

# KI TE TAUMATA AIM FOR THE BEST

14th March 2025



## Principal's Pen

Kia ora whānau,

Another week has flown by, and our learners have been incredibly settled and engaged. Walking through the classrooms, it's fantastic to see them embracing challenges and getting into the learning pit—wobbling, persevering, and giving things a go. That's exactly what we want to see!

The learning pit is a powerful analogy we use to reinforce that learning isn't always easy. It's about embracing challenges, pushing through struggles, and finding new strategies to grow and succeed. Everyone experiences the pit at some stage, but it's through persistence, problem-solving, and resilience that we climb out stronger.

In a couple of weeks, we have our parent interviews on Thursday, 3rd April (2:30–6:00 pm). Thank you for your feedback—we've scheduled all interviews on one day to make it easier for families. These meetings are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, share assessment results from this term, and talk about what progress looks like for them.

To celebrate all this wonderful learning, we also invite you to our Share the Learning afternoon on Wednesday, 9th April, from 1:30 pm to 3pm. This is a chance to step into the classrooms, see the amazing work happening, and connect with your child's learning journey. We hope you can join us!

Piki te Ora, Have a wonderful weekend.

Maria

## Healthy Lunches

Keeping our tamariki fuelled with the right foods helps them stay focused, energised, and ready to learn! 🌟 We encourage all students to bring healthy, balanced lunches that include:

- ✓ Fresh fruit & veggies 🍎🥕
- ✓ Sandwiches, wraps, or other healthy mains 🍔
- ✓ Water to stay hydrated 💧
- ✓ Nutritious snacks like yogurt, cheese, or crackers

Let's try to limit sugary snacks and drinks like lollies, chocolate, fizzy drinks, and energy drinks, as they can lead to energy crashes and make learning harder. 🚫🍬🥤

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## Upcoming Events

### Thursday 13th March

Japanese Visitors to our school

### Monday 17th March

BOT Meeting 5.00pm

### Monday 17th March

Life Ed Truck here at School

### Monday 24th March

Life Education Truck here

### Friday 11th April

Last Day of Term



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School**

Te Kura o Kawaha  
Ki te taumata - Aim for the best



## Curriculum News

### Target writing at KPS

This year, we are placing a strong focus on writing in Years 3-6. Data from last year highlighted the need to close the gaps in writing achievement compared to our reading and maths results. To address this, the senior leadership team, in collaboration with teachers and learning assistants, has developed a targeted writing programme aimed at accelerating progress for our writers who are below curriculum expectations.

Our dedicated learning assistants are working closely with these students, providing small-group instruction as well as in-class support. During target writing sessions, children focus on:

- High-frequency words (heart words) – recognising, reading, and spelling them with confidence.
- Writing fluency – developing ease and automaticity in their writing.
- Letter formation – ensuring correct and consistent handwriting.
- Editing and punctuation – strengthening their ability to revise and refine their writing.

We believe this targeted approach will support our writers in making meaningful progress. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss the target writing programme during parent interviews, especially if their child is part of the initiative.

Thank you for your support in helping our young writers thrive!



### Sports Round-Up

**NETBALL** Great effort by both teams last night.

KPS KAHA Player of the day: Lexie – Sp 16

Last Week – Te Kurapa – Sp 7

KPS MAIA Player of the day: Chad – Sp 6

Last week – Dykota

Well Done!!

**FUTSAL** this Sunday @ RGHS Arena.

Both teams will be playing.

KPS KAHA vs Westbrook Futricks @ 10AM Crt 2

KPS MAIA vs Selwyn United @ 12.40PM Crt 2

**NO TOUCH** this week due to nationals.

**MINIBALL** We still need players for our Yr5-6 team we have 2 players so far and a coach...

Thank you Whaea Cindy!

Our Yr 3-4 team is full. Thank you Whaea Nikkola for coaching .

And our Yr0-2 team has 5 players so far. We will need another 3.... Thank you Whaea Leilah for coaching!

### Headlines from Mrs H

#### ATTENDANCE- EVERY DAY COUNTS

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. **MRS H**.



## Vision Photographer- Tahlia!- Our Leaders



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

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

**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!

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Te Kōwhiri o Kawaharua  
Kōwhiri o Taumata - Aim for the best!



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

**Milah - Space 3**



# Community Notices

**Basketball Holiday Camp**

**bnz KIWI HOOPS**

**14 - 17 April 2025**

**FUN & GAMES**

**Sportsdrome**  
9am-3.30pm  
(Open 8am - 4pm)

Click on QR Code to Register

Four Days (\$130)  
(2 or more siblings \$120 each)  
Casual: \$35per day

More Information:  
Email: rotoruabbal@xtra.co.nz

Bookings via [www.migs.co.nz](http://www.migs.co.nz)  
email: [migsholidayprogramme@outlook.co.nz](mailto:migsholidayprogramme@outlook.co.nz)

DAILY COSTS: 8AM-3.00PM \$45  
8AM-5.15PM \$55

Week 1  
Monday 14th April: Circuits -using all the equipment  
Tuesday 15th April: Craft Day  
Wednesday 16th April: Fun in the Kitchen -will it be savoury or sweet?  
Thursday 17th April: T-Day (Towers, Trampoline, Tag.....)  
Friday 18th April: **CLOSED** for GOOD FRIDAY  
Week 2  
Monday 21st April: **CLOSED** for EASTER MONDAY  
Tuesday 22nd April: Teams & Challenges Day  
Wednesday 23rd April: Trampoline & Tumble Day  
Thursday 24th April: Equipment Day  
Friday 25th April: **CLOSED** for ANZAC DAY

EACH DAY INCLUDES AN HOUR OF LEARNING SPECIFIC GYM SPORT SKILLS

#### DAILY REQUIREMENTS:

Children need to be dressed in appropriate clothing for active play. They are to bring their morning tea & lunch, some afternoon tea for the Full Day bookings, a named water bottle and socks for trampoline use.

We reserve the right to alter the daily schedule depending on the enrolled numbers.

Terms and Conditions apply, see them at [www.migs.co.nz](http://www.migs.co.nz)

OSCAR FORMS ARE REQUIRED TO BE INTO THE OFFICE, 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO HOLIDAYS START DATE.  
email: [admin@migs.co.nz](mailto:admin@migs.co.nz)

MID-ISLAND GYM SPORTS

## Philips 75PUT7908/79 75" Ambilight 4K Google Smart TV

Immersive Ambilight: Transform movie nights with captivating lighting at a value price!

Brand: Philips MPN: 75PUT7908/79 Part #: TVPH83475  
★★★★★ 75 reviews 10 photos

Screen Size  
50 inches 55 inches 65 inches **75 inches**

Screen Resolution 3840x2160	Refresh Rate Not Specified	HDR Compatible Yes
VESA Size 200 x 300	USB Ports 2	HDMI Ports 4
Amazon Alexa No		

View full specs.

We still have tickets left for the TV raffle!! \$20 per ticket Drawn at the last assembly of the term



Also Tents and Life Jackets are available to purchase at Discounted prices!!!

\$120 per Tent (4 man tents) \$25-\$30 Life Jackets

All in used but good condition.