry of Education.

Teachers in their first two years of teaching receive additional release time to help them manage the demands of the profession and develop their practice. School leaders and teachers with extra responsibilities also receive additional time to support their roles.

At Kahurangi School, we follow the national guidelines for classroom release time. This time gives our teachers the chance to plan, assess, work together, and keep learning—helping them do the best job possible for our ākonga.

We appreciate your support in ensuring our kaiako have the time they need to do their mahi well!

Important to remember!

Meet the Teacher Conversations

- Wednesday 19 February – School finishes at 12:30pm
- Thursday 20 February – School finishes at 3pm

Teacher Only Days (No school for children)

- Wednesday 26 February
- Thursday 27 February

What we LOVE about Kahurangi so far...

Fun art! Cattleya

All the new books in the library.

I love eating snacks from the snack box. Hakopa

All our fabulous teachers and principal. Alex S

Being a role model in Kapa Haka. Pounamu

Brain break time!

Having a new teacher! Delilah

I love Maths. We learn about everyone's favourite ice-cream flavour. Harvey

Kapa Haka, my favourite song is 'E minaka ana'. Paulo

Bringing our bikes and scooters every day! Neyon

Our PE sessions outside are fun. Rāwiri

READING!! Ruby K

Being a senior. Teddy

My new class and teacher. Amina

Learning new things. Lexi

Reading 'Our Class is a Family' book and then making our own based on the book. Jana

Playing with all my India cousins.

I love the Lego figure art as you get to customise yourself as a Lego person. Cobh

Learning new strategies in maths. Peyton

Learning and getting new books. Wai

Playing in the mountain. James

Spending time with my friends. Brie

Getting to pick our new Duffy books! Elliot

How much effort our tamarii are putting in to do the right thing! Kyran

I like playtime and swinging along the ropes. Wilde

Playing football with my friends at lunch time. Nelson

I love having new experiences with my new teacher. Diego

Celebrating sporting success

A huge congratulations to Hunter for making it into the Under-13 Wellington Softball Representative Team! With over 120 players trialling, earning a spot in the squad is an incredible achievement. Hunter recently competed in a two-day tournament in Palmerston North, representing Wellington with pride and skill.



We're all very proud of you, Hunter—ka mau te wehi! Keep up the hard work and dedication.

Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon – Join Our Kahurangi Team!

This is a fantastic event where tamariki challenge themselves, have fun and represent our school as part of the Kahurangi TRYathlon Team.



If your child would like to participate, don't forget to register before midnight on Sunday, 16th February to take advantage of the Early Bird price. Entries remain open after this date but packs will need to be collected at the event.



When tamariki need help or have a problem during break times, they can easily spot the duty teachers wearing hi-vis vests.



Love is in the air!

With today being Valentine's Day our youngest tamariki had a magical time with Emma creating their very own love potion! Mixing, pouring, and stirring up some aroha, they had so much fun exploring colours, bubbles, and a bit of science too. How lucky are they?



What's coming up

Wednesday 19 February

'Meet the Teacher'
Interviews

**SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY
AT 12:30 ON THIS DAY.**

Thursday 20 February

'Meet the Teacher'
Interviews

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT OUR
USUAL TIME OF 3:00 PM**

Friday 21 February

School Assembly

2:15pm

Hosted by our Y6-7 class
who learn with Sarah.

More about this on page 4.

Tuesday 25 February

School Board Meeting
7pm

All our meetings are open
to the public should you
wish to come along and see
and hear what happens.
Please let us know if you're
planning to attend.

Wednesday 26 February

Teacher Only Day

No school for the children!

Thursday 27 February

Teacher Only Day

No school for the children!

Monday 10 March

Dental Truck on site and
will stay for four weeks

If you especially want your
child to be seen please call
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0800 TALKTEETH (825 583)

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