

Kite Taumata Aim for the Best

Principal's Pen

Welcome back to Term 3!

What an amazing start we've had! One of the things I've truly loved this week is how quickly our children have settled back into learning. It's like they never left — they've picked up right where they left off and carried on with enthusiasm and focus. There's a calm, positive vibe around the school, and it's clear that our learners are happy to be back, reconnecting with their friends, their teachers, and their learning.

This week, I was contacted by a reporter from the Bay of Plenty Times, asking for my thoughts on the government's recent announcement on a shift from open-plan to single-cell classrooms.

At Kawaha Point School, we made this move three years ago. When I first arrived, we had large hubs of 60–90 children — and it was clear that this model didn't align with the direction we wanted to take as a school. Achievement levels were low, behaviour was a challenge, and many children didn't see themselves as successful learners.

Moving to single-cell classrooms was a big shift, but it's one that has made a huge difference. Since then, we've seen improvements across the board — in achievement, behaviour, and learner confidence. Our students are more engaged, focused, and proud of their learning.

Another key change the Board made was to reintroduce furniture into classrooms. In open-plan spaces, there was often very little furniture and not enough places for children to sit, write, or work effectively. Over the past three years, the Board has invested heavily to return our school to a space that truly supports learning.

We still collaborate, we still connect across classrooms — but the core focus is clear: learning comes first.

If you're passionate about supporting the direction of our kura and want to be involved in important decisions that shape our future, Board of Trustee elections are happening this term. We would love for you to consider standing.

Ngā mihi nui,
Maria Gillard



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Upcoming Events

TERM 3 - WEEK 2

Monday 21st July

House Assemblies

Tuesday 22nd July

Wheels day - Yrs 3-6

Wednesday 23rd July

Pre School Buddies - 9.30am

Wheels Day - Yrs 0-2

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



Nau mai, haere mai!

A Warm Welcome to Our New Students!



Dilreet-Taumata 3



Cully-Taumata 3



Kaiwhi-Taumata 3



Gus-Taumata 3



Dynasty-Taumata 4



Ivy-Taumata 4



Thomas-Taumata 3



Sadie-Taumata 6



Giovanni-Angitu 7



Canelo-Taumata 6



Camira-Taumata 9



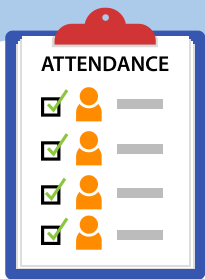
Hikamate-Angitu 8



Teiyah-Kaiweka 17

We are excited to welcome our new tamariki to our school whānau. We look forward to getting to know you and supporting you on your learning journey. Ki te Taumata.

Nau mai, haere mai!



Headlines from Mrs H

ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS

ATTENDANCE Term 3



Attendance is a shared responsibility .

Today's learners are tomorrow's leaders.

Attendance is the first step to learning. Students aged 6-16 years old are legally required to attend school every day. It's everyone's responsibility to make sure children and young people attend so they can engage and achieve in their learning. Schools are expected to have their own attendance policies and procedures, and they must record and report on attendance. This includes a responsibility to take reasonable steps to make sure enrolled students attend whenever the school is open.

You MUST let us know EVERYDAY your child is away from school. 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.

OSP
Kawaha Point
Open from 14 July 2025

**BEFORE/AFTER CARE
ENROLLMENT**

Before care - \$9 per hour

After care:
One Child: \$10 per hour
Two Children: \$9.50 per hour
Three Children: \$8.50 per hour

PROGRAM FEATURES :

- ✓ Safe, caring environment
- ✓ Fun Indoor play
- ✓ Fun Outdoor play

ENROLL NOW

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Located in the School Library

Teacher Only Day

A reminder this term we have a
teacher only day on

MONDAY 1st September.

It was originally Friday 29th August- but
our PLD Provider cannot make it that
day. We are sorry for any
inconvenience.



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

Term 3 Dates!

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Week 1– 14th July– 18th July	Term begins– Mon 14 th July – Whakatau for new whanau Fri 18 th July– Nominations called for the board. Newsletter Pizza \$2
Week 2– 21st –25th July	Thurs 24 th July– Kaitao Open Day year 5–6 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	Mon 4 th Aug– Board Mtg 5pm Wed 30 th July– Angitu Tree planting Fri 1 st August– Newsletter Movie night 5.30pm Pizza \$2
Week 4– 4th–8th August	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	Mon– Board Meeting 5pm. Tues– Fluoride visits Thurs– 5.30pm Parent helpers for year 3–4 camp then year 5 helpers at 6pm Thurs– Orientation day Year 6s at Kaitao. Fri– Father’s day Breakfast 7–8.30am Fri– House newsletter Pizza \$2

Week 8 1st – 5th September	Mon- Teacher Only day Wed- Fri- Year 5 camp BMAC Fri- Taumata 9 assembly Mince pies \$2
Week 9 8th– 12th September	Tues- Progress interviews 3-6pm Wed- Voting closes for the board Thurs- Fri- Mi camp year 3-4 camp at Lake Whakamaru Fri- Newsletter House Pizza \$2
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

Week 1 Photo Round Up



Great teaching and learning everyday