

29th August 2025

Kite Taumata Aim for the Best

Principal's Pen

**Kia ora e te whānau,
Welcome to Week 7!**

This week marks an important moment in our school's journey, as our former Board of Trustees met with the new board to officially hand over the reins. **A heartfelt thank you goes to John Kilpatrick and Kelly Ross**, who have passionately steered our school in a positive direction over the past few years. Their support for both staff and students has been unwavering, and we are truly grateful for their contribution. We will miss them and wish them all the very best in their next chapter beyond the board.

We're excited to welcome our new Board of Trustees: Kelly, Stacey, Tatiana, Jodi, Sophie, and Emma. This talented and committed team is already showing great energy and heart for our kura. A special congratulations to Sophie, who has been elected as Presiding Chair for the remainder of the year. We're in great hands!

A quick **reminder that Monday is a Teacher Only Day**, one of the four allocated across the year for staff professional learning. We truly appreciate your support and understanding, and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. OSCAR will be open for those who need care on the day. This is the third in our series of teacher-only days, with the final one coming up alongside Labour Weekend.

And finally – **best wishes to our amazing Year 5 campers, who are heading off this week to Blue Mountain Lodge in Raurimu, near Mt Ruapehu.** We know they'll have an incredible time and represent KPS with pride. Have a great adventure!

Piki te Ora,

Maria



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Te Kura o Kawaha
Ki te taumata - Aim for the best

Upcoming Events

TERM 3 – COMING UP – WEEK 8

Monday 1st September

TEACHERS ONLY DAY – NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 3rd September

Year 5s – Leave for Blue Mountain Camp 9am

Friday 5th September

Year 5s – Return from Blue Mountain Camp 4.30pm

Taumata 9 Assembly – 9.30am

Sausage sizzle & Juices for sale – \$2

WEEK 9

Tuesday 9th September

Progress Interviews – 3–6pm

Thursday 11th September

Years 3 & 4 – Mi Camp 9am – Year 3s Return 3.30pm

Friday 12th September

Pizza and Juices – \$2

Year 4s return from Mi Camp 1.30pm



Headlines from Mrs H



ATTENDANCE REWARDS

"At KPS we monitor attendance daily. Every day your child is at school, they have the best opportunity to engage in learning, make progress, and build positive relationships."

We acknowledge students who have high school attendance. These celebrations include:

- Principals dance party- at the end of each term for those students who have attendance of 85% or higher come to the piazza and join the dance party and an ice cream with Mrs Gillard
- Kahu Bear- is given out to the class with the highest attendance each week. Having Kahu in the class for the week is a highly valued reward.

Mrs H.



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

Curriculum Updates

KPS Speech Competition:

We are now halfway through our annual school speech competition, and it's been fantastic to see the excitement building across the school. A big thank you to all the parents who have been supporting their tamariki with writing and practising their speeches at home—it really makes a difference!

This year, we are thrilled to introduce a Te Reo Māori section, with learners from Angitu 7 and 8 choosing to write and present their speeches in te reo.

Classroom presentations are well underway, and teams are now coming together for the second round of judging to select our semi-finalists. From there, the top speakers will move on to our Speech Finals Night:

Tuesday 16th September

(to make way for our Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – Share the Learning Evening on Thursday 18th)

Year 0–3 Finals: 6:00–6:30pm

Year 4–6 and Te Reo Māori Speeches: 6:30–7:30pm

Some students are writing their speeches at school, while others may be asking for help at home—especially with delivery, which is a key part of the judging criteria. We can't wait to see the confidence, creativity, and courage on display as our learners aim for the best—Ki te taumata!

Camps:

The excitement is building as **our Year 5 learners head off to camp this coming week!** We wish them all the very best for an adventurous, fun-filled, and memorable few days at BMAC. We know they'll represent KPS with pride and make the most of every opportunity.

Here's a reminder of the upcoming camps:


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

If you do not want your child to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so we can adjust numbers. You can contact us via email, phone, or by speaking with the office or your child's teacher.

We're looking forward to amazing learning, new friendships, and outdoor adventures. 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. Thank you!

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.

REMINDER

Nau mai, haere mai!
A Warm Welcome to Our New Students!



Harlowe –
Taumata 5



Brooklyn –
Taumata 5



Decarlo –
Ngongotaha 11



Aloura –
Kaiweka 15

KPS Principal Award Winners of Week 6



Thomas– Taumata 3



Maddox – Taumata 4



Cully – Taumata 5



Asher – Taumata 6



Nixon – Taumata 9



Tamahou – Angitu 7



Tipene – Angitu 8



Amos –
Ngongotaha 11



Amos –
Ngongotaha 14



Maia – Kaiweka 15



Jordan – Kaiweka 16



Yaseen – Kaiweka 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

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Central Kids is in Rotorua.

6 Aug · 🌐

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!

Week 8 1st – 5th September	Mon- Teacher Only day Wed- Fri- Year 5 camp BMAC Wed- Duffy role model assembly Fri- Taumata 9 assembly Sausages \$2
Week 9 8th– 12th September Finalists chosen for speeches	MON- Dress up day Opposites (MAD Week) Tues- Progress interviews 3-6pm Tues- Road Patrol training 2026 Tues- MAD Week- Bake off Wed- MAD week- presentation Thurs- Fri- Mi camp year 3-4 camp at Lake Whakamaru Fri- Newsletter House Pizza \$2 Fri- Year 4s back to school around lunch
Week 10 15th – 19th Sept	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Week Mon- Tues- Speech night 6pm- 7.30pm Wed- ERO at school Thurs- Dance party Te Reo whānau evening 5.30-7pm Mad week- Jump jam display Fri- last day of term Formal assembly Coloured run 1pm sundaes
Term 4 begins	Monday 6th October first day of the term Teacher Only day 24th October (MOE day) Labour day 27th October (Public Holiday) Last day of school 2025- Tuesday 16th December

KPS Sports News

Hockey

Hockey season has come to an end – With that we would like to say, thank you to our amazing coach Liz and to all the whanau for the dedication, and support shown throughout the season for our players. We are so proud of our two teams – KPS Maxis, who placed **third**, and KPS Minis, who played with great determination in every game. Ka mau te wehi!



Mini Ball

The season is still continuing – We have two teams KPS Manawanui our Year 1 & 2s Who play Mondays and KPS Maia our Year 3 & 4s who play Fridays

Touch - Term 4

REMINDER : We are looking for more players for our senior and junior teams. Forms have been handed out – There are also some in the office if needed. Grading starts on Tuesday 7th October at the Westbrook Fields. \$25 per player must be paid ASAP – No Pay No Play

Learn * Care * Grow



COLOUR FUN RUN 2025



WHEN - 19TH SEPTEMBER

WHERE - KPS FIELD

WHO - THE WHOLE SCHOOL + WHANAU!

**WHY - TO RAISE MONEY FOR CAMPS AND
SCHOOL TRIPS**

