

Kia ora e te whānau o Kahurangi,

Ngā mihi o te tau hou. I hope the summer break has offered some space to slow down, spend time together, and enjoy the longer days. For our whānau who are new to Kahurangi this year, a very warm welcome. We're really pleased you've joined our kura and look forward to getting to know you and your tamariki.

I'd also like to offer a special welcome to three new members of our teaching team, Oliver Macesmith, Anahera (Ana) Pohe and Sarah Tan. They've been settling in well and are just about there with getting their classrooms and spaces ready for the year ahead. Our team have done a wonderful job helping them feel at home, and we know that once the tamariki arrive, they'll feel even more so.

With school starting on Tuesday, we know there's often a mix of feelings for children and parents alike. Excitement, curiosity, and sometimes a few nerves too. All of that is completely normal. Our team are very mindful of this and take time early on to re-establish routines, relationships, and a strong sense of belonging.

Over summer, if you're anything like the team and I, routines often loosen. Bedtimes can creep later and mornings can slow down. In the lead-up to school starting, gently bringing routines back towards school times can really help those first few days feel easier for tamariki.

A good start to the year comes from children feeling safe, settled, and comfortable being themselves. When whānau and school work together to support that, it really does make a difference.

We're really looking forward to welcoming everyone back and getting the year underway at Kahurangi.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyran Smith
Tumuaki | Principal



While children have been enjoying their last days of holidays, our team have been spending time learning together and getting ready for the new school year.



noticeboard

Tues 3 Feb

School starts!

First day of the school year for tamariki.

Fri 6 Feb

Waitangi Day

Public Holiday
No school!

Wed 18 Feb

Meet the Teacher Interviews

School finishes early at 12.30 pm on this day.

More details will come home next week about this.

School day

School starts at 8.50am. We encourage children to arrive from around 8.30am so they have time to settle, connect with friends, and be ready for the day. Arriving a little early helps children ease into the morning routine and start the day calmly.

Attendance and absences

Regular attendance is important and helps children feel connected, confident, and supported in their learning.

If your child is going to be absent, please let us know as early as possible. You can do this by:

- Phone: 04 388 6386, press 1 for absences
- Text: 027 748 0100
- Email: office@kahurangi.school.nz
- HERO app
- School website - [Report an absence](#)

Class placements

Class placements and teachers were shared with whānau in December. Most of our teaching team remain in the same classrooms, with a few changes this year. If you're unsure about your child's class or need clarification, please make contact with us.

Stationery

All stationery is provided by the school. There is no need to purchase supplies.

Sun safety



As we're still in summer (snigger) we ask for your support with sun safety:

- **Sunhats** – Please ensure your child brings a named sunhat every day. Caps are fine with us.
- **Sunblock** – We recommend applying sunblock at home before school. Sunblock is also available at school, with children applying it themselves

Children without a sunhat will be asked to play in shaded areas only.

What's coming up

Wednesday 18 February

'Meet the Teacher'

Interviews

SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY AT 12:30 ON THIS DAY.

Thursday 19 February

'Meet the Teacher'

Interviews

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.

Tuesday 24 February

School Board Meeting

7pm

All our meetings are open to to whānau should you wish to come along and see and hear what happens. Please let the office know if you're planning to attend.

Monday 23 March

Teacher Only Day!

No school for the children!

Important Dates for Our 2026 School Year

TERM DATES

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

- Friday 6 February – Waitangi Day
- Monday 23 March – Teacher Only Day

Term 2

- Monday 27 April – ANZAC Day
- Friday 29 May – Teacher Only Day
- Monday 1 June – King's Birthday

Term 3

- Wednesday 29 July – Teacher Only Day

Term 4

- Monday 26 October – Labour Day



Mark your calendar!