

Ki te Taumata Aim for the Best



Principal's Pen

Kia Ora Beautiful Whanau,

What a busy and wonderful end to the term! Our Matariki Breakfast and Share the Learning evening were definite highlights. It was so heartening to see our tamariki excited to share their artwork and learning with whānau. A huge thank you to everyone who came along—it was great to see families exploring not just their child's classroom but others around the school too. What a special way to finish the term together.

Thank you for all your support over the term—it makes such a difference to our learners and our kura.

Unfortunately, the term has ended with a nasty flu bug sweeping through the school. Sore throats, coughs, and vomiting have certainly made their mark—poor Taumata 3 dropped from 15 children to just 2 by Friday, and even the teacher had to head home sick! Please take the time over the break to rest, recover, and recharge. We're looking forward to a healthy, happy Term 3 ahead.

Attached to this newsletter is our Term 3 calendar. You'll find the dates for upcoming events including our information evenings around Prime Maths and Structured Literacy—these are great opportunities to hear more about how we're supporting learning at school and how you can help at home.

We're also excited to welcome the SkyDome to our school next term as part of our QWEST inquiry into space—get ready for a term of curious questions and cosmic learning! And we are very excited about OSCAR after school programme has been given the go ahead at our school. Over the holidays we will track down more information ready to send to you asap.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday and see you back here ready for some more great teaching and learning!

Piki te Ora.

Maria

Tumuaki | Principal

Teacher Only Day Term 2

Please note

the teacher only day set aside next term is moved from

**Friday 29th August to
Monday 1st September.**

Our PLD provider couldn't get us the dates we wanted— but close enough.

This is a MOE day given to us to understand and grow our learning in the new curriculum.

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Upcoming Events

Beginning of Term 3

Week 1

Monday 14th July

Welcome back to term 3!!
Whakatau for New Whanau

Friday 18th July

Nominations called for the board
Newsletter Day
Pizza and Juicies for sale \$2

Week 2

Thursday 24th July

Camp meetings years 3 & 4 at 5.30pm, Year 5s at 6pm

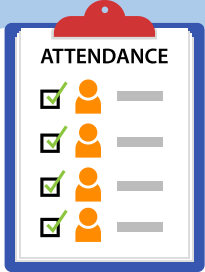
Friday 25th July

Assembly - Angitu 8
Sundaes for sale - \$3



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Ki te taumata - Aim for the best



Headlines from Mrs H

ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS



ATTENDANCE Term 2

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.

Term 1 = 81%

Term 2 = 82%

This is OK.....

What can we do to improve??

Send your child to school EVERYDAY they are well enough!

ATTENDANCE = ACHIEVEMENT

Communication: Let us know EVERYDAY your child is away.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure.

Let's improve our attendance in TERM 3!

CELEBRATING POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

At Kawaha Point School, as part of our PC4L (Positive Culture for Learning) approach, we have a strong rewards and acknowledgement system in place to celebrate our tamariki for consistently demonstrating positive behaviours. These behaviours reflect our school's core values—**Kia Kaha** (be strong), **Kia Māia** (be brave), **Kia Manawanui** (be kind), and **Kia Angitu** (be successful)—as well as our vision, *Ki te Taumata – Aim for the Best*, and our learning powers:

KPS Thinker, Explorer, Citizen, and Communicator.

Our reward systems include:

- **Class Dojo Points** – Tamariki earn dojo points for demonstrating positive learning behaviours and meeting expectations throughout the day. Points accumulate towards reward milestones.
- **Poumanawa Values Wristbands** – These wristbands recognize consistent demonstration of our school values:
 - **100 Points = White**
 - **300 points = Grey**
 - **500 Points = Blue**
 - **700 Points = Black**
 - **900 Points = Gold**
- **Playground Values Cards** – Given to students who demonstrate our values during break times. These contribute to house points, with a prize draw held at the end of each term.
- **Principal's Awards** – Presented at our fortnightly Friday assemblies, these certificates celebrate students for displaying our values and learning powers. Recipients also receive a Duffy Book.
- **Recon Awards** – In-class awards where teachers recognise a student demonstrating the focus value of the day. That student then chooses a peer who they feel has also lived the value – promoting student voice and peer acknowledgment
- **Formal End-Of-Term Assemblies** – these special events celebrate students who have earned Principals Certificates and Badges for exemplifying our KPS learning powers : Citizen, Thinker, Explorer and Communicator

Ngā mihi nui to all our tamariki who have received KPS rewards—we are proud of each and every one of you!

