

KI TE TAUMATA AIM FOR THE BEST

1st May 2025
Principal's Pen



Kia ora e te whānau,

It's so great to be back at school and jumping straight into the learning pit with our tamariki!

This week a new parent asked about what learning looks like here at KPS – a great question! At KPS, we believe in great teaching and learning every day, underpinned by clear routines, strong structure, and a focus on getting the basics right.

They asked:

-Do we do handwriting or just digital work?

Yes – every class does daily handwriting. It's an important part of our programme.

-Do we teach spelling?

Absolutely – we use The Code, a consistent school-wide spelling programme.

-Do we learn basic facts and times tables?

Yes – these are taught as part of our daily maths programme. We use Prime Maths as our core maths resource.

-What about writing?

This term, all classes are focusing on surface features such as full stops, capital letters, and speech marks. Our writing genre for the term is information reports.

-Do we do PE and topic studies?

Definitely! Each day starts with "Huff and Puff" fitness, and PE lessons take place in the afternoons alongside our inquiry/topic learning.

-Is there an arts programme?

Yes – and a big thank you to Heidi for the amazing artwork around the school. We're very proud of our visual arts programme.

-Do we teach Te Reo Māori?

Yes – all classes teach Te Reo. We also have two Angitu Māori medium classes one for Years 3–4 with Whaea Leilah and one for Years 5–6 with Whaea Kiri.

At KPS, we pride ourselves on structure, strong foundations in reading, writing, and maths, a commitment to Te Reo and the arts – and of course, having FUN along the way!

PS- if you know of any new families wanting a great learning and fun school! Send them to us- we would love to have them!

*Have a Wonderful weekend-
Piki te Ora. Maria*

Are you Interested in being part of the BOT?

In September, Board Elections will be held and a number of our current Board members will be standing down after completing their 3 years as our community elected board.

Formal nominations will be called for in July & you are also welcome to chat to Maria for an overview of the role of the Board, and to answer any queries you have.

Our next Board meeting is being held on MONDAY 12th May, 5pm in the school boardroom. People interested in running for the board are welcome to attend this meeting. Further information about Boards (from the NZ School Boards Association website):

<https://www.tewhakaroputanga.org.nz/about-us/what-are-school-boards>

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Upcoming Events

Monday 5th May

Bikes in school continues Yr 5-6

Thursday 8th May

Angitū 7 and 8 visit to Te Koutu Marae

Friday 9th May

Assembly 9.30 Kaiweka 17

Friday 9th May

Special Wahine afternoon 1.30 - 3pm

Monday 12th May

BOT meeting 5pm

Friday 16th May

Pink Shirt day



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Welcome back to Term 2!

Headlines from Mrs H



Let us know when your child is away from school.

It is our shared responsibility for schools and whanau to work together to support attendance. This includes letting us know when your child is going to be away from school.

As we move into winter with the colds and illness that come with the colder season, being away from school can not be helped if your child is sick.

Under MOE guidelines absence due to medical reasons is defined as:

Student absent due to short-term illness/medical reasons. Students are at home, or in hospital, because of illness or other medical reasons.

These absences will be recorded as M - for Medical absence.

If your child is away and you **do not get in contact with the school** to let us know the reason for their absence they will be marked as absent- and this is **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

If you have any questions or concerns with attendance please let us know.

We are here to help and support your whanau.

This term Kahu our KPS bear will be given to the class with the best attendance- (along with juicees) we all know attendance= achievement!

Congratulations Kaiweka 17- 94% attendance

Mrs H.

School event coming up! Week 2- Friday 1.30-3pm

A very special Mothers day celebration is coming up!!

