

# KAWAHA POINT NEWSLETTER

Our School

*Ki Te Taumata- Aim for the Best*  
*Learn \* Care \* Grow*  
*Kia Kaha \* Kia Maia \* Kia Manawanui*  
*\* Kia Angitu*

PRINCIPAL'S PEN



*Aloha. Kia Ora. Hello and Welcome to Week 3*

## Staffing Update

This week, we say farewell to Amira Bland, who is embarking on an exciting new career journey. Amira has been an outstanding and knowledgeable team member and leader, and she will be greatly missed. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the dedication and love she has shown to our junior school. We wish her all the best in her new career path and know she will continue to do amazing things.

## Property Updates

We have been working closely with our property manager to organize the installation of heat pumps in our classrooms. The installation will begin with Spaces 7, 8, and 9 during the September holidays, followed by Spaces 10, 11, 12, and 14, and finally finishing with Spaces 15, 16, 17, and 6. It's a big job, and we are currently in the tendering process.

## Roofing

Our main block will also have its roof replaced, likely around the September or December holidays. This is another significant project, and we are just beginning the planning phase.

## Mid-Year Data

We are thrilled to share that the Board will be presented with our mid-year data at their meeting on Monday night. The progress our learners are making is truly remarkable, with incredible results in reading, writing, and maths across the school. I am immensely proud of our students' engagement, their thirst for learning, and their eagerness to improve. They enjoy discussing their results and are motivated by the progress they see in themselves. Well done, KPS learners—you rock! A huge shoutout to our teachers and Learning Support staff for making this possible. The growth we've seen over the past two years is simply incredible—keep up the fantastic work!

*Have a wonderful weekend- enjoy the Olympics- and go the ABs! who are back in action in wellington this weekend*

*Piki te Ora*  
*Mania*



## TERM 3 DATES

TERM 3 WEEK FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 2024

Week 4- Wiki Tuawhā	
<b>Rāhina 12<sup>th</sup> Hereturikōkā</b> Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Board Meeting 5.30pm in the Board Room
<b>Rāpare 15<sup>th</sup> Hereturikōkā</b> Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 5 camp meeting 5.30pm for all parents and helpers in the staffroom
<b>Rāmere 16<sup>th</sup> Hereturikōkā</b> Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Assembly- 2pm- Kaiweka 15 presenting Sausages \$2 for camp fundraiser
Week 5- Wiki Tuarima	
<b>Rāhina 19<sup>th</sup> August</b> Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 4 camp forms due in Year 3 Day camp forms due
<b>Rāapa 21<sup>st</sup> Hereturikōkā</b> Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Year 6's to Rotorua Intermediate for a visit Year 5 leave for camp- Mi Camp Taupō
<b>Rāmere 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Ice cream sundaes \$3 Year 5 due back from camp

*Thank you to the parents who have drawn attention to the calendar where it says there is a teacher only day coming up- I am sorry this should have been removed - we have moved it to term 4 to coincide with the new maths curriculum coming out.*

*I have made a mistake*

## HAPPENING NOW!:

**Mobile Dental clinic is here 7.30am to 4pm everyday until all the children are seen.**  
**Parents will be contacted if further work is needed- check bags for any updates on your child's teeth.**



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# SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

# MRS H HEADLINES



## ATTENDANCE- EVERYDAY COUNTS

Days missed = years lost  
A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but .....

When your child misses just .....	.....they miss	..... and
1 day a fortnight =	4 weeks per year =	1 year over their school life
1 day a week =	8 weeks per year =	2.5 years over their school life.

It is our shared responsibility and is very important that school and whanau work together to support attendance. The Ministry of Education (MOE) is responsible for services and initiatives designed to support schools to monitor and improve attendance. Schools and kura must have attendance policies and procedures, and they must record and report on attendance. Whānau - parents and caregivers must make sure their children are at school every day, and let the school know on the day if they're absent. If you do not let us know the reason for your child's absence it is recorded as **UNJUSTIFIED**.

