



Newsletter #2
13 February 2026

Kahurangi
SCHOOL

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Kia ora e te whānau o Kahurangi,

We're a couple of weeks into the school year now and, to be honest, it's been one of the most positive starts we've had in a long time. The tamariki are doing incredibly well. They're settled in their classrooms, being kind to one another, and engaging positively in their learning. When they do forget, as all children do, they're responding well to gentle prompts, reminders and opportunities to reset. That calm, caring tone across the kura has been lovely to see.

The beautiful weather has helped too. With tamariki being able to get outside, move, and enjoy our spaces makes a real difference to how the days feel. I'm hoping it continues, though I'm slightly nervous about tempting fate by saying that out loud.

Next week we're holding our Meet the Teacher conversations. These early kōrero are a really important part of how we start the year together. Even if you feel like you already know your child's teacher, or you've already said hello in the playground, taking this short, focused time to talk specifically about your child is hugely beneficial. You know your tamariki best, and our kaiako really value hearing your insights, the little tips or tricks that help get the best out of them, what motivates them, and what supports them when things feel tricky. Having that shared understanding early on makes a genuine difference as the year unfolds.

As always, I also try in each newsletter to strike a balance. I want to share updates and information that whānau find useful, while knowing that if you have a child in Year 8, there's probably not much about school life you don't already know or expect. It's a tricky balance to get right. My hope is that newer whānau feel like they're learning how we work and what happens at Kahurangi, while those of you who've been with us for a number of years still find it interesting and worth reading. I also like to think about our tamariki who enjoy sitting down and reading the newsletter themselves.

If you ever have ideas about what you'd like me to cover, or things you've found helpful, please do let me know.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend ahead. With Valentine's Day tomorrow, I'm hoping there might be a few extra cuddles, kind words, or small acts of aroha shared at home too.

Ngā mihi nui,
Kyrán Smith
Tumuaki



noticeboard



18 & 19 Feb

Meet the Teacher Conversations

2.00pm finish on Wed

Fri 20 Feb

School Assembly

2:15pm in Broadway/hall
Whānau are welcome to join us!

Wed 4 March

Eastern Zone Cricket Tournament

A sport trip for keen senior tamariki. join us!

WELCOME to Kahurangi School

We've now had 23 tamariki start with us this year. Twenty-three new learners, each bringing their own spark and personality. Some are from brand new whānau to Kahurangi, while others are younger siblings following in familiar footsteps.

A very special welcome to our newest five-year-olds who have joined our New Entrant class of youngest learners. Turning five is a big milestone. Nau mai to **Mea, Harvey, Sonny, Marlow, Addison, LJ** and **Alex**.

Jack has also turned five and joined this class. He already knows the ropes a little, with his big brother Isaac learning here too.

Averi joins our new entrants as well and is excited to be at the same kura as her big sister Hailey. There's something reassuring about seeing a familiar face in the playground.

We welcome brothers **Damien** (Year 5) and **JayJay** (Year 2) who have joined us from Taupō. Thank you for making the move and trusting us with your learning journey.

A big haere mai to siblings **Naomi** (Year 7), **Joshua** (Year 4) and **Ezra** (Year 2) who have recently moved from Churton Park. We're looking forward to seeing you settle in and thrive.

Brothers **Marcus** (Year 4) and **Zachary** (Year 2) join us from Australia. Starting at a new school after a big relocation takes courage and we're glad you're here.

Sisters **Madi** (Year 6) and **Mabel** (Year 4) have moved from Raglan. We hope Pōneke is treating you well so far.

Hager (Year 7) was already living in our area. She and her whānau decided Kahurangi was the right place for her intermediate years. We're pleased you're here, Hager.

A warm welcome to **Grace** (Year 6) who has moved from Christchurch.

We're also delighted to welcome back **Fred** (Year 4) who has returned from the United Kingdom. His brother **Walter** (Year 2) joins us as well, so welcome to you both.

Maleek (Year 2) has moved from Auckland and is now part of our Kahurangi whānau.

And finally, **Marco** (Year 1) has joined us from a neighbouring school.

To all of our new tamariki, and to those whānau who are brand new to Kahurangi, nau mai, haere mai. We're genuinely glad you're here and look forward to walking this year alongside you.

Our tamariki have a lovely way of making new students feel included. It's something we're genuinely proud of.

Cardboard + a hill = a whole lot of fun!



One of those simple Kahurangi lunch time traditions that never gets old. Tamariki racing, sliding, laughing, negotiating turns and seeing who can go the fastest, the smoothest and the longest.

A bit of adrenaline. A few wobbles. Plenty of determination.

No screens. No fancy equipment. Just fresh air, old boxes and a whole lot of fun!.

CAN YOU HELP WITH ROAD PATROL?



We'd love for whānau to lend a hand with road patrol before school (8:30–8:50 am) and after school (2:55–3:10 pm). Just one slot per week can make a big difference in keeping our tamariki safe.

If you're interested or would like to check available slots, please contact Angela Keane at angela@kahurangi.school.nz. She'll be happy to help find a time that works for you.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe!

Cellphone & Device Expectations for Tamariki



In line with Government regulations, tamariki are not allowed to use cellphones during school hours, from arrival until the final bell, including break times.

If a device is brought to kura, it must go in the classroom lockbox at the start of the day and be collected at the end. This includes smartwatches. These may only be worn if whānau have contacted Kyran to confirm the device is locked down and cannot be used for calls or messages.

Ngā mihi for supporting this at home. Our aim is simple, keeping Kahurangi a focused and safe learning space for all.

You can find the full policy on our website under Policies and Procedures via School Docs. Search 'Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices'.

Kahurangi School EXPECTATIONS



We value **poutama learning** and display diligence.

We show **whakahī pride** and respect in ourselves, each other and our environment.

We respect **ahurea culture** and celebrate diversity.

We participate in our **ahikāroa community**.

Our principles sit at the heart of who we are as a kura, and they're woven through our expectations each and every day. They're not just words on a poster. They guide how we learn, how we treat one another and how we contribute to our Kahurangi community.

Our kaiako spend time unpacking these expectations with their classes so tamariki truly understand what they look and sound like in action. When we all lean into them, something pretty special happens. Our kura feels safe, focused and full of mana.



Parakuihi / breakfast Mon, Tues & Fridays mornings in Broadway from 8am.

KIA ORA!

KAHURANGI BREAKFAST CLUB is happy to be back in 2026, three mornings per week!

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS TERM ONE

WANT TO HELP? JOIN THE CREW!

This service is only possible with the tautoko/support from our amazing Kahurangi whānau. If you might be volunteer-curious, swing by Broadway (school hall)

Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings to see how much fun we have feeding our tamariki.

NGĀ MIHI

For more information

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What's coming up

Wednesday 18 February

'Meet the Teacher'

Conversations

SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY AT 2.00 PM ON THIS DAY.

Thursday 19 February

'Meet the Teacher'

Conversations

SCHOOL FINISHES AT OUR USUAL TIME OF 3:00 PM

Friday 20 February

School Assembly

2:15pm

Hosted by our Y4-5 class who learn with Brynne.

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

Keen senior tamariki should come home with a notice closer to the date.

Tuesday 24 February

School Board Meeting

7pm

All our meetings are open to to whānau. Please let the office know if you're planning to attend.

Monday 23 March

Teacher Only Day!

No school for the children!