

Kahurangi school

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

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 whanau 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



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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.

















Welcome **Angus** and **Faaaliga!**

Angus has joined Grant's Year 2-3 class in Waka Pahī Tahi. He and his whanau have recently moved to Wellington from New Plymouth.

As Faaaliga has just turned five he joins our our new entrant class with Miss Belam.

A very warm welcome to you both. We're so pleased to have you at Kahurangi!

A special welcome to your whānau too - We hope you all enjoy being a part of our Kahurangi community and are feeling welcomed.

New class opening in Term 3

Next term, we'll be opening a new class to make way for our incoming five-year-olds, who will join our New Entrant class with Miss Belam. It's always exciting to see our kura continue to grow, and we look forward to welcoming these new tamariki and their whānau into our Kahurangi whānau.



STUDENT LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

(PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS)

Tuesday 29 July Term 3, week 2 Early 12:30pm finish

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Wednesday 30 July Term 3, week 3

No school for tamariki!

Farewell and heartfelt thanks

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to someone very special - Judy Bragan who has made the decision to finish up her time at Kahurangi School.

Judy has been a much-loved and respected part of our kura and wider community for many years. Her dedication to the

tamariki of Strathmore goes well beyond her time at Kahurangi – having taught at Strathmore Community School before Kahurangi was established.

Since then, Judy has played many important roles in our school: as a kaiako, Junior School Leader, and Deputy Principal. More recently, over the past two and a half years, she's continued to share her expertise and support in a part-time capacity.

Judy's contribution and leadership have left a lasting mark – not only on our tamariki, but also on our staff. She has helped shape the culture of

care, collaboration, and high expectations that we are proud of at Kahurangi.

We are so grateful for Judy's deep commitment, care, and mahi over the years. She will be greatly missed by our staff and children alike.

Ngā mihi nui, Judy – we wish you all the very best for your next chapter. You will always be part of the Kahurangi whānau.

Have your contact details changed?

It's really important that we have the correct contact details for all our whānau.

If your phone number, address or email address has changed, please let the office know. This helps us get in touch with you quickly in case of an emergency and ensures you're receiving school newsletters and important updates.

If you're no longer using a landline, feel free to let us know that too so we can update our records.

If you're not getting our newsletters by email, it's a good sign that we might not have your most up-to-date details.

To update your information, please call the office or email office@kahurangi.school.nz. Ngā mihi!















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 Tahi explore Te Taiao=

Our Waka Rā Tahi 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

After exploring the native and endemic flora and fauna of Aotearoa, students headed to the Hīnātore 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.

Friday 27 June

Last day of Term 2 Normal 3pm home time.

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Monday 14 July First day of Term 3

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.

Tuesday 29 July

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Early 12:30pm finish.

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No school for the tamariki!

Friday 1 August

School Assembly

Hosted by the class that learn with Emma M

2:15pm in Broadway

Whānau are always welcome!











