



Kia ora KPS whānau,

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 4!

Our Board of Trustees met last week and discussed several exciting updates for our kura. One key decision was to continue supporting **our swimming programme in 2026**. The Board recognises how important swimming is as a life skill, and the funding we receive will go directly toward providing this valuable opportunity for all our tamariki.

Another big project approved is the **school painting programme**. Over the next three years, all our buildings will receive a much-needed refresh. We're thrilled that this summer will see the first stage begin – a fresh coat of paint to brighten our school and reflect the pride we all have in KPS.

Camps were also discussed following teacher evaluations. The Board agrees that our school camps are a vital part of learning and growing together. Next year, **our Year 4 students will head to Lake Whakamaru** for a two-day camp, our **Year 5s will visit Blue Mountain Lodge in Raurimu** for three days, and **our Year 6s will celebrate their final year with their end-of-year camp (either Auckland or Tauranga)**. A huge thank you to our parents and teachers who make these experiences possible – they truly help our students grow in confidence and independence. Please remember that camp payments make a big difference in helping cover these costs. We were very fortunate this year to receive funding from Pub Charities, which supported half of the expenses.

Although it's the final term, learning remains our focus. Teachers are working hard to ensure every child continues to progress and feels ready for the next step in their learning journey.

Finally, as we head into the long weekend, take care in this wild weather, enjoy some rest, and stay safe on the roads.

Piki te ora,

Maria

Maria Gillard
Principal | Tumuaki

Board News Highlights

✓ Continued support for the KPS Swimming Programme in 2026

🎨 School Painting Project approved – beginning this summer as part of a 3-year plan

🏕️ Camps confirmed for 2026:

- Year 4 – Lake Whakamaru (2 days)
- Year 5 – Blue Mountain Lodge, Raurimu (3 days)
- Year 6 – End-of-Year Celebration Camp

💰 Pub Charity funding helped cover half of this year's camp costs

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 4

Monday 27th October –

NO SCHOOL – LABOUR DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 31st October

Assembly – Taumata 5 – 9.30am

Halloween Dance – 5.30pm – 7pm

WEEK 5

Thursday 6th November

Hui-a-whānau evening- Spelling-The code, structured literacy and Prime information evening 5.30 session and 6pm session

Friday 7th November

Sausage Sizzle & Juicies – \$2 each
Legend of The Forest Run





Headlines from Mrs H



Ministry of Education Attendance Guidelines.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has very specific guidelines-codes, with regards to attendance. As a school we are required to follow these expectations.

If your child is at school this is marked as **(P) present**. If your child is not at school we use these codes:

MOE Justified Absences includes:

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

(J) Student is absent due to explained and approved reasons, e.g. family emergencies, appointments, bereavement- funeral- tangihana, representing in national / cultural events.

MOE Unjustified Absences includes:

(G) Family holidays.

(E) Extracurricular activities not organised by the school are not approved reasons for absence, such as birthdays, shopping trips, late night- slept in.

If we don't hear from you, your child will be marked as **(?) UNKNOWN - UNJUSTIFIED absence**.

If your child is marked with (?) we take steps to contact you to find out the reason for your child's absence, this includes:

- A text message- a phone call. If we get a response we will adjust the code. If there is still no response your child will be marked as a **(?) UNKNOWN - UNJUSTIFIED Absence**.