The current guidelines also state that for more than 5 days of UNJUSTIFIED absence the school is responsible to inform whanau and offer support and take action. Under MOE guidelines, family holidays, birthdays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are NOT acceptable reasons for being absent. These absences will be recorded as **UNJUSTIFIED**.

Please let us know when your child is going to be away from school and the reason. You can do this by:

- Calling the office on 073485864 and leave a message on the answerphone or with our office administrators.
- Connect to the **HERO** app and leave a note of absence.
- Let your child's class teacher know they will be absent. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask

Mrs H.



## ATTENDANCE WEEK 3

63%



### KPS MAIA - Miniball

Here is the draw for the next weeks...

**Friday 9th August**

**KPS Maia Vs Ngo Bounces**

**3.30pm Crt 1**

**Friday 16th August onwards**

**Semi's and finals.**

**I will send out a draw once we have received one.**

### KPS Hockey

**Saturday 10th August**

**KPS Maia vs Ngongotaha Rua**

**12.20pm Turf 1a**

**KPS Kaha vs St Michaels Maxi**

**9am Turf 1b**

**Sports exchange with Ngongotaha primary this Friday!!**

**We will be leaving @ 11.30am and returning to school around 2.30pm**

### Coming Up Term 3 Sports

- Tough Guy and Gal competition
- School Coloured Run
- Interschool Amazing race for year 5-6
- Rippa Rugby clinic - 14th August



**Great Interschool Sport competition with Ngongotaha School**

Kia Kaha- Be Strong \* Kia Maia- Ne Brave\* Kia Manawanui- Be Kind. \* Kia Angitu- Be Successful



# SCHOOL DATES FOR 2024

# KPS ANNUAL SPEECH COMPETITION

We have our speech competition returning this year. All of our amazing learners will be writing and delivering a speech on a topic of their choice. You can help at home- start thinking of a topic and planning your speeches now.

In week 10 the finals will be held- and we have speech trophies to be awarded to the winner of each year group.

## QWEST

This term our Inquiry (QWEST) is on the Olympics.

The Olympics start tomorrow- and this week our learners have been discussing the Olympics- how often they are held- the sports involved and even the history!

## PRE SCHOOL BUDDIES

We have Pre School Buddies every Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm. Come along and have a tour of the school, spend time with Mrs H in the library and then pop in and be a part of Space 3 our year 0 classroom. Any questions please contact Jenny Hermansson or Amira Bland our Taumata Hub Leader and Space 3 teacher.

## CAMPS

✓ This term our year 5s are off on camp to Mi Camp Taupo -on **THURSDAY 19th August** there is a camp meeting for all helpers and year 5 parents in the staffroom.

✓ The year 3-4 camp notices will be going **MONDAY**-they are off to Mi Camp Lake Whakamaru this term. Please **check bags- they are due back on MONDAY 19th August.**



**KAWAHA POINT KEY DATES 2024**

**Week before school starts:**  
**Monday 22nd January 2024** our school office opened each day for stationery and enrolments. Senior staff onsite  
**Thursday 25th January 1pm-4pm**  
Meet and greet afternoon and BBQ- pop in and meet your class teacher and check out yourclass and hub!  
**Auckland Anniversary weekend**  
**Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July**  
**Monday 3rd June**  
Kings Birthday  
**Tuesday 4th June**  
MOE teacher only day  
**Friday 28th June-**  
Matariki

**Term 1 -2024**  
**Tuesday 30th January to Friday 12th April**  
**School starts Tuesday 30th January 9am.**  
**Monday 5th February-**  
Staff only day- NO School  
**Tuesday 6th February- Waitangi day**  
**Easter- Friday 29th March to Tuesday 2 April**

**Term 2 -2024**  
**Monday 14th October to Wednesday 18th December**  
**Friday 25th October**  
MOE teacher Only day  
**Monday 28th October**  
Labour day

