



Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to the start of the 2026 school year! It has been wonderful to see our school come back to life, and we are so excited to be back learning together. Having a day off tomorrow has been a nice way to begin the year, allowing for a gentle easing back into routines.

As I walk through the school, I am so proud of how smoothly our students have settled back into learning. They have slipped into school life with ease, and it has been heart-warming to see the smiles, the reconnections with friends, and the excitement around meeting new faces. It is clear our tamariki are happy to be back.

Over the summer holidays, parts of the school were painted. Unfortunately, due to weather challenges and a mix-up in the painters' job list, the work did not follow the planned order. Buildings scheduled for later years were painted ahead of others, which understandably caused some confusion.

As part of this, our much-loved Pūkana mural was painted over. While we had previously discussed that the mural would eventually need refreshing or re-imagining due to deterioration over time, this happened far earlier than expected. Many did not have the chance to farewell her, and we did not communicate this to our community beforehand. We were very upset by this and sincerely apologise for the lack of communication.

The Board of Trustees will be overseeing the creation of a new mural as a priority. This will be discussed at our next board meeting, and we will keep our community informed about what happens next.

There have also been some positive property upgrades over the holidays. The courtyard between Spaces 3 and 7 has been concreted, making it much safer and easier to walk through- no more tripping hazards! Our administration area has also had a fresh facelift with new carpet, giving the space a clean and welcoming feel.

We were delighted to see Kawaha Point Out of School Care thrive over the holidays. A huge thank you to Sam, Max, and Ashleigh, who were absolute gems and provided such wonderful care for our children.

After-school care will continue this term, and Sam will be advertising the next holiday programme shortly and taking enrolments.

A special thank you to Jodi Hohneck for the incredible behind-the-scenes work in gaining accreditation – we are almost there, with just a few final pieces to sort out.

To our new whānau and students – welcome! We are so pleased you have joined our school and hope your journey with us is a happy and successful one. We are still accepting enrolments, and the Board remains committed to offering free stationery and uniform to all new students.

Finally, to our new staff members – welcome to Kawaha Point School. We hope you enjoy your journey with us and feel supported every step of the way.

Have a wonderful Waitangi weekend

Ngā mihi mahana,

Maria Gillard

Principal | Tumuaki – Kawaha Point School

♥ Ki te Taumata – Aim for the Best ♥



Upcoming Events

WEEK 2

Monday 9th February

Head Boy & Head Girl Applicant Meeting

Tuesday 10th February

Wheels Day – Years 3–6

Wednesday 12th February

Wheels Day – Years 0–2

Preschool Buddies – 9.30am

Head Boy & Head Girl Speeches

Friday 13th February

Assembly – 9.30am – Year 6 Leaders Announcement
Year 6 Morning Tea with parents

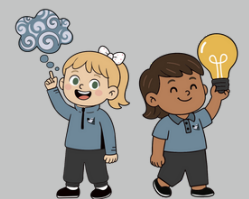
WEEK 3

Thursday 19th February

Hui-a-Whanau Evening with a BBQ

Friday 20th February

Newsletter Day



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Curriculum Updates



Attendance 2026

Kia ora Whānau,

As we welcome our tamariki back to school, we want to highlight the importance of regular attendance. Being at school every day helps children feel confident, settled, and ready to learn. It also supports strong friendships, positive routines, and a sense of belonging.

When tamariki miss school, learning can become harder and confidence may be affected. We understand that every whānau faces different challenges, and this is never about blame.

At Kawaha Point School, we are committed to helping all tamariki be confident learners who aim for their best—academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

If attending school every day is difficult, please reach out. We can support with transport, routines, or other barriers. Together, we can achieve more.

Ki te taumata- Aim for the best.

Nga mihi- Mrs H



Sports 2026 : Information.

Kia ora whānau,

We're putting together our sports teams for this year and would love to hear from families whose child/ren are keen to play.

At this stage, we're asking for an expression of interest only. If your child signs up, they will stay in the same team throughout 2026, as we'd like to keep teams consistent and build strong teamwork across the year.

Touch Registrations/sign ups to be in by Thursday 5th February.

Netball By Friday 13th February.

Futsal By Wednesday 11th February

If your child would like to be involved, please comment below or send me a message with:

- Your child's name
- Year level

More details will be shared once we know numbers.

Ngā mihi!

Monique in the office



Curriculum News

On Thursday 19th February, we invite all our parents to attend an information session. The purpose of the session are tyo give all whanau| caregivers the opportunity to get to know their child's teachers, hear more about your child's classroom programme and the expectations for the 2026 school year.

It is also an opportunity to meet other parents and to find out how you can support and help build a valuable partnership with your child's teacher this year.

These sessions will be held in

Kaiweka 15 (All sp 11,14,15,16,17 classes),
Taumata 6 (all sp 3,4,6,9)and
Angitu 7 (sp 7,8)

And you can opt to choose any of the times below

*4.30-5pm

*5.05- 5.35pm

*5.40-6.10pm



Students dont need to attend, however you are welcome to bring them if you need to. They will be able to do a quiet activity in the class , or play in the playground.

These are group sessions, and so if you would like to meet individually with the teacher, please email them separately to do this (All our email formats are first name. surname@kps.school.nz

We hope that you are able to attend as it will be a great chance to find out a bit more about the class programmes, and connect with the class teachers.

***A free BBQ will be available- to great a sausage as you head to class
Ssee you there.***



Thursday 19th February

Parent Information Sessions

Hui-a Whānau

4.30pm | 5.05pm | 5.40pm



A huge warm welcome - to our amazing new KPS staff and students



Taumata 3

- *Camellia
- *Jasper
- *Bailey
- *Amaia
- *Liania
- *Yanusha



Taumata 4

- *Miss Davidson
- *Cade
- *Maddison
- *Kenji
- *Lucian
- *Ahorangi
- *Ritu
- *Kikorangi
- *Jasmine



Taumata 6

- *Amanda S



Taumata 6

- *Matua Cam



Taumata 9

- *Amanda P
- *Manaia
- *Shelby



Ngongotaha 11

- *Azura



Ngongotaha 14

- *Miss Wilson



Kaiweka 15

- *Sumin



Kaiweka 16

- *Destiny
- *Irie



Kaiweka 17

- *Storm



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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



Week 2 9 - 13 Feb

KPS Out of School Care



Monday

Sandwiches
Run through the
sprinkler

Tuesday

Sausage sizzle
Visit the stream
for a paddle

Wednesday

Sandwiches
Cat and mouse
Talent quest

Thursday

Sausage rolls
Make some pom
poms

Friday

Decorate your
own cupcakes
Free play

Notes:

Please pack a hat
and spare clothes
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**Contact: sam.peake@kps.school.nz or pick up an enrolment
form from the office.**