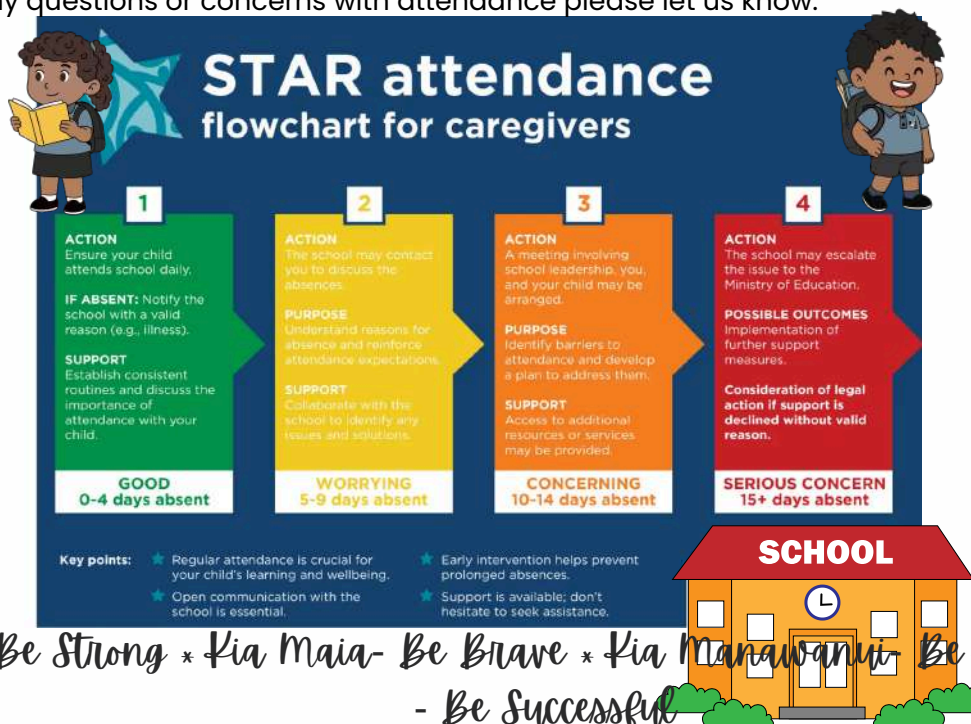
After **5 days of unjustified absence**, the school is required by the **Ministry of Education to contact whānau and take further action. This will include contacting Rotorua Attendance Services and making an Unjustified Attendance Referral.**

At Kawaha Point home- school partnerships are important to us and communication is key to this. We take monitoring attendance very seriously. Let's work together to make sure our tamariki are at school, learning and thriving every day! We are here to help you in any way we can, let us know if you need support.

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.



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

Curriculum Corner:

Our Learning QWEST –

A huge thank you to all our tamariki and staff who made an incredible effort dressing up to celebrate the end of our Book Week QWEST. The costumes were absolutely amazing – from nursery rhyme characters to storybook heroes, it was a joy to see everyone's creativity shine!

To finish off our "Wow Week," **we have a special trip planned to Story Nook in Ngongotahā.** Each team will visit on a different day:

- Taumata Team – Monday 1 December
- Ngongotahā and Angitū Teams – Tuesday 2 December
- Kaiweka Team – Wednesday 3 December

We'll need parent helpers for these trips, so please keep an eye out for a notice coming home soon.

Our next learning focus is Market Day – an exciting WOW unit all about financial literacy and learning how to design, create, and sell products. **This year's Market Day will be held on Friday 21 November (Week 7).**

Last year, Kaiweka 15 were crowned Market Day champions after making the biggest profit with their very popular Nerf Gun War in the Forest! We can't wait to see what creative ideas our classes come up with this year.

Whānau are warmly invited to come along, support our young entrepreneurs, and join in the fun from 1:00 pm onwards.

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. **This is being held on Thursday 4th November at 1pm.**

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!

Year 6 Camps

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 can we have all notices returned and payment for the camp asap.

Reminder:

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!



Our Mission- Great teaching and learning everyday!



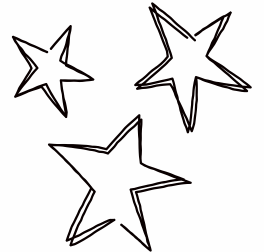
Nau mai, haere mai!
A Warm Welcome to Our New Students!