We warmly welcome all our whānau to join us at our celebration assemblies. Your presence makes these moments even more special, and we would love to see you there!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS - we will see you Monday 14th July

Happy
HOLIDAYS

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

Curriculum Update



Moving Goal Posts – Curriculum Shifts and What They Mean for Your Child**

You may have heard about the moving goal posts recently – and it's true, the Ministry of Education has raised expectations for our learners through the new curriculum and updated achievement levels. We've had some great questions from parents about this, particularly around Prime Maths and Structured Literacy, and want to reassure you that these shifts are positive and part of building a stronger foundation for all our tamariki.

In Prime Maths, for example, your child may have started on a lower book level than you expected. This is okay. Prime focuses on deep understanding and building concepts sequentially. Starting too high can result in children missing key building blocks, so our placement tests help us identify gaps and ensure we fill them slowly and consistently.

A similar approach is taken in our junior Structured Literacy programme. Teachers are being deliberate and careful, making sure each learner has securely grasped new rules and sounds before moving on. While it might appear that your child is progressing more slowly, we are building stronger foundations in both reading and maths.

High expectations are a good thing—and we're ready to meet them. It will take time, but with great teaching and learning every day, our learners will rise to the challenge, grow in confidence, and make excellent progress.

Photo Round Up



Congratulations Victoria- Kylani's and Manaia's mum who won the \$50 grocery voucher for coming along to the school interviews

Term 3 Dates!

Week 1- 14th July- 18th July	Term begins- Mon 14 th July - Whakatau for new whanāu Fri 18 th July- Nominations called for the board. Newsletter Pizza \$2
Week 2- 21st -25th July	Thurs 24 th July- Camp meeting year 3-4 at 5.30pm and year 5 at 6pm Fri 25 th July- assembly Angitu 8 Sundaes \$3
Week 3- 28th July-1st August	Wed 30 th July- Angitu Tree planting Fri 1 st August- Newsletter Movie night 5.30pm Pizza \$2
Week 4- 4th-8th August	Mon 4 th Aug- Board Mtg 5pm Wed 6 th July- nominations close for the board Fri 8 th Aug- Assembly Taumata 6 Meat pies \$2
Week 5- 11 -15 August	Wed 13 th Aug- Voting out for BOT sent out Thurs 14 th Aug- Sky dome at school Fri 15 th Aug- House newsletter pizza \$2
Week 6- 18-22 August	Tues – Hui-a-whanau Prime maths and structured literacy information 5.30 and then 6pm Wed- Tough Guy and Gal Fri- Assembly Taumata 4 Sundaes \$3
Week 7- 25- 29 August	Tues- Fluoride visits Thurs- 5.30pm Parent helpers for year 3-4 camp then year 5 helpers at 6pm Fri- Father's day Breakfast 7-8.30am Fri- House newsletter Pizza \$2
Week 8 1st – 5th September	Mon- Board meeting 5pm Wed- Fri- Year 5 camp BMAC Fri- Taumata 9 assembly Mince pies \$2
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Week 10 15th – 19th Sept	Mon- MAD Week Tues- Count board votes Wed- Speech night 6pm New board takes office Annual Bake Off Thurs- Dance party Induction night new board 6pm. Fri- last day of term Formal assembly Coloured run

End of Term Staffing Updates.

As we finish the term, we also want to take a moment to say farewell to Matua Mike, who is heading off to find a job closer to home. We wish him all the very best on his journey and thank him sincerely for everything he has done for our kura. Mrs K and Whaea Cheryl have already taken over in Ngongotahā 14 and are doing a wonderful job making their mark.

We also farewell Sheree Jansen, our Taumata 3 teacher, who will be leaving us in Week 3 of Term 3 to take on a new role at another school and broaden her horizons. We thank Sheree for her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best in her new adventure. We're pleased to let you know that Sarah Isiah will be joining our team as her replacement—we look forward to introducing her next term.



BOT Elections:

Board of Trustees Elections – Keen to Get Involved?

Are you interested in standing for our school board? We're looking for 4–5 parent representatives, and we'd love for you to consider putting your name forward! The election process starts next term, and more information will be shared then. In the meantime, have a think—is this something for you? We'd love to have you on board!

Great teaching and learning everyday