



Kia ora KPS whānau,

Halloween Disco Fun!

What an incredible turnout for our Halloween Disco! Thank you so much for coming along and joining us - it was such a joy to see so many families, children, and staff getting into the spirit of the evening.

♥ A big shout-out to our amazing Learning Assistants — Leonie, Rewa, and Delaney — for leading the organisation, decorating the hall, sorting the food and music, and making the event such a success.

♥ Thank you also to our staff who dressed up and helped on the night — your energy made the evening extra special!

Whānau Evening – Structured Literacy & PRIME Maths

We also held a fantastic hui this week for our whānau to learn more about the changes in Structured Literacy and PRIME Maths.

♥ Thank you to all the parents who came along, asked great questions, and showed such genuine interest in your children's learning.

♥ A huge thank-you and kudos to our teaching staff for preparing and presenting these sessions — your effort and passion for great teaching and learning shone through.

Staffing Updates for 2026

♥ As we start planning for 2026, we're thrilled to welcome several new teachers to our KPS whānau:

Meg Wilson – Year 4 Teacher, replacing Mike Dunlop

Corey Davidson – Year 1 Teacher, replacing Sheree Jansen

Amanda Pretorius – Year 2–3 Teacher, replacing the Emily Garner

Amanda Sheriff – Team Leader for Taumata (Junior Team)

We are truly excited about the experience, energy, and fresh ideas these teachers will bring to KPS!

♥ We also want to acknowledge and thank **Emily Garner**, who has been part of our KPS family first as a Learning Assistant and then as a teacher. We will miss her warmth and dedication and wish her all the very best for her next chapter.

♥ **Dana Haimona** is not leaving us- she is moving into a new role! Adding even more value to our school. Dana is taking on a new role as Specialist Structured Literacy Teacher

A big thank-you as well to **Cheryl Leischand**, who stepped in to teach Ngongotahā 14 alongside Mrs K, and to **Sarah Isiah** for her wonderful work with our New Entrants this year. We wish them both well in their next adventures.

Class Planning for 2026

As we begin organising classes for next year, we'd love to hear your thoughts.

♥ If you have any preferences for 2026, especially for Year 2 learners who may be interested in joining our Angitu Bilingual Hub, please let us know.

♥ We also welcome your input on friendship groupings — for example, if there are children you'd prefer your child to be separated from. Your feedback helps us create the best possible learning environment for every child.

Ngā mihi nui,

Maria Gillard



Principal | Tumukūi – Kawaha Point School

♥ Ki te Taumata – Aim for the Best ♥

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 6

Tuesday 11th November

- Wheels Day – Years 3–6

Wednesday 12th November

- Wheels Day – Years 0–2
- Preschool Buddies – 9.30am

Thursday 13th November

- Athletics day

Friday 14th November

- Assembly – Taumata Team
- Ice cream sundaes \$3

Open afternoon at KPS 1.30–2.30pm

WEEK 7

Monday 17th November

- BOT Meeting 5pm

Tuesday 18th November

- Wheels Day – Years 3–6
- Road Patrol Day

Wednesday 19th November

- Wheels Day – Years 0–2
- Preschool Buddies – 9.30am

Friday 21st November

- SHOP DAY 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. Each student gets a juicee to celebrate their class success.

You can help support your child to be part of the attendance celebrations by sending your child to school EVERYDAY they are well enough to attend.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!!!!



STAR attendance flowchart for caregivers

1

ACTION

Ensure your child attends school daily.

IF ABSENT: Notify the school with a valid reason (e.g., illness).

SUPPORT

Establish consistent routines and discuss the importance of attendance with your child.

GOOD
0-4 days absent

2

ACTION

The school may contact you to discuss the absences.

PURPOSE

Understand reasons for absence and reinforce attendance expectations.

SUPPORT

Collaborate with the school to identify any issues and solutions.

WORRYING
5-9 days absent

3

ACTION

A meeting involving school leadership, you, and your child may be arranged.