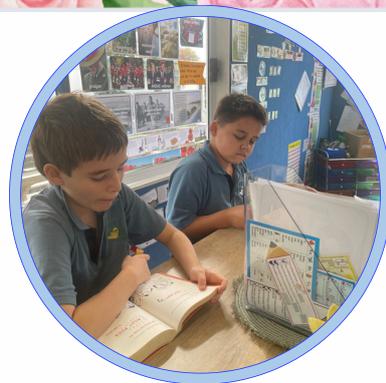
Join us at Kawaha Point School for the afternoon to celebrate our mums, nanas, aunts and all our special Wahine in our lives!! We would love to see you

From 1.30pm to 3pm we on the 9th of May
Afternoon tea will be provided

Please RSVP by the 6th May to the office for catering



Photo Round Up of the Week



A warm welcome to our new students- We hope you have a great learning journey at KPS.



**Sidney -
Sp 3**



**Harlee -
Sp 3**



**Gabriel -
Sp 3**



**John
Sp 3**



**Monique Coomber-
Office**



**Roslyn -
Sp 3**



**Cai -
Sp 4**



**Eternity -
Sp 6**



**Lexy -
Sp 8**



**Kane -
Sp 9**



**Elektra -
Sp 15**



**Cyrus -
Sp 17**



**Sam Peake-
Learning Assistant**

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

**Raffle tickets-
Still available**

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 #: TVPH52475
 ★★★★★ 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.**



**We still have tents and
life jackets for sale-
inquire at the office!**

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Te Kōwhiri o Kawaha
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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!



Term 2 Events

<p>Week 1- 28th April to 2nd May</p>	<p>Welcome back to Term 2 Bikes in school programme- Year 5-6</p> <p>Friday 2nd May- Pizza \$2 -Newsletter</p>
<p>Week 2- Monday 5th May to Friday 9th May</p>	<p>Bikes in school continue</p> <p>Thursday 8th May- Angitu 7 and 8 visit to Te Koutu Marae</p> <p>Friday 9 May- Assembly 9.30 Kaiweka 17 Special Mother's Day Afternoon 1.30-3pm</p>
<p>Week 3 Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May</p>	<p>Monday 12 May- BOT meeting 5pm</p> <p>Friday 16th May- Pink Shirt day -House afternoon -Mini meat pies \$2 -Newsletter day</p>
<p>Week 4 Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May</p>	<p>Tuesday 20th May- Photos</p> <p>Wednesday 21st May - KPS Cross Country- 1pm-2.30pm</p> <p>Thursday 22nd May- Young Leaders day Year 6s- Hamilton</p> <p>Friday 23rd May- Assembly Ngongotahā 14 9.30 -Movie Night 5.30pm -BBQ \$2 for sale (afternoon tea)</p>



Term 2 Events

<p>Week 5 Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May</p>	<p>Friday 30th May- Teacher's Only day- MOE Day- Learning Prime Maths</p>
<p>Week 6- Monday 2nd June to Friday 6th June</p>	<p>Monday 2nd June- Kings Birthday- Public Holiday - No school</p> <p>Friday 6th June- Assembly 9.30 Ngongotahā 11 -Duffy Theatre 11am -Pizza \$2</p>
<p>Week 7 Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June</p>	<p>Monday 9th June- BOT meeting 5pm</p> <p>Tuesday 10th June- CBOP Cross Country</p> <p>Friday 13th June- WHHS Choir performing -House afternoon- newsletter -Mini Meat pies \$2</p>
<p>Week 8 Monday 16th June to Friday 20th June</p>	<p>Monday 16th June- Reports go home</p> <p>Tuesday 17th June Parent Interviews 3-6pm Wednesday 18th June- 3-6pm</p> <p>Thursday 19th June- Matariki Parakuhi 7am Friday 20th June- Matariki Public Holiday</p>
<p>Week 9 Monday 23rd June to Friday 27th June</p>	<p>MAD week</p> <p>Wednesday 25th June 5.30pm- Matariki Po Whakagahau (Share the learning evening)</p> <p>Friday 27th June- Formal assembly 10am- Newsletter day</p> <p>END OF TERM 2! Term 3 begins- Monday 14th July!</p>



STAFF ONLY DAYS



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.