

1st August 2025

## Principal's Pen

# Kite Taumata Aim for the Best



Kia ora Koutou,

Welcome to the end of Week 5! It's been another fantastic week of learning, full of excitement and curiosity. A real highlight was the Star Dome experience here at school – our tamariki were absolutely buzzing as they explored the wonders of space inside the inflatable dome. It sparked great conversations, questions, and a love of learning about our universe.

We've also received notification from the **Education Review Office (ERO)** that they will be visiting us at the end of this term. Their last visit was in February 2023, and we are genuinely looking forward to welcoming them back and sharing the incredible progress we've made across teaching and learning over the past few years.

### **Congratulations to our newly elected School Board members:**

- Sophie Doyle
- Emma Sorenson
- Tatiana Hohepa
- Stacey Meihana
- Kelly Haimona

Thank you for putting your hands up to serve and help shape the strategic direction of our school over the next three years. The new and outgoing board members will meet for a handover on **Monday 25th August**. We are grateful for the work of our outgoing board and warmly welcome our new members into their roles.

Over the past couple of weeks, it's also been exciting to see **our school roll** continue to grow. With this, we've experienced a few changes and challenges in our junior classrooms. A big thank you to our Taumata 3 and 5 whānau for your patience and support as we've navigated these transitions. We're delighted to welcome Sarah Isiah to Taumata 5 and look forward to supporting her on her teaching journey here at KPS.

Ngā mihi nui,

Maria Gillard  
Principal | Tumuaki

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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **TERM 3 – WEEK 6**

##### **Monday 18th August**

House Assemblies  
SPEECHES round One

##### **Tuesday 19th August**

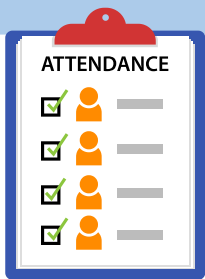
Wheels day - Yrs 3-6

##### **Wednesday 20th August**

Pre School Buddies - 9.30am  
Wheels Day - Yrs 0-2  
Tough Guy and Girl

##### **Friday 21st August**

Assembly - Taumata 4  
Pizza And Juicies for sale \$2  
Board goes home - Agenda. | Induction.



## 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.**

<b>Days missed = years lost</b> <b>A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but .....</b>		
When your child misses just .....	.....they miss	..... and
<b>1 day a fortnight =</b>	<b>4 weeks per year =</b>	<b>1 year over their school life</b>
<b>1 day a week =</b>	<b>8 weeks per year =</b>	<b>2.5 years over their school life.</b>

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 Updates

## Speeches:

We are currently beginning **our annual school speech competition**, which always brings a mix of excitement and a little nervous energy! All learners will be delivering a speech in their classroom, with some moving on to year group semi-finals, and then to our grand finals. This year, Angitu 7 and 8 learners will also have the opportunity to write and present their speeches in te reo Māori, which is an exciting new addition.

📅 Speech Finals Night will now take place on **Tuesday 16th September** to make way for our upcoming Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – Share the Learning Evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

- **Year 0–3 Finals: 6:00–6:30pm**
- **Year 4–6 and Te Reo Māori Speeches: 6:30–7:30pm**

Some students will be writing their speeches at school, while others may ask for support at home – especially with delivery, which is a big part of the judging! We can't wait to see the confidence and creativity shine.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Teacher Only Day

A reminder this term we have a teacher only day on

**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

It was originally Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August– but our PLD Provider cannot make it that day. We are sorry for any inconvenience.





***Nau mai, haere mai!***

***A Warm Welcome to Our New Students!***



Jase - Taumata 5



Te Wahi -  
Ngongotaha 11



Rangihemo -  
Ngongotaha 11



Manaia -  
Ngongotaha 11



Horizon -  
Kaiweka 16



ShineJoy - Taumata 9



Rongo - Kaiweka 16

## ***KPS Principal Award Winners of Week 4***



Gabriel - Taumata 5



Kaiden - Taumata 4



Judah - Taumata 6



Harlee - Taumata 9



Kaine - Angitu 7



Deikyn - Angitu 8



Chloe - Ngongotaha 11



Khloe - Ngongotaha 14



Aubree - Kaiweka 16





**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**



Central Kids is in Rotorua.

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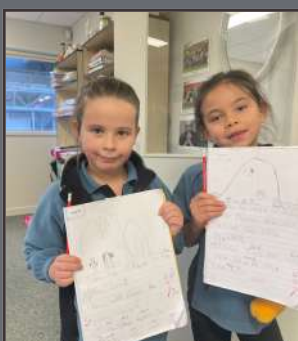
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Do you have pre-school tamariki? Selwyn Kindergarten has spaces available now for tamariki from two years of age.

- ★ 8.00am - 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.
- ★ Term breaks: OPEN.
- ★ Kai and clothing provided in partnership with KidsCan.
- ★ Minimum enrolment six hours per day, three days per week.
- ★ Low fees + extra support available.
- ★ No cost for tamariki aged three and over, unless you choose to enrol them for more than 20 hours a week.

Our large outdoor environment provides lots of opportunity to explore the natural environment and PLAY. Strong relationships with whānau and our community are at the heart of everything we do, and we're committed to making sure all tamariki can experience the joy of kindergarten.

Nau mai haere mai, come in for a kōrero



Great teaching and learning everyday

# Term 3 Dates!

<b>Week 6-</b> <b>18-22 August</b>	<p>Tues – Hui – Whanau Prime maths and structure information 5.30 and then 6pm</p> <p>Wed- Tough Guy and Gal</p> <p>Fri- Assembly Taumata 4   Sundaes \$3</p>
<b>Week 7-</b> <b>25- 29 August</b>	<p>Mon- Board Meeting 5pm.</p> <p>Tues- Fluoride visits</p> <p>Thurs- 5.30pm Parent helpers for year 3-4 camp then year 5 helpers at 6pm</p> <p>Thurs- Orientation day Year 6s at Kaitao.</p> <p>Fri- Father's day Breakfast 7-8.30am</p> <p>Fri- House   newsletter  Pizza \$2</p>

<b>Week 8</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Mon- Teacher Only day</b> Wed- Fri- Year 5 camp BMAC Fri- Taumata 9 assembly   Mince pies \$2
<b>Week 9</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	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
<b>Week 10</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	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