

Kia ora e te whānau

Mānawatia a Matariki! What a special end to the term we've had, coming together as a kura to celebrate Matariki with our tamariki and whānau. I believe Thursday's events were an expression of who we are at Kahurangi – a connected community that values learning, tikanga Māori, and being together.



This year, our classes have also explored the theme Matariki mā Puanga, which is all about coming together. Even though different iwi and regions celebrate in their own ways, the meaning is the same — to gather, share our stories, and celebrate what makes each of us special.

I hope you had a chance to spend some time with whānau and friends over the long weekend – to reflect on the past, appreciate what we have, and look forward to the future with fresh eyes.

As we head into the final week of term, we're hoping for a positive and settled finish. It's been a tough few weeks with a lot of illness across both our tamariki and staff, which has definitely had an impact.

We're all looking forward to the two-week break — a chance to rest, recover and restore some wellness before the start of Term 3.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Kyran Smith | Tumuaki



noticeboard



Fri 27 June

Last day of Term 2
Usual 3pm finish

Mon 14 July

First day of Term 3

Tues 22 July

Swimming starts!

For our junior tamariki

Tues 29 July

Student Learning Conversations
12:30pm finish

Wed 30 July

Teacher Only Day
No school for the children!

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

Matariki mā Puanga - Celebrating Together



Got spare swimming togs or towels?

With junior school swimming starting next term, we know some of our tamariki will need swimwear and towels but their whānau may not be in a position to buy them.



If your child has outgrown their swimming togs or you have spare towels at home in reasonable condition, we'd love to re-home them! All donations will be passed on to a children who need them.

You can drop items off at the school office anytime over the next few weeks.



Ngā mihi nui for your generosity and support.

Hitting all the right notes!



A big congratulations to **Larson**, who recently performed as part of the New Zealand Opera's children's chorus in their production of *La Bohème* at the St James Theatre.

Only eight tamariki were selected from across the region, making this an incredible achievement. What an amazing experience to be part of such a special production – ka mau te wehi, Larson!



School Board Elections 2025

Kahurangi School's Board of Trustees election will be held this year, with Election Pilot appointed as our Returning Officer. This means the entire election process – from nominations to voting – will be managed online (unless we don't have your email, in which case you'll receive paper forms by post).

The School Board is an important part of our kura. They set the strategic direction for our school, consult with our school community, ensure funding is spent wisely, and make sure we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all that we do. Our board is made up of five parent representatives, the Principal, and a staff representative elected by the staff.

We encourage whānau to start thinking about whether they might like to stand for election – it's a great way to contribute to our school's future and support the success of all our tamariki.

You'll receive nomination and voting information directly from Election Pilot. Our election day is Wednesday 10 September 2025.

We'll continue to share more details in future pānui.

The value of classroom displays



Classroom displays do more than make spaces look good, they celebrate our tamariki, support learning and help everyone feel part of the class.

A big thanks to our kaiako for the time and effort they put into creating them. Next time you're in, take a look around – there's some awesome mahi on the walls!

Waka Rā Tahī explore Te Taiao=

Our Waka Rā Tahī ākonga recently visited Te Papa, where they explored the Te Taiao exhibition and deepened their understanding of mauri, kaitiakitanga, and how our actions impact the natural world around us.

After exploring the native and endemic flora and fauna of Aotearoa, students headed to the Hinātore Learning Lab to create their own mauri activators using Makey Makey, Scratch, and hands-on crafts. It was a fantastic mix of science, te ao Māori, creativity and digital technologies!



What's coming up

Thursday 26 June

Sing Up!

Choir Performance to the Junior School.

Tuesday 29 July

Student Learning Conversations

Early 12:30pm finish.

Friday 27 June

Last day of Term 2

Normal 3pm home time.

Wednesday 30 July

Teacher Only Day

No school for the tamariki!

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Monday 14 July

First day of Term 3

Friday 1 August

School Assembly

Hosted by the class that learn with Emma M

2:15pm in Broadway

Whānau are always welcome!

Tuesday 22 July

Swimming starts for our junior school tamariki!

Monday 28 July

Student Learning Conversations

More info will be sent home early next term.