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Kahurangi
SCHOOL

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KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our Step Up Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) programme for 2025 is now underway, and it's been wonderful to see our senior tamariki out learning, exploring, and taking on new challenges beyond the classroom.

Step Up is a special part of life at Kahurangi. Every two years our Year 4–8 students have the chance to experience a wide range of activities designed to support their growth – building resilience, confidence, and teamwork, while deepening their connection to our local places and people. These opportunities encourage tamariki to see themselves in new ways and to discover strengths that don't always show up in day-to-day classroom learning.

What often goes unseen, however, is the huge amount of mahi that sits behind these experiences. Step Up requires months of preparation. Our senior teachers put in an incredible amount of work to bring it to life – from writing detailed RAMs, coordinating with providers, and managing logistics, to leading the trips themselves. Alongside them, other staff have stepped up by covering classes, helping with comms, attending trips when needed, helping with organisation and keeping school life ticking over when staff are out. It really is a team effort, and together their collective mahi ensures our children can take part in a rich, well-planned programme that creates both powerful learning and special memories.

Thank you also to the whānau who have stepped up to help with supervision. Your involvement makes these trips not only possible, but richer for the connections and support you bring.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyran Smith | Principal

Book Day Magic



Our tamariki had a brilliant time celebrating Book Day. Costumes ranged from much-loved classics to modern favourites, and the creativity on display was outstanding. The parade at the end of the day was a real highlight, with cheers, laughter, and prizes for the best dressed. Most of all, it was a chance to share the joy of stories and reading together.





It's lovely to welcome lots of new children to Kahurangi since our last pānui. Our tamariki are always so excited when new friends join their classes, and it's been wonderful to see the smiles and connections already forming.

A big welcome to brothers **Darius** and **Peter**, and their sister **Zealandiia**, who have moved here from Porirua.

Twins **Lucas** and **Josiah**, along with their big sisters **Lili** and **Izzy**, have joined us from Johnsonville.