Manaia -
Taumata 3



Harmony -
Kaiweka 16



Week 2 Principal Award Winners



Selena -
Taumata 3



Harlowe -
Taumata 5



Te Raumati -
Taumata 4



Manaia -
Taumata 6



Aston -
Taumata 9



Tyler -
Angitu 7



Bentley -
Angitu 8



Amarni -
Ngongotaha 11



Elias -
Ngongotaha 14



Heath -
Kaiweka 15



Matthew -
Kaiweka 16



Meletihe -
Kaiweka 17

Ki te Taumata- Aim for the best!

Term 4 Dates!

Week 4 27 th – 31 st 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 3 rd – 7 th 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 10 th Nov– 14 th Nov	Wed– School athletics day Fri– Assembly Angitu team Fri– Pizza
Week 7 17 th – 21 st 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 24 th –28 th Nov	Mon– Board meeting Mon– Ahurei performance Thurs– Year 6 camp in Auckland Fri– Year 6s back 4pm Fri– Assembly Ngongotaha and Kaiwaka 17 Fri– Ice cream sundaes
Week 9 1–5 th Dec	Mon– Student reports go home Tues– Parent interviews with class letters for 2026 Wed– Parent Interviews Thurs– Grandparents afternoon 1-3pm
	Fri– House Fri– Newsletter Fri– pizza.
Week 10 8 th – 12 th 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

Our three KPS Touch teams are getting into full swing for the season. Well done to KPS Manawanui and KPS Maia For playing hard last Wednesday 15th. Unfortunately the weather last Tuesday had KPS Kahas game cancelled! Im sure this week they'll be on the field.
Go KPS teams - Play hard, Play Fair and have fun!!

School athletics

School athletics will be held here at school on Wednesday 12th November

Futsal

No game this weekend as its labour weekend!

Summer Hockey

Please see Whaea Liz for any updates and information if needed

Forest run

For those who have shown an expression of interest, have been sent home with notices on Thursdays. **Please pay ASAP** to confirm your child's spot.

School Notices



Reminder:

NO school Friday and Monday

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. So no school on MONDAY - closed for a public holiday.)

This T.O.D is being held so that our teaching staff can receive valuable curriculum professional development. School will be closed.



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.)



End Of Term 3 Assembly Certificate and Badge winners

Congratulations everyone - We are so proud of you!!



Space 3

KPS Explorer - Gabriel
KPS Thinker - Thomas
KPS Citizen - Adi
KPS Communicator - Ngakau



Space 4

KPS Explorer - Theo
KPS Thinker - Karson
KPS Citizen - Ivy
KPS Communicator - Lazuli



Space 5

KPS Explorer - Cully
KPS Thinker - Jase
KPS Citizen - Avani
KPS Communicator - Angus



Space 6

KPS Explorer - Paia
KPS Thinker - Lexa
KPS Citizen - Ryleigh
KPS Communicator - Lockie



Space 9

KPS Explorer - Harlee
KPS Thinker - Milah
KPS Citizen - Zeth
KPS Communicator - Josiah



Space 7

KPS Explorer - Miguel
KPS Thinker - Ranginui
KPS Citizen - Lyrick
KPS Communicator - Iraia



Space 8

KPS Explorer - Emmerson
KPS Thinker - Jordyn
KPS Citizen - Nirvana
KPS Communicator - Xavier



Space 11

KPS Explorer - Savannah
KPS Thinker - Ayaan
KPS Citizen - Maiya
KPS Communicator - Cameron



Space 14

KPS Explorer - Ollie
KPS Thinker - Ella
KPS Citizen - Jackson
KPS Communicator - Mla



Space 15

KPS Explorer - Daniel
KPS Thinker - Devon
KPS Citizen - Aaleyla
KPS Communicator - Maia



Space 16

KPS Explorer - Zaka
KPS Thinker - Christopher
KPS Citizen - Cohen
KPS Communicator - Lexie



Space 17

KPS Explorer - Madisyn
KPS Thinker - Yaseen
KPS Citizen - Wolfe
KPS Communicator - Tait

KPS Book Character Dress Up Day

Wednesday 22nd October

