

Ki te Taumata Aim for the Best

Principal's Pen

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to Week 7! It's hard to believe there are only two weeks left in the term—and what a busy and exciting time it's shaping up to be!

Mid-Year Progress Reports

Next Monday, your child will bring home their mid-year progress report. These are a great way to see how your child is tracking so far this year. Then on Tuesday and Wednesday, we warmly invite you to come in for a chat with your child's teacher. It's a valuable opportunity to talk about their learning, celebrate progress, and ask any questions. You can book your time via the HERO app or by ringing the office—we'd love to see you!

Matariki Celebrations

Next week we begin our Matariki celebrations with a Parakuihi (Breakfast) at 7.45am—come and share kai with us as we welcome the Māori New Year together.

The following week, we invite you to **our Matariki Pō Whakangahau – Share the Learning Evening** on Wednesday from 5.00pm. Join us for kapa haka, wearable arts, food, and lights as we celebrate our tamariki's learning and creativity—always a beautiful evening!

New Whānau Welcome

To finish the term, we're holding **a special BBQ and School Tour on Thursday 26th June, 5.00–6.30pm**. With new homes opening up nearby, we're taking the opportunity to welcome new families into our neighbourhood and to our beautiful school.

There's lots happening—mauri ora and see you soon!

Piki te Ora.

Maria

Tumuaki | Principal



Reminder :

Parent Teacher Interviews

**Next week Tuesday the 17th and
Wednesday the 18th
of WEEK 8!!**

PLEASE make sure you book for a
Mid Year Interview
with your Childs teacher,
on HERO or call the office.

**EACH booking puts you in to the
draw to win a \$50
grocery voucher**

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 8

Monday 16th June

Reports to go home

Tuesday 17th June

Parent Teacher Interviews 3–6.30pm

Wednesday 18th June

Parent Teacher Interviews 3–6.30pm

Thursday 19th June

Matariki Parakuihi (Breakfast) 7.45 am

Friday 20th June

Matariki Public Holiday

WEEK 9 - MAD Week

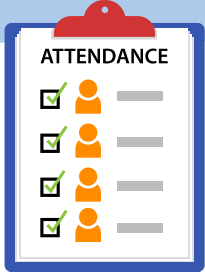
Wednesday 25th June

Matariki Po Whakangahu - 5.30pm
(Share the learning)



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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.

Days missed = years lost A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but....		
When you child misses justthey missand
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

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.

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

Curriculum Update



We are close to the rising of Matariki and the coming of the Māori new year. Matariki is a time of reflecting and remembering, joining together and celebrating together. That is the theme for Matariki in 2025 "Matariki Mā Puanga- Celebrating Together" It is time to look to the future in hope.

We really look forward to celebrating together with our families this Māori New Year.

Here are our significant dates as Matariki rises;

Thursday 19th June

Matariki Parakuihi (Breakfast) 7.45am

Friday 20th June

Matariki Public Holiday

Wednesday 25th June

Matariki Po Whakangahu - 5.00pm
(Share the learning)

Our share the learning night of kai, kapa haka, togetherness and celebration! Bring an appetite! Join us from 5.00pm - 7.00pm. Our staff will have sausages, soup, drinks and marshmallows for sale. Bring cash!

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Matariki ma Puanga HAUTAPU me PARAKUIHI

Tāite 19 Hune - Thursday 19 June
KPS Courtyard and Piazza
7:45 am - Hautapu Ceremony
8:00 am - Parakuihi - Breakfast

R.S.V.P to our school office by
Tuesday 17 June for catering

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Matariki ma Puanga SHARE THE LEARNING ARTS EVENING

Wednesday 25 Hune
KPS Piazza
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Celebrate Matariki ma Puanga with us!

- Come and see what your child has learnt this term.
- Enjoy our Recycled Wearable Art Show
- Visit our classrooms to view our Recycled Art and QWEST Wow Walls
- QWEST Scavenger Hunt
- Hot Kai for sale - soup, bread, sausage sizzle

- 5:00 pm - Karakia and Welcome
- 5:10 pm - Kapa Haka perform
- 5:30 pm - Share the Learning - Look around our classes, view our arts and learning, enjoy hot kai
- 6:15 pm - Wearable Arts Show

Wrap up warm because it will be makariri!

Our Week 6 Principal Award Recipients



Open Evening and BBQ

Thinking about schools for your child?

Come along to our **Open Evening – Thursday 26th June, 5.00–6.30pm.**

Enjoy a free BBQ, meet our friendly teachers, and take a guided walk through our beautiful neighbourhood school. We'd love to show you what makes Kawaha Point School a special place to learn and grow.



End of term coming!

KPS MAD WEEK



Upcoming

EVENTS- TERM 2

Monday
23 JUNE PJ Dress up day
Come to school in your PJS! House points for dressing up!

Tuesday
24 JUNE House challenge- Game
Rob the nest- meet in the piazza at 2pm

Wednesday
25 JUNE Matariki Share the learning
Evening- No MAD Item 5-6pm

Thursday
26 JUNE House challenge- at lunch
Hide n seek the staff member- meet in the piazza at lunch
Practise in the afternoon House meeting

Friday
27 JUNE House challenge- Line dancing
Meeting in the piazza- 2pm.



Our Mission- Great teaching and Learning Everyday



Term 2 Events

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

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.