





A very warm welcome to **Lian**, who has just turned 5 and started school with us.

Starting kura is such a special milestone, and we're delighted to have Lian and his whānau join our Kahurangi community. *Bienvenido Lian, we're so pleased you're here.*

## SEEKING WHĀNAU EXPERTISE

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Like most schools across Aotearoa, we are navigating a period of significant financial challenges. You may recall us sharing this with you during our final assembly last year.

We are committed to our kaupapa of being a 'free' school and to ensuring the school remains financially resilient. We also recognise that there is a wealth of specialised talent within our own parent community that could help us navigate these complexities, so we are looking to connect with any whānau who have professional backgrounds in strategic financial accounting.

If you have expertise and are interested in a kōrero about how you might support the Board's strategic financial oversight, I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you. This is not necessarily a call for new Board members, but rather an invitation for an informal conversation with those who could potentially offer a 'strategic lens' to our fiscal planning.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at [presidingmember@kahurangi.school.nz](mailto:presidingmember@kahurangi.school.nz) to arrange a time for a chat.

Thank you for your ongoing tautoko.

Ngā mihi nui

*Jane Pierard*

Presiding Member, School Board

## Our House Teams

At Kahurangi, every child belongs to a house team. These mixed-age teams bring our tamariki together across year levels for sport, competitions and whole-school events.

It's about more than points. House teams build whanaungatanga, school spirit and a sense of belonging. Older tamariki step up as role models, younger ones feel supported, and everyone gets to be part of something bigger than their own class.

We have four houses, and siblings are placed in the same one:

**Taupo** – Red, named after our greatest lake.

**Aoraki** – Yellow, named after our highest mountain.

**Waikato** – Blue, named after our longest river

**Waipoua** – Green, named after one of our largest native forests.

### Earning House Points

House points can be awarded by any staff member for things such as:

- Having a go
- Not giving up
- Playing fair
- Being responsible



### House Captains

Our Year 7–8 rangatahi can apply to be House Captains. They submit an application sharing their leadership strengths and ideas. From there, staff shortlist and select two leaders per house.

### The House Cup

At the end of the year, all points are totalled and one house is awarded the House Cup.

It's a simple system, but it creates connection, pride and plenty of healthy competition across our kura.



Can you guess who these four students are?

Self portraits by rangatahi in Waka Rā Tahī.



For many of our tamariki, one of the best parts of reaching Year 7–8 is heading off to Technology every Monday.

Each week, our ākonga travel into the city to Mt Cook School for specialist Technology classes. Across the year they rotate through food technology, fabric technology, electronics, film-making and hard materials.

It's hands-on, practical learning. They design, build and problem-solve, learn to use new tools safely, and create things they're genuinely proud to bring home. They follow processes, think creatively and stick with things when they don't quite work the first time. It's real-world learning and definitely a highlight of reaching their intermediate years.



**Waka Pūhara Toru tamariki building earthquake structures.**

## Policies and Procedures – What's Covered?

Kahurangi School uses SchoolDocs to manage and host our school policies and procedures. SchoolDocs is an online service used by many kura across Aotearoa. It ensures our policies meet legislative requirements and reflect good practice, while also including Kahurangi-specific processes. Policies are regularly reviewed and both the Board and whānau have opportunities to contribute feedback during reviews.

You'll find policies covering most aspects of school life, including:

- Attendance and enrolment
- Behaviour and bullying prevention
- Digital technology and online safety
- Complaints and communication

You have access to the full site and can use the search function to find specific information.

### Accessing our policies

Website: <https://kahurangi.schooldocs.co.nz>

Username: **kahurangi** Password: **learning**

If you have any pātai, please get in touch.

## After School Sports Photos

We love celebrating our tamariki in action, especially when they're representing Kahurangi in our after school sports teams.

If you've snapped a great photo of any of our school teams, please send it through. Action shots, team huddles, Player of the Day moments, we love them all. You can email photos to [principal@kahurangi.school.nz](mailto:principal@kahurangi.school.nz)



## We're missing lots of library books from 2025!

Please check at home – under beds, on shelves, in school bags – and return any Kahurangi School books.

No questions asked, we'd just love to have them back!



### What's coming up

#### Monday 2 March

Movin'March starts at Kahurangi

A month in which we encourage tamariki to walk, wheel, bus or bike to school to improve their health and reduce environmental impact.

#### Wednesday 4 March

Eastern Zones Primary School Cricket Tournament

#### Friday 6 March

School Assembly

2:15pm

Hosted by our Y2-3 class who learn with Grant.

#### Monday 9 March

Dental van on site

It will stay until 1 April.

#### Wednesday 11 March

Eastern Zones Primary School Cricket Tournament - Postponement Day

#### Tuesday 17 March

Senior School trip to Ākau Tangi

Details will be sent home closer to the time.

#### Wednesday 18 March

Girls Futsal Festival

At Ākau Tangi

#### Whānau Māori Event

5-7pm

Details will be sent home closer to the time.

#### Friday 20 March

School Assembly

2:15pm

Hosted by our Y7-8 class who learn with Mr Masters.

#### REMEMBER:

#### Monday 23 March

Teacher Only Day!

No school for the children!

### Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

This is a fantastic event where tamariki challenge themselves, have fun and represent our school as part of the Kahurangi TRYathlon Team.



### ► News from the Community ✕ ►●

## RUGBY LEAGUE REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Registrations are now open for the upcoming rugby league season with Hunters Rugby League Club. Hunters is the only Rugby League Club based in Wellington City and welcomes both new and returning players of all experience levels.

Grades are available from Under 6s through to Under 16s.

The season runs from 18 April to 4 July.

To register, visit:  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/392997>

For more information, contact:  
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