



# Kawaha Point School Newsletter

WEEK 3- FRIDAY 14TH FEBURARY 2025



## Principal's Pen

*Kia Ora. Aloha. and welcome to end of week 3  
Kia ora beautiful whānau.*

We've wrapped up our first full week back, and what a great start to the year it's been! While there are a few tired faces—both students and teachers—the overall feeling across the school is one of calm, focus, and excitement. Our tamariki have settled straight back into learning, and our new staff members have jumped right into teaching.

At KPS, our mission is simple: **great teaching and learning every day.** We love the basics—strong

foundations in reading, writing, maths, and spelling. And yes, we love handwriting too! Our goal is to send our Year 6s off to intermediate confident and ready to succeed. While we continue to use Chromebooks and iPads, we see technology as a tool—not a replacement for hands-on learning. Getting the foundations right is key!

Of course, learning isn't just about the classroom—it's about having fun too! We kicked off our first house challenge last week with a bit of friendly rivalry (and some impressive dance moves from the staff!). **Ngātoroirangi** took the win, but there was plenty of debate, especially from **Tamatekapua**, our 2024 house champions who have already won the hearts of many!

**\*\*Upcoming Event – School Picnic!**

Thursday, 5:00 PM onwards

BBQ, bouncy castle, slip 'n slide, Mr Whippy & whānau tug of war\*\*

We'd love to see you there! This is a great chance to connect with other families, enjoy some kai, and have a bit of fun together.

Have a wonderful weekend, and here's to a fantastic year of learning at KPS!

*Piki te Ora.  
Maria*

## School Events

Week 4- 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb-21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	
Monday	BOT meeting
	Year 6 speeches to staff
Thursday 5-6.30pm	Picnic night- 5-6.30pm
Friday	Announce leaders- special assembly and Morning tea
Week 5- 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb-28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Thurs	Hui – a Whanau meetings – 5pm 5.35-6.05
Week 6 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> March- 7 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday	Triathlon and BBQ
Friday	Assembly 9.30 - space 16
Week 7- 10 <sup>th</sup> March- 14 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday	Japanese visitors and welcome- activity PM
Friday	House
	Spiders
Week 8- 17 <sup>th</sup> March- 21 <sup>st</sup> March	
Monday	BOT meeting
	Life ed here at school
Friday	Assembly – 15
Week 9- 24 <sup>th</sup> March- 28 <sup>th</sup> March	
Monday	Life ed at school still
Thurs	Kapa haka – citizen ceremony
Friday	House

## REMINDER

**If you are riding to school on your bike or scooter etc a helmet **MUST** be worn to and from school.**

## Contact US



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# Spotlight on Sports

All of our Touch teams had their first hit out on Tuesday and Wednesday. By the sounds of it they had a ball and won some games!! Can't wait for some photos and results next week.

FUTSAL Starts this Sunday @ RGHS Arena.

Both teams will be playing.  
KPS KAHA @ 10.40AM  
&  
KPS MAIA @ 12.40PM

NETBALL also starts first Monday of March.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PARENTS THAT HAVE PUT THEIR HANDS UP TO COACH THESE TEAMS.**

**We couldn't do it without you!!**

Come and see Kiri in the office for any more information!

# MRS H Headlines



## PRE SCHOOL BUDDIES

We welcome our pre school tamariki and their whanau to join our Pre School Buddies programme every Wednesday at 9.30-10.30 in Space 3 with Whaea Sheree.

We would love to see you join the sessions to get to know you and build readiness for starting school. Please feel free to call the school office for any information.



## Attendance with Mrs H

Thank you to all our whanau who are letting us know if your child will be away from school. It is a Ministry of Education requirement that parents/caregivers MUST let the school know everyday the reason your child is away. If we are not informed it is marked as Unjustified and this information is shared with the MOE everyday.

You can contact the school office on **073485864** and leave a message 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.





# Dates for 2025



## School Dates 2025

School office opens – Senior leadership team on site

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9.30-1pm

### Term 1: 11 weeks

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Auckland Anniversary
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Meet and Greet 12-4pm- drop off stationery and meet the new teacher.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Powhiri- first day of 2025
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Waitangi day- Public Holiday
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Teacher Only Day
Friday 11 April	Last day of the term

### Term 2- 9 weeks

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	First day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Teacher Only day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	King's Birthday- Public Holiday
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki – Public Holiday
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of the term

### Term 3- 10 weeks

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	First day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Teacher Only day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of the term

### Term 4- 11 weeks

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	First day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Teacher Only day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour weekend- Public Holiday
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the year for all children
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Office closes for the school year.

