



Kia ora KPS whānau,

Welcome back to the start of our final term for the year! It's so lovely to see everyone returning with smiles and energy. A huge thank you for helping us start strong — our attendance is sitting in the 90% range, which is fantastic! Please keep this up. The Ministry of Education continues to have a strong focus on attendance, and we want to show we're doing our bit by being here, every day, ready to learn.

This term is always full of excitement and celebration — especially for our Year 6 learners as they head into their final weeks at KPS. We have so much to look forward to!

Important Dates

- **Thursday 23 October** – Teachers' strike (we will remain OPEN for instruction).
- We have enough staff to continue teaching, so please send your children to school as usual.
- **Friday 24 October** – Teacher Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- This day has been planned in advance for staff to work on the new curriculum. We apologise for the timing and appreciate your understanding.

Please mark these dates in your calendar.

What's Coming Up This Term

- **Year 6 Camp** – Our senior students are off to Auckland City for an amazing week of learning and adventure.
- **Market Day** – Always a highlight! Classes will design, make, and sell goods and services — and the winning class (most profit after expenses) earns a class afternoon tea!
- **School athletics** – a chance to show off our athletics skills and speed!
- **End-of-Year Celebrations** –
 - Year 6 Dinner to farewell our graduates
 - Prizegiving and School BBQ to celebrate our successes
 - Whole School Trip to Story Nook, tying in beautifully with our Book Fair QWEST theme

We'll send home more details about the trip and end-of-year events soon.

♥ Final Term Focus

We still have lots of learning, laughter, and growing to do as we head toward the finish line. Let's keep aiming high, showing our KPS values, and living our vision of Ki te Taumata – Aim for the Best!

Piki te ora,

Maria

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Upcoming Events

TERM 4 - COMING UP - WEEK 2

Thursday 16th October

Shake Out

Friday 17th October

Assembly – Taumata 3 Presenting

Sausage sizzle and juices for sale – \$2 each

WEEK 3

Monday 20th October –

Board Meeting 5pm

Wednesday 22nd October

Dress Up and castle building day

Newsletter

Thursday 23rd October

TEACHER STRIKE- School is open!

Friday 24th October

TEACHERS ONLY DAY- school closed





Headlines from Mrs H

Welcome Back to Term 4



ATTENDANCE MATTERS – EVERY DAY COUNTS!

We encourage you to send your child to school every day!

It is our shared responsibility – school and whānau – to work together to support our tamariki to attend regularly. Every day at school gives them the opportunity to learn, grow, and build friendships.

If your child is going to be away, **please contact the school** and let us know the reason for their absence.

✓ Justified Absences (M – Medical):

Short-term illness or medical reasons where your child is at home or in hospital.

✗ Unjustified Absences:

Family holidays, birthdays, or extracurricular activities not organised by the school are **not** approved reasons for absence.

If we don't hear from you, your child will be marked as **unjustified absent**. After **5 days of unjustified absence**, the school is required by the Ministry of Education to contact whānau and take further action.

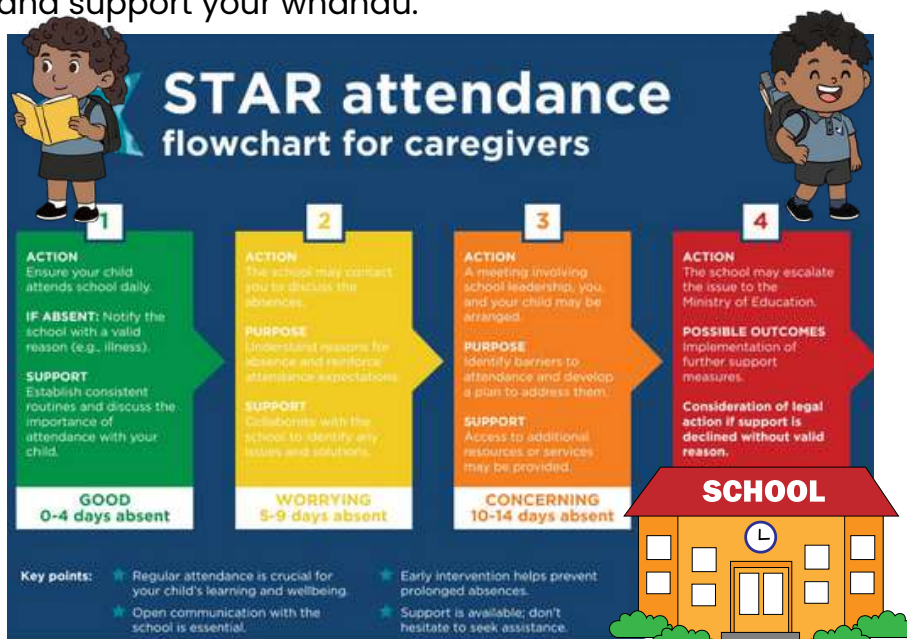
Let's work together to make sure our tamariki are at school, learning and thriving every day! Please let us know when your child is going to be away from school and the reason. You can do this by:

- Call 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 or concerns with attendance please let us know.

We are here to help and support your whanau.

Mrs H.



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

Curriculum Corner:

Our Learning QWEST – “Into the Enchanted Forest”

This term we begin with an exciting Book Week – a QWEST into the world of enchanted forests, Māori myths and legends, and fairytales! Across the school, classes will be exploring stories that spark imagination, creativity, and a love of reading.

Our Book Fair is open each afternoon – if you get the chance, do pop in! It’s a magical space filled with wonderful books and treasures to inspire our young readers.

A huge thank you to Deb Anderson for creating such an amazing enchanted world display for everyone to enjoy.

