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Kahurangi
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Kahurangi

Some of you will have already heard the final Spellathon total at last week's prize-giving assembly, but I really wanted to make sure all of our whānau got to hear the news. **We raised \$35,445.96 which is absolutely fantastic!** We didn't just meet our goal, we absolutely smashed it and it's the most we've ever raised for a Spellathon.

What means a lot is the amount of effort everyone put in. Lots of you donated and reached out to whānau, friends, cousins and even neighbours for support. Others sat with tamariki to practise their words and give them encouragement. Whether your contribution was a small amount or a bigger one, ngā mihi nui. It all made a real difference.

We also understand fundraising can be tricky for some families, and not everyone was in a position to take part this year. I do want to acknowledge the number of whānau who recognised this and quietly went above and beyond so all our kids could benefit.

And just a quick note about celebrating success. We're a school that values acknowledging children's achievements. It's part of who we are. In a challenge like this, some tamariki really did stand out, the same way they do when we celebrate things such as sporting success or strong progress in class. Their effort and results were truly impressive, and it wouldn't feel right not to recognise that. Over on the next page you'll find some of our standout winners.

To everyone who supported the Spellathon in whatever way worked for your whānau, thank you. You've helped us keep EOTC and after-school sports accessible for all tamariki, which is something we can all feel proud of.

Ngā manaakitanga
Kyrán Smith | Tumuaki



noticeboard



Wed 3 Dec

Y8 Leavers' Dinner

A very special occasion to celebrate our Y8s reaching the end of their primary school days.

Wed 10 Dec

Final School Assmbly

Our final assembly for the year especially in the evening so whānau can attend.

Wed 17 Dec

Final school day of the year!

We finish school at
12:30pm.

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





Important message from the Board

You may have heard about the Government passing a bill that removes the obligation for school boards to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We know this change may raise questions about our school's direction. At our 4 November 2025 Board meeting, which was the [same day that the change was publicised](#), we discussed how we would respond as the governing body.

We unanimously decided that we will continue to strive to give effect to Te Tiriti and to implement our [Strategic Goal 2: Te Ao Māori](#).

[431 schools STRONG for Te Tiriti | Tania Waikato - Lawyer | Facebook](#)

We want you to know that regardless of this imminent legislative change, the Board remains committed to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Our Strategic Plan was developed through consultation with you, our community, who endorsed this goal because it reflects our shared values and our vision for a successful, inclusive school in Aotearoa. Upholding our commitment to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi has always been fundamental to who we are as a kura, and we do not see that changing.

We also want to acknowledge the work of the Rōpū Whānau Māori. We look forward to strengthening our relationship and taking guidance on where the board and staff can best support our tamariki.

We remain dedicated to our vision: Whāia te iti kahurangi, ke te tūohu koe me he amauna teitai - Pursue that which is precious, and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain.

Ngā mihi me te aroha nui
Kahurangi School Board

A grant worth smiling about

I'm really happy to share that we've just received a grant from **New Zealand Community Trust** to purchase 20 new Chromebooks for our tamariki. We spend a lot on maintaining our current devices, and to be honest our pūtea just doesn't stretch as far as it used to, so this funding makes a real difference for us. It's support that genuinely strengthens what we can offer our tamariki.



OUR KURA IS FULL OF POETS

CLOSE-UP

Bird on a branch.
Tūi on a thin twig.
Female tūi perched on a kowhai tree,
Sitting slightly tilted, iridescent wings outstretched shimmering as if its going to take off,
A long bronze curved beak singing a vocal harmony,
Cloudy white tuft slowly swaying in the wind,
An emerald forest green blending with the deep ocean sapphire blue,
In the shape of a fan its tail glimmers softly,
Black beady eyes looking ahead,
Long thin spindly grey legs clawing into the twig -
Now I see you.

By Magnolia

A FARMER FROM PERU

The silly old farmer from Peru
He had a kangaroo in his stew
He had a pet cat
That was very fat
The silly old farmer from Peru

By Moe

MY BIO-POEM

By Akeelah

I am 6-7
I enjoy painting
I love Maddie
I fear the dark
I wonder about clothes
I wish for candy
I dream of being a doctor
I feel happy
I plan to go to the moon
I am Akeelah!

COLOUR POEM

Red is a sour strawberry
Pink is a yummy marshmallow
Gold is a pointy star.

By Alfie

GREEN

A bush that is very bouncy
A lime that is so sour
Wet grass that is covered in rain
Small leaf that sits on a branch.

By Olive

SILLY MILLY

There was a pig named Milly.
She always acted silly.
She put on a sock
And tripped on a rock,
Then ate a very hot chilli!

By Phoebe

Night and stars are sparkling.
The night sky is dark.
When the day passes
The night pops up
A pencil draws the night.
The star glows in the dark.

