

# KI TE TAUMATA AIM FOR THE BEST

28th February 2025

## Principal's Pen

Kia ora KPS whānau,

This year has started off strong, with great learning happening in our classrooms. Our focus for 2025 is "Close the Gaps"—ensuring every child has the best opportunity to learn and grow.

At KPS, we believe in building a strong foundation in reading, writing, and maths. To close learning gaps, we are committed to aiming for the best every day in both teaching and learning. Our teachers are eager to teach, and our learners are excited to learn—we want to harness that enthusiasm and keep moving forward.

To support this, we are setting high expectations for learning and behaviour. I have made it clear to staff that we will not tolerate any disruptions to learning. The senior leadership team is here to support teachers and classes so that every student gets the chance to thrive. If a learner is disrupting the class, we will step in so teaching and learning can continue. At KPS we love encouraging students to be the best version of themselves. We want the best- we want to close the gaps.

***Let's make 2025 a year of growth, success, and aiming for the best!***

***Pike te Ora, Have a great weekend and Go the Hurricanes!!***

**Maria**



## Smart watches- Cell Phones

As part of the government's ban on mobile phones in schools, smartwatches that function as cell phones are also included in this rule. These devices can be distracting for students and disrupt their learning during the school day.

To support a focused learning environment, students wearing smartwatches with phone capabilities will need to leave them at the office with Kiri in the morning. They will be safely stored and returned at the end of the school day.

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## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 5th March

KPS Annual Triathlon and Biathlon  
11.30am-1.30pm

### Friday 7th March

9.30 School Assembly- Kaiweka 16 item

### Thursday 13th March

Japanese Visitors to our school

### Monday 17th March

BOT Meeting 5.30pm

### Monday 17th March

Life Ed Truck here at School



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## Curriculum News

### Maths at KPS

Over the past few months, the Ministry of Education has been working with schools to implement a more structured approach to teaching mathematics. After careful consideration, KPS has chosen to adopt the PrIme Maths Programme, a proven and highly effective curriculum based on Singapore's world-renowned maths teaching methods.

PrIme Maths focuses on developing deep conceptual understanding, problem-solving skills, and mathematical reasoning—helping students build confidence and a love for maths. We believe this structured approach will support all learners and set them up for success.

### What's Happening at KPS?

- This term, three classes are trialling the PrIme Maths programme.
- In June, during our Teacher Only Day, all staff will receive training on the programme.
- Following this, the entire school will transition to PrIme Maths, ensuring a consistent and effective approach across all year groups.

We're excited about the potential of PrIme Maths to enhance learning at KPS, and we think your child will love it too! Stay tuned for more updates as we roll out this fantastic new programme.



## Sports Round-Up

Our awesome coaches have been coming in at lunchtimes to train our Touch and Futsal Teams!!

How amazing is that...

FUTSAL this Sunday @ RGHS Arena.

Both teams will be playing.

KPS KAHA @ 10AM

&

KPS MAIA @ 4PM

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!**

***School Triathlon and Biathlon on THIS COMING Wednesday at 11.30***

## Headlines from Mrs H

As part of our KPS school curriculum- Ta Tātou- we have asked all teachers to teach our school wide expectations and school values every morning. We then acknowledge and celebrate students for displaying these values and dispositions in their learning. Some rewards we use are dojo points, house points (ki te taumata cards), wristbands, principal awards.

### Class DOJOs:

Dojo points are given out to our tamariki for displaying expectations in their learning and everyday interactions in class and in the playground.

Our Poumanawa - Values Wristbands.

100 Dojo points = White Poumanawa wristband,

300= Grey wristband, 500= Blue wristband,

700= Black wristband, and 900 = the Gold Poumanawa (TOP band to achieve!)



## Nau Mai Haere Mai! Welcome to Kawaha Point School!



Pahulu  
Ngongotahā  
14



Ratu  
Ngongotahā  
14



Zeth  
Taumata 3



Gurleen-  
Ngongotahā 14



Leila-  
Taumata 3



Nacanieli  
Kaiweka 16

**We are looking forward to getting to know you all!**

**Pre school Buddies-  
Every Wednesday 9.30 am in Taumata 3**

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# KPS Preschool Buddies

📍 Taumata 3 at KPS

🕒 Starts 9.30-10.30

📅 Every Wednesday

Come and be part of the transition class- Taumata 3- Meet our teachers in the class, meet the class, and find out what we have to offer! All welcome!

**KPS Triathlon and Biathlon**

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# KPS Annual Triathlon - Biathlon

When:  
Wednesday 5th March- 11.30am-1.30pm

Where  
KPS Field

BBQ and juices for sale- Wear house colours for extra points