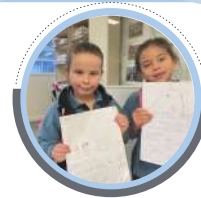


12th September 2025

Principal's Pen

Ki te Taumata Aim for the Best



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the end of Week 9 – we can't believe how fast this term has flown by! With just one more week until the school holidays, we're wrapping up the term with a flurry of exciting activities.

🌿 Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – Celebrating 50 Years!

Next week we proudly celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, marking 50 years of recognising and revitalising te reo across Aotearoa. To honour this special milestone, we have a range of fun and meaningful events planned:

- 🔄 Te Reo Māori Rotations across the school
- 📖 Big Book Read-Alouds in te reo by our student leaders
- 🎵 Waiata Singalong – schoolwide on Wednesday afternoon
- 🌙 Te Reo Evening Celebration – join us on Thursday night for an hour of fun! Kai will be available to purchase, and it will be a beautiful way to connect and celebrate together as a whānau.

A huge thank you to Whaea Kiri for organising such a rich and vibrant week for our tamariki and staff.

🗣️ Speech Competition Finals Next Week

We'll also be finishing off our focus on speeches next week with our annual school-wide speech competition. We're thrilled to welcome Toastmasters, who will be judging each year group.

This year we also introduce a Te Reo Māori speech section – a fantastic way to further embrace language and culture during Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Ka mau te wehi!

👁️ ERO Visit – Wednesday

On Wednesday, we welcome the Education Review Office (ERO) to KPS. This is a valuable opportunity to showcase all the great teaching and learning happening across our kura.

We look forward to taking them through our classrooms and sharing the growth, creativity, and aroha that define life at Kawaha Point School. A big thank you to our amazing staff for the mahi and preparation.

🏕️ Camp Success – Thank You Whānau!

What a term it's been for education outside the classroom!

- 🏞️ Our Year 5s had an incredible time at Blue Mountain Lodge in Raurimu
- 🌊 And our Year 3-4 learners loved their adventures at Lake Whakamaru

Thank you to all the staff, parents, and helpers who made these camps such memorable experiences for our tamariki. The smiles say it all!

📅 Final Week Reminders

- With the holidays just around the corner, don't forget to book in for our OSCAR after-school holiday programme – spaces can fill up fast.
- A short newsletter will be sent home next week with key Term 4 dates and reminders.

Ngā mihi nui for all your support this term.

We're so proud of our learners and grateful for the partnership we share with you, our whānau.

Have a wonderful final week of Term 3 – let's finish strong!

Ngā manaakitanga,

Maria

Principal | Tumuaki

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Upcoming Events

TERM 3 – COMING UP – WEEK 10

Monday 15th September

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
BOT meeting 5pm

Tuesday 16th September

Annual Speech night 6pm start.

Wednesday 17th September

ERO Visit

Thursday 18th September

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori evening 5.30-6.30pm

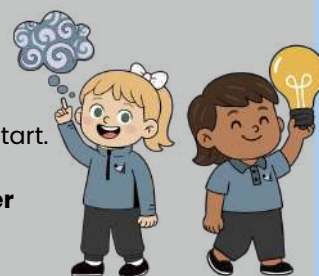
Friday 19th September

Formal assembly 9.30 followed by Morning tea
Coloured run 2pm

Final newsletter term 4 dates

Last day of term 3

First day term 4 – MONDAY 6th October





Headlines from Mrs H



ATTENDANCE Term 3

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%

Term 3 = 81%

This is OK BUT

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.