By Alfvín

TESS IS A MESS

There was a little girl called Tess.
She made a very big mess.
She didn't know what to do.
She was covered all over with glue.
And it end up all over her dress!

By Nell

ALPHABET STEW

Avocados and Bitter butter, and Chives with sour cream;
Dumplings and Earthworms, and Fermented fish steamed;
Ghurkins and Hair, and Iceberg lettuce boiled too-
these are all part of our alphabet stew.

Jelly and Kumara, and Lemon super sour;
Mint, Noodles, Oranges, Potatoes and Quince on the hour;
Roast and Sausages; Tomatoes in sauce -
alphabet stew keeps us healthy of course!

Udon and Vanilla, and Wasabi mega spicy;
Xacuti and Yams, and Zest-
This is alphabet stew at its best.

By Alex G

A FARMER FROM PERU

The silly old farmer from Peru
The farmer bought a new shoe
He saw a shooting star
So he bought a new car
The silly old farmer from Peru.

By Emily

A FARMER FROM PERU

There was a strange man from Peru.
He owned a very buff kangaroo
He started to prance...
All the way to France!
That strange old farmer from Peru!

By Stella

I'M MADE OF

I am made of footballs used by the best players,
Of a pizza that stretches to the moon.
I am made of floorball sticks my friend used in the past,
Of a monkey that talks all night.
I am made of a paintbrush used by Vincent Van Gogh,
Of books stacked neatly on my shelf.
I am made of Lara's amazing voice from Katseye,
Of a million giggles sprinkled on cupcakes.
I am made of me and my friends partying all night long,
Of long fast legs winning every time.
I am made of my family laughing at my jokes,
Of memories of my life, good and bad.
I am made of my friends supporting me,
Of bike rides along mythical trees and hills.
I am made of stars shining brightly in the sky,
My classroom twinkling because it's so bright.
And fun, intelligence with bravery.

By Maia T

MAX THE KIWI

There was a kiwi call Max
And he lived in a pile of flax
He paints his back blue
To look all brand new
And chops trees down with an axe.

By Malachi

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

By Wai

H Happy Halloween

A A lot of spooky lollies
L Lollies sprouting on the roof
L Lip licking lollies
O Ooooo Ghost around your house
W Wicked witch flying all around
E Eating loads of lollies
E Eating treats
N Night is dark and spooky.

A big shout out to our kaiako who've been guiding our tamariki to enjoy writing poetry and find success in it. Our kids are creating some pretty amazing pieces and what you see here is just a small taste of the wonderful writing happening right across our kura.

The filmstrip collage consists of 18 individual photographs arranged in two vertical columns. Each photograph is framed by a black border with white sprocket holes, giving it the appearance of a film strip. The photographs depict various interactive digital art installations:

- Top Left:** A child in a light blue outfit stands inside a large, red, circular, textured structure that resembles a giant mouth or a tunnel.
- Second Left:** A close-up of a child's face framed by a large, orange, mask-like structure with sharp teeth.
- Third Left:** Two children are interacting with a large, circular, orange, textured object on a table.
- Fourth Left:** A child is interacting with a large, red, textured object on a table.
- Fifth Left:** A child is interacting with a large, blue, textured object on a table.
- Sixth Left:** A child is interacting with a large, blue, textured object on a table.
- Seventh Left:** A child is interacting with a large, blue, textured object on a table.
- Top Right:** A child is interacting with a large, green, textured object on a wall.
- Second Right:** A group of children are interacting with a large, blue, textured object on a wall.
- Third Right:** A child is interacting with a large, blue, textured object on a wall.
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HAVE YOU GOT ANY AT HOME?

**PLEASE RETURN
THEM TO SCHOOL**

SCHOOL T-SHIRTS
READING BOOKS
LIBRARY BOOKS

We are missing lots!



My New Year's Resolutions

1. I will be a better person.

2. I will be a better student.

3. I will be a better friend.

4. I will be a better person.

5. I will be a better student.

6. I will be a better friend.

7. I will be a better person.

8. I will be a better student.

9. I will be a better friend.

10. I will be a better person.

By Lucy

Kaboom, bang, swish!
Like a bomb!
Crashing, twirling, flashing
Pink, yellow, orange
Like a diamond in the sky!

By Faaaliga

[illegible]

By Galaxy H

Wednesday 3 December

5:30-8:30pm

Practise for our Final Assembly at St Patricks College

Whole school.

Wednesday 10 December

6:30-7:30pm

We intentionally have this event in the evening so whānau can come.

Wednesday 17 December

12:30pm finish.

Term 1	3 February - 2 April	9 weeks
Term 2	20 April - 3 July	11 weeks
Term 3	20 July - 25 September	10 weeks
Term 4	12 October - 16 December	10 weeks