



☀️ Welcome to Week 3 ☀️

Welcome to Week 3 of what is a short but busy term -the time is flying! It has been wonderful to see our tamariki settled, focused and already making great progress in their learning.

A heartfelt thank you to the many whānau who joined us for our Hui ā-Whānau evening. We are so grateful for your partnership. Our teams loved sharing what the year ahead looks like and talking through the learning already underway in classrooms. When school and home work together, our children truly thrive.

Our 2026 Year 6 Leaders

Last week we had the joy of announcing our Year 6 Leaders for 2026. What a remarkable team of young people we have! It was a tough decision - we are blessed with depth of character and potential in this group, and I know they will represent our school with pride.

Their first leadership outing is happening right here in Rotorua, next Friday, where they will have the opportunity to paddle a waka together in unison. What a powerful metaphor for leadership-moving in rhythm, working as one, listening, adjusting, and supporting each other. We are hoping this experience sets them up for strong teamwork and connection for the year ahead.

We are incredibly proud of them already.

KPS School Picnic – Coming Soon!

In just over a week and a half we have our KPS School Picnic, and we would absolutely love to see you there.

This is such a special opportunity to:

- Meet other families
- Connect with staff in a relaxed setting
- Enjoy some delicious kai
- Let the children play and have fun

There will be:

A bouncy castle
A large water slide
Mr Whippy
Harvey's Kai Food truck
Grocery hamper raffles
...and plenty of space to mix, mingle and enjoy our beautiful KPS community.

If you can, please make the time to come along. These moments of connection are what strengthen our sense of belonging and make KPS such a special place to be.

We look forward to seeing you there! ❤️

Ngā mihi mahana,

Maria Gillard

Principal | Tumuaki- Kawaha Point School
❤️ Ki te Taumata - Aim for the Best ❤️



Upcoming Events

WEEK 4

- **Tuesday 24th February**
Wheels Day - Years 3-6
- **Wednesday 25th February**
Wheels Day - Years 0-2
Preschool Buddies - 9.30am
Angitu Overnight Noho
- **Friday 27th February**
Assembly - 9.30am - Kaiweka 17
Kanu Day - Year 6 Leaders-leaving at 9.30 back at 1.30pm

WEEK 5

- **Tuesday 3rd March**
Wheels Day - Years 3 - 6
- **Wednesday 4th March**
Wheels Day - Years 0 - 2
Preschool Buddies @ 9.30am
- **Thursday 5th March**
School Picnic - 5pm - 6.30pm
- **Friday 6th March**
Newsletter Day
Pizza and Juicies - \$2



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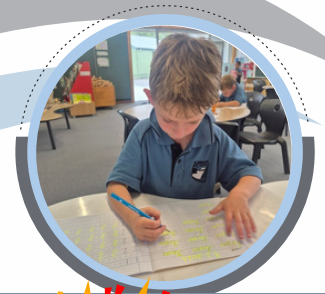
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Curriculum Updates



Attendance 2026



Kia ora

Let us know when your child is away from school.

Ministry of Education Guidelines say:

"All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

Parents/caregivers must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or will be absent for a portion of the school term"

EVERYDAY your child is away from school let us know the reason for their absence. 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.

Come in and see us if you need help. Attendance is a shared responsibility- home and school!

Ki te taumata - Aim for the best!



Nga mihi- Mrs H

Sports Term 1

Kia ora whānau,

Term 1 Sports - Touch, Netball and Futsal teams have been organised - These were based on permission slips brought back to school.

We are also asking if your child has interest in playing Hockey to let Whaea Liz know. Hockey training is to begin around Week 6 if all goes to plan

For Netball - We are just waiting for parents to fill out the registration that was texted out on Thursday 19th Feb. Please have this done ASAP

Fees: Term 1

Touch - \$25.00 per player

Futsal - \$20.00 per player

Netball - \$30.00 per player

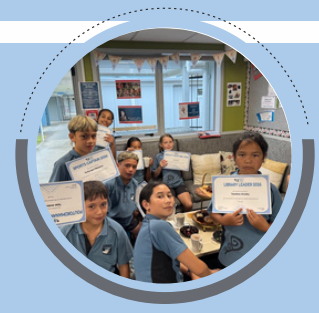
Please have these paid as soon as possible or the fees will be charged to your school account



Nga Mihi

Whaea Monique

Curriculum News



Introducing the KPS teams: First up- Kaiweka.....

Kaiweka Team (Year 3-6)

The Kaiweka Team have hit the ground running in 2026!

÷ Maths

This year the team are cross-grouping for maths, allowing teachers to better target learners' needs. Students are enjoying working with different teachers, and it's already making a positive difference.