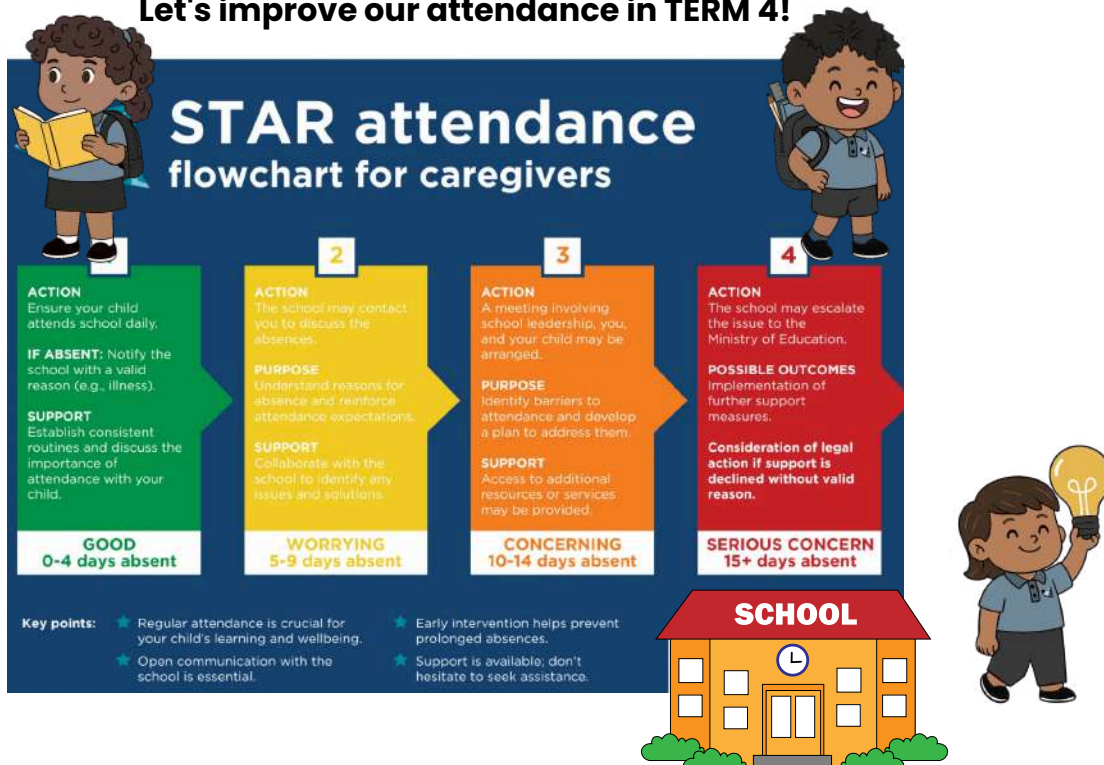
If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

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 4!

Mrs H.



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

Curriculum Corner:

KPS Speech Competition:

Our finalists have been chosen- woo hoo.

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.

remember finalists to wear your school uniform and bring your speech on cue cards!

 **Tuesday 16th September**

Year 0–3 Finals: 6:00–6:40pm

Year 4–6 and Te Reo Māori Speeches: 6:40–7:30pm

We can't wait to see the confidence, creativity, and courage on display as our learners aim for the best—Ki te taumata!

Camps – Learning Beyond the Classroom

We're still buzzing from the success of our Year 3–5 camps this term, and now all eyes are on the exciting Year 6 camp planned for Term 4!

Our seniors are in for an unforgettable adventure with a:

- 🌙 Sleepover at Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium
- 🏛️ Visit to the Auckland Museum and Auckland Zoo
- 🎬 Creative workshop at the Wētā Workshop Unleashed (Peter Jackson's film studios – think movie blood-making and behind-the-scenes magic!)
- 🦋 And a fun day trip to Butterfly Creek to round it all off!

Please continue to chip away at camp payments if you're able – every contribution helps make these incredible learning experiences possible.

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!



♥ **MAD Week – Making a Difference**

This term we've been celebrating MAD Week – our special House Competition with a focus on Making a Difference through fun and teamwork.

- 🥳 We kicked off with a vibrant dress-up day
- 🍰 Followed by our legendary annual Bake-Off – congrats to Hatupatu, who rose to the top as the winning house for baking!
- 🎤 Jump Jam performances will be displayed on Thursday
- 🌈 And we wrap it all up with the ever-popular Coloured Run!

House points are stacking up fast, and the energy across the school has been amazing!



Looking Ahead – Term 4 Highlights

There's so much to look forward to next term, including:

- 📖 Book Week – a magical week celebrating the joy of reading and imagination
- 🛍️ Our annual Market Day – showcasing learner creativity, enterprise, and fun!
- 📖 And a Book Fair right here at school – perfect for growing home libraries

Watch this space for more info in the Term 4 kickoff newsletter!

Planning for 2026. Leavers and New Enrolments

As we prepare for next year, please let us know if your child/ren will not be returning to KPS in 2026, or if you are aware of any enrolments for next year. This helps us with planning and ensuring smooth transitions for all students.



