

Kite Taumata Aim for the Best



Principal's Pen

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to the end of another fantastic week of learning at KPS! I continue to be so impressed with the focus, engagement, and enthusiasm happening across all our classrooms—our learners are truly embracing the challenge and joy of learning. This week, we shared our mid-year data with the Board. While we did notice a dip in some of our maths results, we acknowledge that this reflects the shift to the new curriculum and the implementation of Prime Maths. The concepts being taught now are setting a strong foundation for deeper learning in the years to come.

We had planned to host a Hui ā-Whānau evening in Week 6 to share more about Prime Maths and our Structured Literacy programme, The Code. However, we've decided to postpone this until after our upcoming Teacher Only Day, where staff will receive in-depth professional development on The Code, covering Years 0–6. This will allow us to present a clearer picture to you and answer any questions confidently. The new date for our Hui ā-Whānau will be in Term 4—a great chance to learn more about the exciting changes in maths, spelling, and literacy teaching for your tamariki.

Finally, our current Board has one last meeting before stepping aside for the new Board to be elected. Have you considered standing? We would love to see new faces around the table! It's just two meetings per term, a meaningful way to support the school's strategic direction—and yes, there's a small payment (which might even help with Christmas shopping!).

Please have a think—we'd love for you to join us in leading KPS into the future.

Piki te Ora,

Maria Gillard

Principal | Tumuaki

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Upcoming Events

TERM 3 – WEEK 4

Monday 4th August

House Assemblies

Tuesday 5th August

Wheels day - Yrs 3-6

Wednesday 6th August

Pre School Buddies - 9.30am

Wheels Day - Yrs 0-2

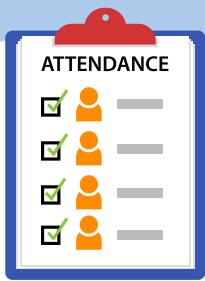
Lockdown drill

Nominations close for the board

Friday 8th August

Assembly - Taumata 6

Sausage sizzle - \$2



Headlines from Mrs H



School Attendance – Important Information for Whānau

Under Ministry of Education guidelines, it is a legal requirement that all school-aged children attend school every day they are well enough.

As a parent or caregiver, you **MUST**:

- Ensure your child attends school every day they are well.
- Contact the school **every day** your child is absent – whether for a full day, part day, or if they are going to be late.
- Let the school know the **reason** for their absence (e.g., illness, medical appointments, or tangihanga).

- Please note:

Family holidays or time off for **extracurricular activities not organised by the school** are **not considered acceptable reasons** for absence.

What you can do to support your child's attendance:

- Talk with your child about why attending school every day is important for their learning and their future.
- If your child is reluctant to attend school, please talk with them—and talk with us. We are here to help and can work together to find solutions.
- Encourage your child to return to school as soon as possible after being absent. The longer they are away, the harder it can be to catch up on missed learning.

Need help?

If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school, please let us know. Our school is committed to supporting you and your child to ensure they are at school, learning, and thriving.

Ngā mihi

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

Curriculum Updates

While handwriting is not new, the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum has now clearly outlined handwriting expectations across all year levels. At KPS, we've always valued the importance of handwriting alongside digital skills. Since I began here, we've continued to make handwriting a priority.

- Years 0–3 have daily handwriting sessions,
- Years 4–6 have handwriting sessions four times a week.

We believe handwriting helps build fine motor skills, supports spelling and reading development, and gives students confidence in their writing.