We understand the challenges of arranging childcare during Teacher Only Days and school holidays. To help support you, we've carefully planned our Teacher Only Days to give you time to organize care or plan annual leave. Additionally, we've scheduled the school year to finish as late as possible, minimizing the need for extended childcare arrangements. Thank you for your understanding and support as we work together for the best outcomes for our students.

# Stationery 2025

We have all the stationery packs now here at school if you havent had a chance to buy any- call in or ring the office if your child is still needing some.



# Swimming

10th feb- 14th Feb



The kids have thoroughly enjoyed going to swimming this week. They have learnt alot and hopefully will use these skills while having fun in the sun!!!



# Enrol now for 2025



**Do you know a family with any pre schoolers- we are keen to grow our roll- suggest us!**

We would love to have them!

Please call in to the office or enrol online at [www.kawaha-point.school.nz](http://www.kawaha-point.school.nz)

### We offer

- \*small numbers,
- \* learning assistants in each class
- \*routines and structures
- \*single cell classrooms
- \*an amazing art teacher and art extension classes!
- \*Maori Medium classes
- \*camps from year 3 and up







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# BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC



Celebrate the start of the school year with a picnic!  
Bring your family for an afternoon of food, games,  
and fun.

**5-6.30pm Thursday 20th Feb**

Pop the date aside - we would love to connect with you and the whānau - we have organised a few exciting things - bring your togs for the slip and slip and prep those muscles for the tug of war!

# STAFF ONLY DAYS



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The Ministry of Education (MOE) has new English and Maths curriculum documents for us to learn and to use. For this reason, they have given us two teacher-only days set aside for this purpose.

The MOE have also allowed us as a school to choose if we wish 2 extra teacher-only days to support this learning.

We want to let whānau know immediately when these days will be so you can plan for them (The dates first came out December 2024.)

We know these days can be hard for families to find caregiving - we have tried and attached them to public holidays.

**Staff Only Day 1- Friday 7th February 2025**

**Staff Only Day 2- Friday 30th May 2025**

**Staff only Day 3- Friday 29th August 2025**

**Staff Only Day 4- Friday 24th October 2025**

The school will be closed to learners on these days so we ask families to find alternative arrangements on these days

**Thank you for understanding.**



# Photo Round up of the Week:



**2nd Place  
Tamatekapua-  
recount needed!**



**Welcome to Ihenga  
Matua Jaydyn!**



**Great back flips  
Whaea Tarsh!**

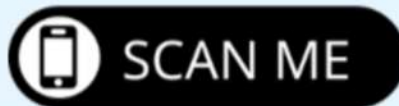


# Get Connected with HERO

HERO is our school app and an important place to receive tailored posts and messages from the school, teachers and the office (Kiri our sports coordinator).  
The guide below will help you to connect, or reconnect to HERO.

## Get Connected with HERO APP TODAY!

1. Scan the QR code below using your phone's camera- it will take you to our school website page
2. Outlined on this page is how to get connected. With a downloaded PDF.
3. If you have any issues email our office or school HERO Pro- Toherangi at **[toherangi.holloway@kps.school.nz](mailto:toherangi.holloway@kps.school.nz)**



# After School- Oscar

We have been speaking with OSCAR the after school programme- a survey has been sent to whānau to fill in expressing interest in having OSCAR onsite at KPS. They will run an afterschool and holiday programme. Please fill it out!

*great learning and teaching every day!*



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## FAMILY FUN DAY

Come join us for a  
**FREE** family fun day.

Everything is 100%  
free. There will be kid  
friendly activities and  
friendly fellowship for  
the adults along with  
some awesome  
**GIVEAWAYS**

SATURDAY  
01 MARCH  
11AM - 2PM



Rotorua Lake Front  
near the Playground



GirlGuiding  
New Zealand



## Fun, Friendship, Adventure

Guide units are starting back for 2025, and  
have space for your daughter!

Guides is a great way to make friends, boost  
self-esteem, build confidence and learn new  
skills.

We take girls aged 5-17, and always welcome  
new leaders (18+).



SCAN ME

<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/>  
0800 222 292

**BEGINNERS AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES WITH JANET KEEN ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 1 2025  
DRAWING, PAINTING, MOSAICS.**

**TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 3.30PM TO 4.30PM AND 4.35PM TO 5.35PM  
SMALL CLASSES, FRIENDLY, SAFE, QUIET, ORGANIC ENVIRONMENT.  
FROM AGE 7 AND UPWARDS.**

**ENQUIRIES WELCOME:**

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