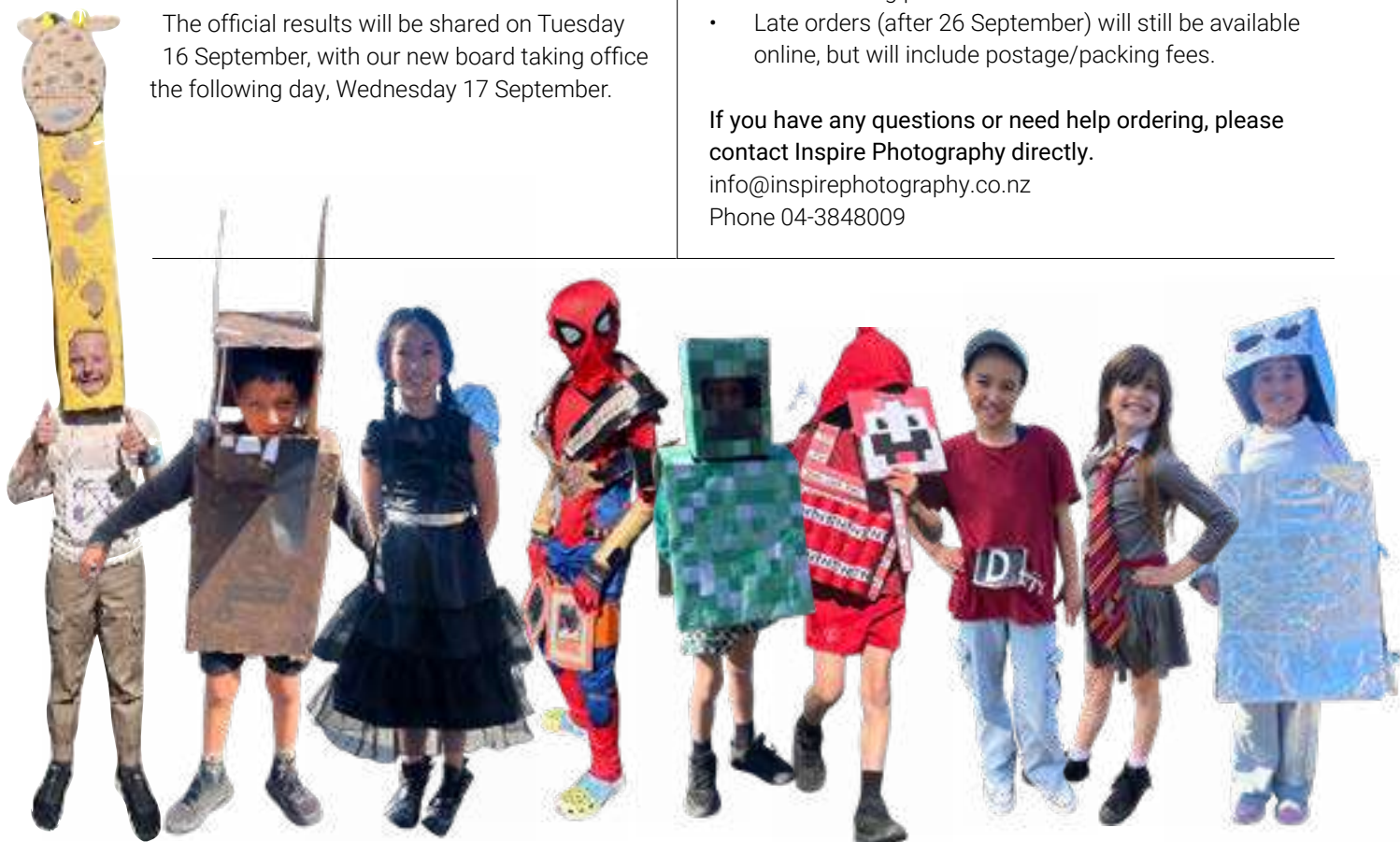
We're also celebrating some special fifth birthdays! **Sadie** has turned 5 and is thrilled to finally start school alongside her sister Arna and brother Charlie. **Casper** has also turned 5 and joins his brothers Miles and Tovie, who are already part of Kahurangi.

An extra special welcome to our new families. We know moving can be a big step, but we truly hope you are feeling at home, supported, and well cared for in our kura community.

Board Election Update

Voting has now closed for our school board election. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote and be part of this important process for our kura.

The official results will be shared on Tuesday 16 September, with our new board taking office the following day, Wednesday 17 September.



School Photos – Now Ready to View Online

Our school photo gallery is now live on Inspire Photography's online ordering site.

To view and order your photos:

1. Go to www.inspirephotocart.co.nz
2. Log in or create an account (this will save your password and stop you having to re-enter the passcode each time)
3. Enter the access code: **kahu667**
4. Save the images you'd like to purchase to your 'Favourites'
5. For class group photos, save the relevant group to your 'Favourites', then select the group photo package icon to add it to a package



Orders placed and paid for by **Friday 26 September** will be delivered to school by Friday 17 October.

Reminders

- Please check your child's name is spelled correctly and let Inspire Photography know of any changes before 26 September.
- Double check your order confirmation email carefully, as incorrectly ordered prints cannot be swapped or refunded.
- The gallery will remain live for up to 12 months after the main ordering period closes.
- Late orders (after 26 September) will still be available online, but will include postage/packing fees.

If you have any questions or need help ordering, please contact Inspire Photography directly.

info@inspirephotography.co.nz

Phone 04-3848009

Please make sure your child's sponsor sheet comes back to school along with any cash donations by **Wednesday 17 September**.

Givealittle: kahurangi-spellathon-2025
(search by your child's first initial)

Cash: In an envelope with sponsor sheet, handed to the office

Prizes are cumulative, so the more your child raises, the more rewards they'll receive.

