

Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope this pānui finds you all well. We've had a **really positive start to the term** – the children have come back refreshed, settled quickly into their learning, and are generally showing great attention and focus in class, which I'm sure you'll be pleased to hear.

As the weather begins to cool, a reminder to please send your tamariki with warm clothes and a jacket each day. Unless it's raining or bitterly cold, we do our best to get tamariki outside at break times for some fresh air and movement.

Now for some wonderful news – times two!

I'm absolutely thrilled to share that **Kahurangi School has been successful in securing a \$7,500 grant from One Foundation** to go towards purchasing the bicycle pump track that has been on loan to us — and absolutely loved by our tamariki. We are completely and utterly grateful for their generous support.

After receiving the grant, we reached out to EkeRua ReBicycle to see if we could purchase just half of the track, as the full cost was \$15,000 (and originally cost \$55,000 when brand new a few years ago). We knew that even owning part of it would continue to bring a huge amount of joy and benefit to our students. But in a wonderful turn of events, EkeRua ReBicycle offered to sell us the **entire track for the amount we had received**. This means ***the pump track is now officially ours – a permanent fixture here at Kahurangi!*** We're so grateful to EkeRua ReBicycle for their incredible generosity and their belief in the value of keeping this taonga in our community.

We're so grateful to both the funders and to EkeRua ReBicycle for their incredible generosity. **Our tamariki will continue to benefit from this taonga** for years to come – increasing confidence, coordination, and connection with others as they ride.

A quick reminder that whānau are always encouraged to connect with teachers when needed. While it can be tricky for teachers to chat during the school day (9am–3pm), before and after school are ideal times to have a kōrero. If possible, **kanohi ki te kanohi (face-to-face) is always more effective than email** and helps keep communication warm and clear.

We're looking forward to a positive term ahead – one filled with learning, connection, and plenty of opportunities to support our rangatahi to thrive here at Kahurangi.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyran Smith Tumuaki



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SHIRT DAY**
FRIDAY 16 MAY
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noticeboard

Wed 14 May

Eastern Zone Primary Schools Cross Country

Selected Y4-8 students

Fri 16 May

Pink Shirt Day

We're encouraging children to come to school wearing some pink - if they can.

Keep informed

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





A very warm welcome to the five new tamariki who have joined our school recently.

Twins, **Reegan** and **Rylee** are new entrants in Miss Belam's class. They and their whānau are new to Kahurangi.

Wibur has also joined our new entrant class. He's the younger brother of Henry and Hattie, so already a familiar face to some!

We're also pleased to welcome **Bahara**, a Year 7 student in Waka Rā Toru with Sarah.

Just yesterday we've welcomed **Manaaki** and his whānau who has recently moved to Wellington from up north.

It's always heartening to see how naturally our ākonga welcome and support new classmates — something that really reflects the heart of our Kahurangi kura. Nau mai, haere mai to all our new whānau!



A huge thank you to all our amazing whānau who coached or managed sports teams in Term 1. Your time, energy and support gave our tamariki the chance to play, compete, and thrive through sport. Stepping into these roles isn't always easy — especially if you're new to it or balancing other commitments — so your willingness to get involved really stands out. Please know how much it's noticed and appreciated.

Water Polo

Coaches: Olivia Kirikiri, Melita Toomey, Rachel Reddish
Managers: Alice Andrews, Carissa Toelupe, Maea Hohepa

Floorball

Coaches: Matt Saunders, Penelope Cree, Steph Jessett
Managers: Melita Toomey, Julia King, Chris Morrison

Touch Rugby

Coaches: Tama Kirikiri, Peni Radravu, Rohan Satyanand, Fale Seve, Emma Tapuai
Managers: Tama Kirikiri, Pamerika Leiataua Sa'u, Lesley Jenkin, Ata Fakalelu

Ka mau te wehi — we're lucky to have you in our Kahurangi community!

Term 2 - Learning Topics

I'm sharing our Term 2 learning topics so you can see what your tamariki will be exploring and learning about in class. It's a great way to stay connected with what's happening at kura and spark some learning conversations at home.

SENIOR SCHOOL



Writing – Narrative Writing



Reading – develop both decoding skills and reading comprehension



Maths – Grasping the "how" and "why" behind mathematical concepts, rather than just memorising procedures.



Science - Navigating our world inquiry understanding the physical world



The Arts - Drama



Te Reo Māori - Ngā hākari (celebrations)



PE - Large Ball Skills

JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Reading – develop both decoding skills and reading comprehension



Maths – Grasping the "how" and "why" behind mathematical concepts, rather than just memorising procedures.