PURPOSE

Identify barriers to attendance and develop a plan to address them.

SUPPORT

Access to additional resources or services may be provided.

CONCERNING
10-14 days absent

4

ACTION

The school may escalate the issue to the Ministry of Education.

POSSIBLE OUTCOMES

Implementation of further support measures.

Consideration of legal action if support is declined without valid reason.

SERIOUS CONCERN
15+ days absent

Key points:

- ★ Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and wellbeing.
- ★ Open communication with the school is essential.

- ★ Early intervention helps prevent prolonged absences.
- ★ Support is available; don't hesitate to seek assistance.

SCHOOL



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

Curriculum Corner:

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, a notice has gone home- please ask your child to see it!

Our WOW Week 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 December 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!

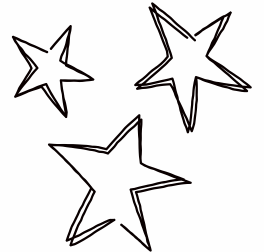
Nau mai, haere mai!
A Warm Welcome to Our KPS Family!



Kenneth - Our
Morning
Caretaker



Nyah -
Taumata 6



Week 4 Principal Award Winners



Wirihana -
Taumata 3



Dilreet -
Taumata 5



Adele -
Taumata 4



Ihimaira -
Taumata 6



Ziana-Ray -
Taumata 9



Miguel -
Angitu 7



Stella -
Angitu 8



Shelby -
Ngongotaha 11



Mia -
Ngongotaha 14



Dayton -
Kaiweka 15



Nacanieli -
Kaiweka 16



Gianni -
Kaiweka 17

Ki te Taumata- Aim for the best!

Term 4 Dates!

Week 6 10 th Nov- 14 th Nov	Thursday- school athletics Friday- assembly- Taumata team Friday- Ice cream sundaes
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 Kaiweka 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- Helpers Morning tea Thurs- Year 6 dinner Fri- RECON assembly and MT 9.30am
Week 11 Mon- 15 th – Tues 16 th	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



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.)



We have new Teachers starting in 2026 !!

WELCOME to KPS - We are excited to have you all!



Kia ora, I'm Meg Wilson! I grew up in the Deep South and have just finished my studies at Otago University. I love spending time outdoors exploring our native birds and trees, and I'm always up for a bit of baking too. I'm really passionate about making learning fun, hands-on, and relevant for my ākonga. I can't wait to meet all the tamariki, whānau, and wider Kawaha Point community, so please don't hesitate to come and say hi!

Kia ora koutou. My name is Amanda Sherriff, and I am incredibly excited to be joining the Kawaha Point community!

After living up north for eight years, I'm thrilled to be coming home and diving into this unique learning journey with you all.

When I'm not at school, you might find me in the kitchen—I love cooking! I also enjoy gardening, and I have a slight, year-round obsession with all things Christmas.

I can't wait to contribute to this wonderful school culture and help our tamariki achieve great things. See you soon!



Kia Ora - My Name is Amanda P. I'm originally from South Africa and have loved making New Zealand my home. In my spare time, I enjoy walking in the Redwoods and exploring the natural beauty this country has to offer. I'm passionate about helping children reach their full potential by making learning enjoyable and meaningful. I'm excited to contribute to the Structured Literacy program and to be part of the supportive KPS whānau.

My name is Corey Davidson (Miss Davidson to the students), and I'm really excited to be joining Kawaha Point School in 2026 as a Year 1 teacher. I grew up on the outskirts of Rotorua in a large family of seven, and I've always loved spending time outdoors, being around animals, and keeping active. I'm passionate about creating a fun and supportive classroom where students feel confident to explore, ask questions, and think creatively. I can't wait to get to know the students, staff, and whānau, and become part of the amazing Kawaha Point community.



KPS School Hats!

Our brand new school hats have finally arrived - looking fresh and perfect for our tamariki during their out side play in the sun -

Thanks to Legend Sportswear NZ

These are ONLY for school time. If any happen to make it home, PLEASE have your child return them ASAP