Just give Monique or Deb a call – **07 348 5864**
or Email the office – **office@kps.school.nz**

(please note this does not apply to our year 6 leavers.)



Nau mai, haere mai!

A Warm Welcome to Our New Students!



Izeja -
Angitu 8



Kataraina -
Taumata 5



Selena -
Taumata 3



Karaitiana -
Taumata 5



Lockie -
Angitu 8

KPS Principal Award Winners of Week 8



Adi- Taumata 3



Lazuli - Taumata 4



Avani - Taumata 5



Zion - Taumata 6



Kane - Taumata 9



Iraia - Angitu 7



Hautapu - Angitu 8



Charlie -
Ngongotaha 11



Jackson -
Ngongotaha 14



Kinai -
Kaiweka 15



Sapphire -
Kaiweka 16



Madisyn -
Kaiweka 17

Year 5 - Camp at Blue Mountain Adventure Centre - Raurimu

On Wednesday through to Friday our amazing Year 5 Students went off to camp



Great teaching and learning everyday

Term 4 Dates!

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
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Sports Round Up

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

Futsal - Term 4

If your child/ren are interested in being part of a team - please come and collect a permission slip from the office. This goes for seven weeks - on Sundays, playing at the Girls High Arena. Futsal begins on Sunday 12th October and finishes Sunday 30th November - \$30 per player

Reminders

KAWAHA POINT SCHOOL PRESENTS
Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
 TAITE 18 O HEPETEMA | THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
AKE, AKE, AKE - A FOREVER LANGUAGE
 CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Te Reo Māori Kōwhiri/Games
 Waiata, Kōwhiri
 Māori Speech Finalists
 Kai roto i te puke - It's in the Bag - Prizes!

Whānau Fun Night!
 A FUN, INTERACTIVE CELEBRATION OF TE REO MĀORI!
 BEGINS AT 5:30 - 6:30 PM
 \$2 SAUSAGE SIZZLE AVAILABLE FROM 5:00 PM

KAWAHA POINT SCHOOL PIAZZA
 NAU MAI, HAERU

COLOUR FUN RUN 2025

WHEN - 19th SEPTEMBER
 WHERE - KPS FIELD
 WHO - THE WHOLE SCHOOL + WHĀNAU!
 WHY - TO RAISE MONEY FOR CAMPS AND SCHOOL TRIPS

STAFF ONLY DAYS

Kawaha Point School
 Te Reo Māori - Kōwhiri

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has new English and Maths curriculum documents for us to learn and to use. For this reason, they have given us two teacher-only days set aside for this purpose.

The MOE have also allowed us, as a school, to choose if we wish 2 extra teacher-only days to support this learning.

We want to let whānau know immediately when these days will be so you can plan for them (The dates first came out December 2024.)

We know these days can be hard for families to find caregiving - we have tried and attached them to public holidays.

Staff Only Day 1- Friday 7th February 2025
Staff Only Day 2- Friday 30th May 2025
Staff only Day 3- Friday 20th August 2025
Staff Only Day 4- Friday 24th October 2025

The school will be closed to learners on these days so we ask families to find alternative arrangements on these days.

Thank you for your understanding.

KAWAHA POINT HOLIDAY CLUB

22 SEPT - 03 OCT 2025
 Open: 7:15 - 17:30

Call Leandra:
 027 348 7707

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 info.kawaha@osprograms.co.nz

*T's & C's apply

Kawaha Point Holiday Program

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday 22 September	Master hide and seek
Tuesday 23 September	Walk to the reserve
Wednesday 24 September	Water play at school
Thursday 25 September	Picnic at the lake
Friday 26 September	Recycling creations
Monday 29 September	Obstacle course
Tuesday 30 September	Picnic and swim
Wednesday 1 October	Scavenger hunt
Thursday 2 October	Wheels round the block
Friday 3 October	Science experiments

As we are heading into the warmer weather, please remember to bring spare clothing and swimwear daily :)

Reminder that our final teacher only day (T.O.D) at KPS in Term 4 is Friday 24th October. (We have attached it to Labour weekend.) This T.O.D is being held so that our teaching staff can receive valuable curriculum professional development. School will be closed- OSCAR will be operating.

Learn * Care * Grow