Camps:

Parent permission forms have now gone home for the upcoming camps:

- Year 3–4 Camp to Lake Whakamaru – 11–12 September
- Year 5 Camp to BMAC– Wednesday 3rd Sept–Friday 5th September

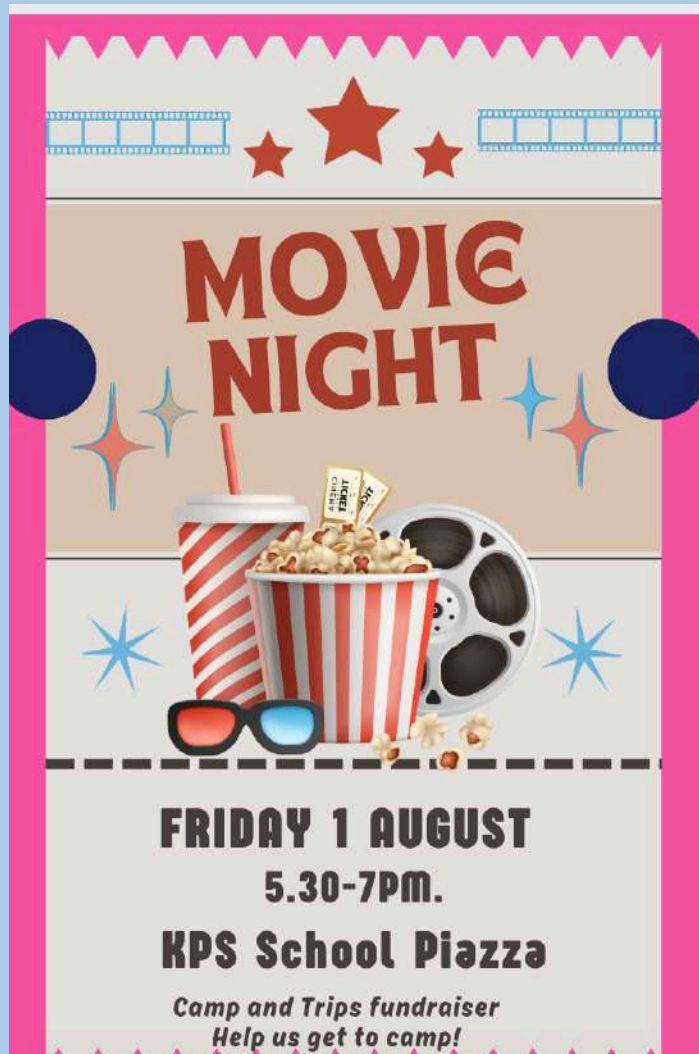
If you do not want your child to attend, please let us know so we can adjust numbers. You can contact us by email, phone, or by speaking with the office or your child's teacher. We're looking forward to amazing learning and outdoor fun! If you need support in any way, please pop in and see Maria.

Camp Fees:

- Year 3: \$40.00
- Year 4: \$80.00
- Year 5: \$150.00
- Year 6: \$150.00

ASB Account: 12-3263-0009043-00

Please include your child's name and class when making payments.



Nau mai, haere mai!

A Warm Welcome to Our New Students!



**Zovi –
Taumata 4**



**Casey –
Ngongotahā 14**



**Isaiah – Kaiweka
16**



Avani– Taumata 5

KPS Principal Award Winners of Week 2



Cully – Sp 3



Leila – Sp 4



Judah – Sp 5



Sky – Sp 6



Te Kurupa – Sp 7



Jordyn – Sp 8



Milah – Sp 9



Holly – Sp 11



Gurleen – Sp 14



Te Ariki – Sp 15



Zaka – Sp 16



Quentin – Sp 17



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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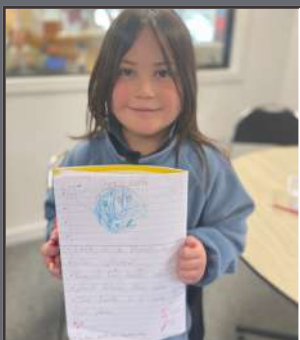
Located in the School Library

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.



Great teaching and learning everyday

Term 3 Dates!

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 learning information 5.30 and then 6pm POSTPONED Wed- Tough Guy and Gal Fri- Assembly Taumata 4 Sundaes \$3 <i>Hui a whanau moved to Term 4 November 5.30 session and 6pm</i>
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