**Term 3-2024**  
**Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September**

**Term 4-2024**

# TERM 3 2024



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Term 3 begins Welcome Whaea Lini to Taumata 9	Hub Pre school Buddies			House afternoon tea
2 AUGUST	Olympics begin 26th July PTA meeting	Pre school Buddies- every Tuesday at 1.30	Kaitao Visit Year 6s	Amazing race	Assembly- Space 14 Pizza
3					House afternoon tea Olympics finish
4	First round speeches BOT meeting 5.30pm			Year 5 camp meeting 5.30pm	Assembly- space 15 Sausages
5			Mi camp Taupo Year 5	Mi Camp Taupo	Ice cream sundaes Mi camp Taupo
6	Second round speeches		Tough Guy-Gal		Assembly Space 16 Sausages Fathers day Brekkie from 7.30am
7 Sept	Semi Finalists for speeches chosen		Year 3-4 camp meeting		House Afternoon tea Pizza orders Movie night 5.30pm
8	BOT meeting 5.30pm			Mi Camp Whakamaru Year 3-4	Assembly space 17 Mi camp Whakamaru Year 3-4
9	Parent Interviews- 3- 7pm Te Wiki o Te reo Maori Speech finalists needed	Parent Interviews- 3- 6pm		Whanau Hui and Games 5.30pm	House Meeting PTA mufti day Ice cream
10	MAD week	MAD week Speech Night 6pm		Mad week Principal for the day	Formal assembly 10am Mad week- Coloured run- BBQ



*Me ako tahi. tātou kia puawai. ke te ao marama  
Together we learn. care and grow*



★ OUT AND ABOUT ★

★ WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL ★



**Hineaio - Space 3**

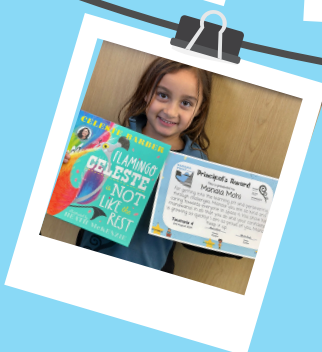
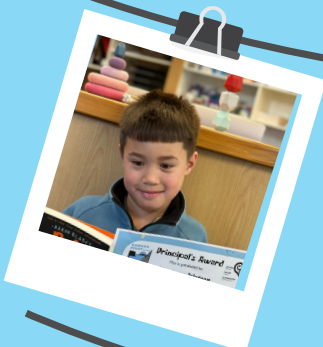


**Leo - Space 3**



**Ruby - Space 3**

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**PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNERS WEEK 1**  
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# COMMUNITY★NOTICES

**Explore the Forest by Night**



**JOGGING THE POWERPOLES**

- Adults & kids 10yrs+ who can do 5km in 50mins
- 6pm every Weds from Redwoods info centre
- 1hr of hunts, games, challenges, and even cake
- Bring shoes, headlight, cellphone, jacket

**RATS JUNIOR DUATHLON SERIES**

**23 JUNE, 21 JULY, 25 AUGUST**

**Primary to Secondary School**  
3 Distances for juniors  
plus an adults race at the 3rd event.

If you loved the RATS School Duathlon, now's your chance to have another go, or join in for the first time!



Enter at  
**www.rats.org.nz**  
Email: [info@rats.org.nz](mailto:info@rats.org.nz)

**After school art lessons with Janet Keen enrolling now.**

**Drawing, painting, mosaics, over 30 lessons to choose from.**

**Thursdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm and 4.35pm to 5.35pm.**

**Enrolling for remainder of term 3. And 4.**

**Small classes, friendly, safe, organic environment.**

**From age 7 and upwards.**

**All Enquiries welcome.**

**Phone 027 351 3887 or email [janet@jkeen.net](mailto:janet@jkeen.net). 374 Clayton Road, Rotorua**

**Homebased Childcare**



**with AMY MALIPAARD**

**AVAILABLE NOW**

I have been a qualified home-based educator for 9 years. I have a space available so if you're looking for a safe, nurturing home environment for your little one contact me now.

Through **RHC**  
Rotorua HomeBased Childcare

Our service provides the following:

- ✓ Low 1:4 ratio's
- ✓ Free weekly playgroup, music & gymnastic sessions
- ✓ An individualised educational programme tailored to your child's interest!

**contact:**  
Amy: 027 546 5477  
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[To book a visit](#)

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