Our Year 1–4 tamariki had an awesome day at the Primary Sport Wellington Futsal Festival. It was fast-paced, energetic, and full of smiles as they gave this exciting game a go. For many it was their very first time playing, and they showed great teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day. Ka pai to everyone who took part, and a big thank you to the whānau who came along to cheer on our players.



At the end of term, we do a grand clear-out of the mountain of lost property that's built up. Now's the perfect time to pop in and see if your child has "accidentally donated" half their wardrobe to the school pile. You might be surprised at how many kids don't recognise their own clothes... or maybe you wouldn't!



Pitch Perfect at Artsplash



This year was a very special one for Kahurangi School, as it was our first ever time participating in Artsplash. What a wonderful occasion to be part of, with our tamariki stepping up beautifully and showing just how much they can achieve together.

They worked so hard through all the rehearsals and came away with an experience that was exciting, memorable, and something to be proud of.

We're especially grateful to Amie, our amazing parent choir master, who gave up so much of her own time to lead our singers with a level of talent and expertise that was above our staff's capability and truly lifted the performance of our tamariki. Alongside her, Sarah kept everything organised behind the scenes, supported our kids every step of the way, and even lent her own fantastic singing voice to the mix. Together, they created something really special for our kura.

We look forward to being part of Artsplash again when it comes around in 2027 — it's safe to say our first taste has left us excited for more!

Exploring Behind-the-Scenes Magic at Wētā Workshop.



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Cèilidh Dance

(pronounced kay-lee)

A traditional Scottish/Irish social dance event involving beginner-friendly all-ages partner dancing and an evening of foot-stomping music from the sensational **VicFolk** band!

FRI 12 SEPTEMBER
6 - 9PM
ST PATRICK'S HALL

snacks • raffle • silent auction
family discounts • zero alcohol

Get your tickets online:
wellingtonmusiccentre.org.nz

WELLINGTON MUSIC CENTRE

WORSEY BAY LIFE SAVING CLUB

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER
9.30 AM-11.30 AM

250 Marine Parade Seatoun
For more information go to worserbaylsc.org.nz

Junior Surf Programme – Registrations Open

Worsery Bay Surf Lifesaving Club is now taking registrations for the junior surf programme, running from October to March for 7-13 year olds.

Junior surf is a fantastic opportunity for tamariki and whānau to:

- Spend time together at the beach
- Learn about beach safety
- Build confidence in and around the water
- Use paddle boards
- Take part in junior carnivals with other clubs

Find out more and register at www.worserbaylsc.org.nz/juniors.

Come along on the open day, have a go at surf (bring a wet-suit), and see what the club is all about.

For updates, check out Worsery Bay Surf Lifesaving Club on Facebook

What's coming up

Monday 15 September

Start of Te Wiki o te reo Māori

Senior School Dance Battle

Tuesday 16 September

Code Club @ School | Step Up EOTC 2025 Programme

A Y5-6 mixed group of children who learn with Anika and Sarah.

School Board Election Results announced.

Board Meeting with the 'old' Board
7pm

Wednesday 17 September

Eastern Zone Floorball Tournament

The 'New' Kahurangi School Board take office.

Thursday 18 September

Y7-8 Sleepover

Friday 19 September

Last day of Term 3.

Term 4

Monday 6 October

First day of Term 4

Monday 13 October

Miramar Library | Step Up EOTC 2025 Programme

Year 5-6 tamariki.

Wednesday 15 October

Kahurangi School Athletics Day @ Newtown Park

Whole school!

Thursday 16 October

Code Camp @ School | Step Up EOTC 2025 Programme

Year 7-8's who learn with Emma.T & Sarah

Monday 20 October

Blake NZ-VR Session | Step Up EOTC 2025 Programme

Zealandia | Step Up EOTC 2025 Programme

Year 5-6's who learn Claire & Anika

Tuesday 21 October

Blake NZ-VR Session | Step Up EOTC 2025 Programme