



Kia ora e te whānau,

What an incredible couple of weeks we have had at KPS! Our kura has been buzzing with celebrations, performances, trips, and whānau connections—a wonderful way to head into the final stretch of the year.

Our kapa haka rōpū gave an outstanding performance at the Ahurei Festival, receiving high praise from the wider community for their passion, discipline, and beautiful stage presence. Since then, they have continued to shine at assembly and again at Grandparents' Day. Absolutely awesome! A huge thank you to Whaea Leilah, Whaea Kiri, Whaea Rewa, and Whaea Leonie for the many hours of preparation and aroha you put into our tamariki.

Last week, **our Year 6s enjoyed their celebration camp** in Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland). They had an unforgettable overnight stay at Kelly Tarlton's, and visits to Wētā Workshop, Auckland Museum, Butterfly Creek, and the zoo. A massive thank you to our parent helpers — Kelly (Aubree's dad), Claudia (Dylan's mum), and Jennie (Ethan's mum) — and to our amazing KPS staff (Whaea Kiri, Whaea Ritchell, Whaea Leonie, and Miss Sam). Special kudos to Miss Sam for her exceptional work behind the scenes organising such a memorable experience for our ākonga.

This week some of our teams visited the magical **Story Nook**. Unfortunately, due to torrential rain, Kaiweka were unable to go—but the teams who did attend absolutely loved it! It may be a great activity for whānau to explore over the summer break. Thank you To Whaea dana for suggesting this for our tamariki and organising the trip!

Grandparents' Day was another absolute highlight—what a joy to have so many of you join us for classroom activities, kapa haka, house singing, and a shared afternoon tea. Congratulations to Ngātoroirangi (Green House) who won the House Singing Competition, followed by Tamatekapua (Blue), Hatupatu (Yellow), and Ihenga (Red).

As we head into the final full week of school, here are some key dates:

- **Wednesday 10 December** – Sports Prizegiving & Helpers' Morning Tea (9.30am)
- **Thursday 11 December** – Year 6 Dinner (5.15pm)
- **Friday 12 December** – Recon Assembly & Morning Tea (9.30am)
- **Monday 15 December** – End-of-Year Prizegiving (11.30am) followed by a BBQ
- **Tuesday 16 December** – Last day of school (Half day- finish at 12.30pm)

We will send out a brief notice next week with a full end-of-year wrap-up.

It's hard to believe there is only one full week left of the school year!

Thank you, as always, for your support, your smiles, and the joy you bring to our kura.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Maria Gillard



Principal | Tumuaki— Kawaha Point School

♥ Ki te Taumata – Aim for the Best ♥

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 10

Tuesday 9th December

- Wheels Day – Years 3–6

Wednesday 10th December

- Wheels Day – Years 0–2
- Preschool Buddies – 9.30am
- Sports Prizegiving 9.30am followed by Helpers Morning Tea
- Meet and Greet Afternoon – classes for 2026 – 2PM

Thursday 11th December

- Year 6 Graduation Dinner – 5PM
- Principals Dance Party

Friday 12th December

- RECON Assembly and Big Draw 9.30am
- Santa is coming to visit – Field

WEEK 11 – Last days of 2025!!

Monday 15th Decemeber

- School Prizegiving – 11.30am

Tuesday 16th Decemebr

- Mufti Day
- Final Farewell – 12PM
- SCHOOL FINISHES – 12.30PM

Wednesday 17th December

- Office Closes





Headlines from Mrs H



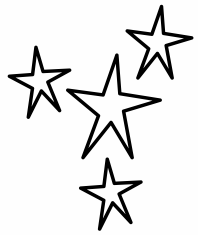
KPS Leaders!

Thank you so much to all our student leaders for your incredible contributions this year.

We truly appreciate the hard work, dedication, and extra time you have given to support our school. You have done an outstanding job in your roles—whether on office duty, road patrol, as librarians, assembly leaders, digi leaders, house captains, or as our head boy and head girl.

We are very proud of everything you've achieved, and we hope that as you move on to intermediate, you continue to grow and build your leadership skills.

Well done, and thank you for making such a positive difference!



Thank you again for all the staff and children

Ka pai, ka nui te mihi!



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

Week 8 Principal Award Winners



T.K -
Taumata 3



Kawhi-Rua -
Taumata 5



Yosef -
Taumata 4



Levi -
Taumata 6



Roslyn -
Taumata 9



Tipene -
Angitu 7



Xavier -
Angitu 8



Chloe -
Ngongotaha 11



Khloe -
Ngongotaha 14



Harley -
Kaiweka 15



Rongo -
Kaiweka 16



Cyrus -
Kaiweka 17

Term 4 Dates!