Next Up: Market Day QWEST

Following Book Week, our learning turns to financial literacy – helping tamariki understand money, profit, expenses, and entrepreneurship through hands-on experience. Classes will design, create, and sell products at our Market Day, which will be held later this term.

It’s always a highlight of the year – full of learning, teamwork, and fun!

Celebrating Whānau – Grandparents’ Day

To wrap up our learning adventures, we’ll be celebrating our nearest and dearest with Grandparents’ Day!

Come along, join in classroom activities, enjoy a concert and afternoon tea, and help us celebrate the special role our grandparents play in our learners’ journeys here at KPS.

House Singing Competition

And finally – our House Competition this term is all about singing! Each house will be preparing a performance to share at the Grandparents day. We can’t wait to see the creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm shine through!

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 this term!

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!

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!



Mason -
Taumata 5



Iris -
Taumata 5



Noa -
Angitu 7



Nevaeh -
Kaiweka 15



Bodhi & Nicho
- Kaiweka 17

Miniature Garden Competition Entries and Winners



Term 4 Dates!



KPS Term 4 Dates – 2025

Week 1 6th – 10th October–	Mon–Mini whakatau Mon– Book week WOW Week begins. BOOK FAIR OPEN at SCHOOL Fri– Pizza \$2 Fri– newsletter day
Week 2– 13th Oct– 17th Oct	Fri– Assembly Taumata 3 Fri– Sausage sizzle
Week 3 20th – 24th October	Mon– Board meeting 5pm Thurs– Planned STRIKE day possible. Fri– Teacher Only day
Week 4 27th– 31st Oct	Mon– Labour day– no school FRI-- Halloween dance- 2 times Year 1-3 at 5.30-6.30 and year 4-6 at 6.30-7.30 Fri– Assembly –Taumata 5 Fri– Pizza \$2
Week 5 3rd – 7th Nov	Mon–Year 6 dinner invites out Wed– Guy Fawkes Thurs– Hui-a whanau evening The code and Prime 5.30-6 and 6-6.30pm Fri– Newsletter house meetings sausage sizzle Fri– legend of the forest run
Week 6 10th Nov– 14th Nov	Wed– School athletics day Fri– Assembly Angitu team Fri– Pizza
Week 7 17th– 21st Nov	Tues– Road Patrol day Thurs– Meet the teachers Kaitao– year 6s 4pm Fri– SHOP Market DAY– times to be confirmed. Fri– Newsletter Fri– Sausage sizzle
Week 8 24th –28th Nov	Mon– Board meeting Mon– Ahurel performance Thurs– Year 6 camp In Auckland Fri– Year 6s back 4pm Fri– Assembly Ngongotaha and Kaiweka 17 Fri– Ice cream sundaes
Week 9 1–5th Dec	Mon– Student reports go home Tues– Parent interviews with class letters for 2025 Wed– Parent interviews Thurs– Grandparents afternoon 1-3pm

we are open for learning!

Learn * Care * Grow

KPS Term 4 Dates!

	Fri- House Fri- Newsletter Fri- pizza.
Week 10 8th- 12th Dec	Wed- Sport prizegiving- Helpers MT 10am Thurs- Year 6 dinner Fri- RECON assembly and MT 9.30am
Week 11 Mon- 15th – Tues 16th	Mon- Prizegiving 11-12.30pm followed by BBQ Mon- PM- tabloid sports clean classrooms Tues- Poroporoake final assembly 12pm Tues- school dance video- final farewell to year 6s FINISH for 2025- office open Wednesday 17th
Term 1 -2026 dates	Friday 23rd January office opens 9-12pm Monday 26th January- Auckland anniversary Tuesday 27th January- Teacher only day office open all week 9-1pm Friday 30th January- Meet and Greet 10-2pm- drop off stationery- check out your class Monday 2nd February- Pōwhiri first day 2026

Sports Round Up

Touch - Term 4

KPS Manawanui, Maia & Kaha

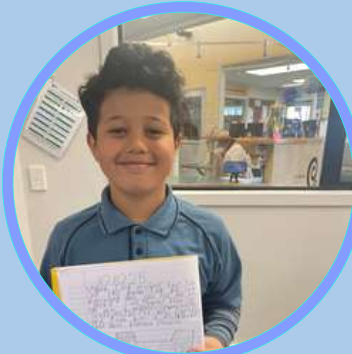
We now have 3 Touch teams ready to go for the season. Week One & Two on Wednesday KPS Maia and Manawanui have grading games. They do two 15 minute rounds. Week Two on Tuesday KPS Kaha our senior team take part in gradings also! Have the best season teams! Have fun and play fair!!

Futsal - Term 4

The futsal season kicks off this sunday at Girls high Arena. We have one team KPS Poiwhana. Good luck team! Have a great season.

Summer Hockey

Our KPS Hockey team starts the season off today - with games being every Friday! Good Luck and have heaps of fun team!



School Notices



KAWAHA POINT CLUB TOD

TOD - 24 OCTOBER 2025
Open: 7:15 - 17:30

Call Leandri:
027 348 7707

OSCAR approved

\$44 per day
Discount for siblings

Email:
info.kawaha@osprograms.co.nz

*T's & C's apply

Outdoor play & Adventure
Creative Activities
Old School games & fun



STAFF ONLY DAYS

Kawaha Point School
Te Kura o Kawaha
Ki Te Taumata - Kōwhiri te Ora

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 29th 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 understanding.

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.**



Teachers' Union Strike
Thursday 23rd October
WE ARE OPEN!

Our school will be OPEN on this day- send the children to school- we have teachers in the class on the day. Although other schools may be closed **we are OPEN for Instruction!**



COME IF YOU DARE TO OUR

Halloween Disco

THE HAUNTING STARTS ON...

Friday 31 October
from 5:30 - 6.30pm
in the Piazza!



Food and drink available to purchase.