Science - Waka Wonders - Built to Float



The Arts - Music



Te Reo Māori - Positional location of items



PE - Small Ball Skills

**SPELL-A-THON
POSTPONED
NOW IN TERM 3**

Miles of smiles at Cross Country



Last week's cross country was a great chance for tamariki to challenge themselves and show quiet determination. It was good to see them encouraging one another and taking pride in giving it a go. Ngā mihi to our whānau who came along to support, and to the staff and volunteers who helped the event run well.

One of our school's strategic goals is to create an inclusive and equitable kura where all tamariki feel safe, valued, and are attending regularly. We're doing a lot across the school to make this a reality for every child.

This term, we've introduced a new strategy to encourage more consistent attendance – the 100% Club. Each class is running its own version, and tamariki can join simply by being at school every day that week. Everyone in the club goes into a class draw to win a small treat.

It's a simple idea we hope will build something bigger: a stronger sense of consistency, pride, and achievement around turning up every day.

We'd love for whānau to support this kaupapa by reinforcing the importance of daily attendance (when you're not sick) at home.

In the coming weeks, I'll be reaching out to whānau of students whose



attendance is irregular and concerning. My goal is for us to work with you to turn things around – but of course, I also welcome you getting in touch first.



Ngā mihi nui to Natalie our Junior Team Leader — as well as her husband and teenage son, for generously spending a full day of the school holidays replanting the gardens outside our junior classrooms. Natalie's gardening super-power along with her whānau's hard labour meant the job was done beautifully and the spaces are looking fresh and inviting once again. We really appreciate the time and care your whānau gave to our kura.



Duffy Theatre bringing the message it's cool to read
and cool to achieve!



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Wear **PINK** to show your support for kindness, inclusion and diversity!

Fun activities led by our awesome Year 7-8s

Teachers are getting behind it too!

Let's create a safe and welcoming kura for everyone.

Would you like it?

Over the holidays, a small ramp was left at our school beside the larger ones. I suspect the owner no longer needed it and generously thought our tamariki might enjoy it. While it was a kind gesture, it's not quite the right fit for our kura.

We think it would be much better suited as a home ramp — perfect for a smaller number of tamariki to enjoy. If you think your whānau would love it and have a spot for it at home, please let Kyran know.

To keep things fair, I'll put all the interested names into a hat and draw one out on Monday.



What's coming up

Wednesday 14 May

Eastern Zone Primary School Cross Country

Selected students have been given a notice with details.

Friday 16 May

Pink Shirt Day

Children are encouraged to come to school wearing some pink if they can.

See notice on page 5.

School Assembly

Hosted by the children that learn with Claire.

2:15pm in Broadway

Whānau are always welcome!

Tuesday 20 May

Kahurangi School Board Meeting

7pm

Wednesday 28 May

Eastern Zone Football Tournament

For keen Y5-8 students.

Friday 30 May

School Assembly

Hosted by the class that learn with Mr Masters.

2:15pm in Broadway

Whānau are always welcome!

Monday 2 June

King's Birthday

No school!

Tuesday 10 June

Inter-zone Primary School Cross Country

Selected students who place at the Eastern Zones will get a notice with details.

News from the Community



RedX speaker

Jo Robertson

presents

WELLINGTON
ONE
NIGHT
ONLY!

Parenting in the Digital Era

Practical solutions to protect kids from online harm
For parents of kids 4-13+

Thursday 22 May

Meow Nui, Vivian St, 7.30pm

JO ROBERTSON FEATURED ON

COVERSTORY

TEDx

Stuff

breakfast

RNZ

Limited tickets – Book Now at MeowNui.com



St Patrick's College WELLINGTON

Open Day is a chance for parents of Year 8 students to visit our College and learn about the opportunities and experiences that we offer across Years 9-13.

To attend an Open Day tour of the College, a booking is essential.

How to Book a College Tour

Go to our college website www.stpats.school.nz

On the rolling banner on the front page there is a link to the booking sheet.

Alternatively, click on the blue button 'Enrolment' and then on the drop down button 'Open Day'.

Dates and Times for College Tours

Tuesday 27 May:	10.00am – 11.30pm
Tuesday 27 May:	12.30pm – 2.00pm
Thursday 29 May :	10.00am – 11.30pm
Thursday 29 May:	12.30pm – 2.00pm