Week 10 8th- 12th Dec	Wed- Sport prizegiving- Helpers MT 10am Thurs- Year 6 dinner Wed- Helpers Morning tea 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



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KAWAHA POINT OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Summer Holiday

17-19 December 2025

5-30 Jan 2026

Week 1

Wednesday- In school water play
Thursday- Play and picnic at the lake
Friday- Cruise the stream, shared lunch

Christmas break 20 December-5 Jan

Have an amazing
break
Merry Christmas!

Week 2

Monday- Tabloids
Tuesday- Picnic at the lake
Wednesday- Slip and slide
Thursday- Explore the local area
Friday- Free choosing

Week 3

Monday- Lets get creative
Tuesday- Lake float
Wednesday- Wheels day
Thursday- day time camp
Friday- Lakeside picnic

Week 4

Monday- Kids vs Adults water play
Tuesday- Fun at the reserve
Wednesday- Old school games
Thursday- Waterhole
Friday- Kids choose

Week 5

Monday- Relax at the lake
Tuesday- In school water play
Wednesday- Get artsy
Thursday- Wheels day
Friday- Shared lunch at the park

Please bring spare clothing, togs, towels, hats, water bottle and plenty of kai daily. The weather will be hot so make sure to come prepared and with sunblock.

Water play will be supervised at all times
Sunblock will also be provided and applied regularly.

Please contact Sam
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School Dates 2026

Term 1

Friday 30th January Meet and Greet 10-2pm-Pop in, meet your teacher and drop off your stationery, grab an ice cream.

Monday 2nd February-First Day of 2026 | Pōwhiri

Thursday 2nd April- Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 20th April - First Day of Term 2

Friday 3rd July - Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 20th July- First Day of Term 3

Friday 25 September- Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 12th October- First Day of Term 4

Tuesday 15th December - Last Day of Term 4

Public holidays

Monday 26 January- Auckland Anniversary

Friday 6th February- Waitangi Day

Friday 3rd April- Good Friday

Monday 6th April- Easter Monday (During school holidays.)

Monday 27th April- ANZAC Day

Monday 1st June- King's Birthday

Friday 10th July- Matariki-(During school holidays.)

Monday 26th October- Labour Day

Staff Only Days: School Closed

Friday 29th May- MOE Teacher Only Day- Curriculum

Friday 28th August- School Teacher Only Day

Friday 23rd October- MOE Teacher Only Day- Curriculum

Snap of whats been happening at our Kura over the past few weeks...

Congratulations to our KPS KAHA Touch team who won their grade this season!!



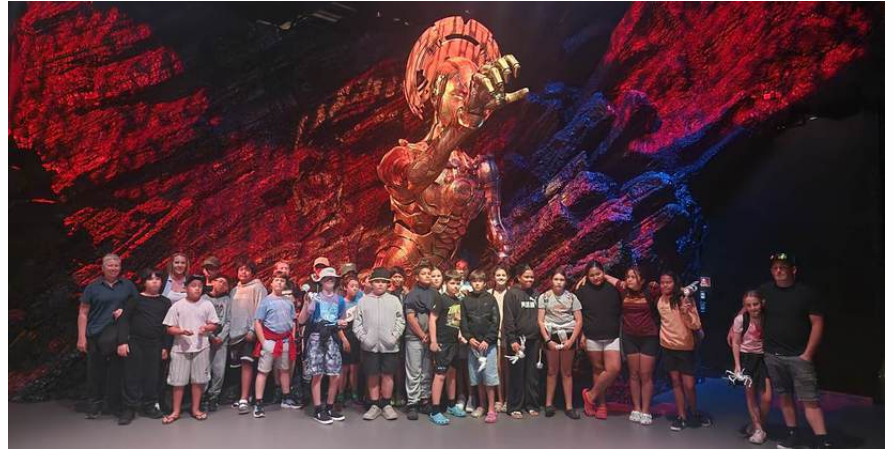
**KPS Netball Teams
KPS KAHA & KPS MAIA**



Legend of the forest run...



Year 6 camp in Auckland



KPS Ahurei Performance



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Story Book Nook Trip in Hamurana



School Athletics... Between rainy days...



*Its been such an eventful year here at KPS –
We Can't wait to start all over again in 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.)

