

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 December**
- School Prizegiving – 11.30am
- **Tuesday 16th December**
- 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!

<b>Week 10</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Wed-</b> Sport prizegiving- Helpers MT 10am <b>Thurs-</b> Year 6 dinner <b>Wed-</b> Helpers Morning tea <b>Fri-</b> RECON assembly and MT 9.30am
<b>Week 11</b> Mon- 15 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	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 <b>FINISH for 2025- office open Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Term 1 -2026 dates</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January office opens 9-12pm Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January- Auckland anniversary Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January- Teacher only day   office open all week 9-1pm Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January- Meet and Greet 10-2pm- drop off stationery- check out your class Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

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# School Dates 2026

## Term 1

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

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February-First Day of 2026 | Pōwhiri

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Last Day of Term 1

## Term 2

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - First Day of Term 2

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Last Day of Term 2

## Term 3

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July- First Day of Term 3

Friday 25 September- Last Day of Term 3

## Term 4

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October- First Day of Term 4

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term 4

## Public holidays

Monday 26 January- Auckland Anniversary

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February- Waitangi Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April- Good Friday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April- Easter Monday (During school holidays.)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April- ANZAC Day

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June- King's Birthday

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July- Matariki- (During school holidays.)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October- Labour Day

## Staff Only Days: School Closed

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May- MOE Teacher Only Day- Curriculum

Friday 28th August- School Teacher Only Day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October- MOE Teacher Only Day- Curriculum

***Snaps of what's 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](mailto:office@kps.school.nz)

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