✍ Writing

This term's focus is recount writing, inspired by the incredible achievement of Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay climbing Mount Everest. Students are exploring themes of perseverance and courage, drawing clear links to our KPS values – especially Kia Kaha and persistence. Just like great explorers, we keep going when learning feels challenging.



📖 Reading

Current reading assignments are focused on New Zealand topics, building knowledge and connection to our country. Next week, this shifts to New Zealand current events, helping students develop awareness of what is happening in the world around them.

Meet the Kaiweka Team

- Tracey Gillespie – Ngongotaha 11 (Year 3)
- Meg Wilson – Ngongotaha 14 (Year 4)
- Murray Bowden – Kaiweka 17 (Year 4-5)
- Ritchell Manaba – Kaiweka 16 (Year 5-6)
- Sam Gillard – Team Leader, Kaiweka 15 (Year 5-6)

We are incredibly proud of this team and the strong start they have made.

🏕 Camps 2026

Camps are booked and excitement is building:

- Year 4 – Lake Whakamaru (September)
- Year 5 – Blue Mountain Lodge, Raurimu (2 nights, October – leadership focus)
- Year 6 – Kelly Tarlton's overnight experience (November- celebration camp)



These experiences are powerful opportunities for independence, leadership, teamwork and connection.

We will be needing parent support throughout the year. If you are not yet police vetted and would like to help, please pop into the office and collect a form. A detailed letter with camp costs and further information will be sent home later this week.

🌿 Outdoor Education Across the School

Our outdoor experiences are already underway!

The Angitū Team have an overnight noho coming up this week, and later in the year the Kaiweka and Ngongotaha teams will enjoy an overnight sleepover here at school in October.

On Friday our year 6s are off to experience paddling a waka- a great symbol of leadership and teamwork!

There is certainly a sense of adventure and growth woven through 2026 already!

Congratulations to our Year 6 Leaders of 2026!!



Lyrick
Head Boy



Petra
Head Girl



Heath
Deputy Head Boy
Ngatoroirangi House
Captain



Devon
Deputy Head Boy



Eva
Deputy Head Girl



Ezra
Deputy Head Girl



Tipene
Potokomanawa
Leader



Tyler
Potokomanawa
Deputy



Te Kurapa
Sports Captain



Paige
Sports Captain



Armani-Rose
Ihenga House
Captain



Daniel
Ihenga House
Captain



Alora
Hatupatu House
Captain



Matthew
Hatupatu House
Captain



Iziah
Ngatoroirangi House
Captain



Dayton
Tamatekapua
House Captain



Kaiyzer
Tamatekapua
House Captain



Destiny
Librarian



Tamahou
Librarian



Aaleyra
Librarian

Congratulations to our Senior Leaders of 2026!!



Ocean-Reign
Librarian



Paris
Office leader



Darius
Office leader



Harley
Office leader
Road Patrol Captain



Aurora
Office Leader



Maddison
Office Leader



Grace
Digi Leader



Horizon
Digi Leader



Avatea
Digi Leader

A huge pakipaki to Kaiweka 16 for the best attendance in Week 2



**Who will win Kahu for Week 3?
Remember the best attendance in the class wins**



COMING UP TERM 1

KAWAHA POINT SCHOOL END OF SUMMER PICNIC

LET'S CELEBRATE END OF SUMMER WITH SUNSHINE AND GOOD FOOD



**Thurs
5th
MARCH**



**HERE AT
SCHOOL**



5-6.30PM



OUTDOOR GAMES

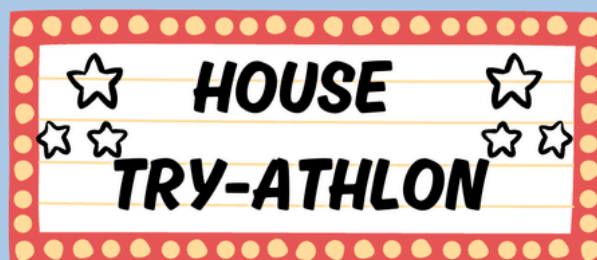
**BRING YOUR OWN
DINNER
OR BUY FROM US-
HARVEYS KAI- MR
WHIPPY- SAUSAGE
SIZZLE**

**GAMES
BOUNCY
CASTLE
WATER SLIDE**

**FACE
PAINTING**

KAWAHA POINT SCHOOL

Week 5- AUTUMNI	
Thurs 5 th March	School Picnic- 5-6.30pm
Fri 6 th March	House meeting- Newsletter \$2 Pizza
Week 6	
Mon 9 th March	Open up HERO APP for Parent Progress interviews
Wed 11 th March	Triathlon 1-3pm Staff vs year 6 Vs parents Triathlon
Thurs 12 th March	Fun for you day year 0-2
Fri 13 th March	Assembly Kaiweka 16 9.30 \$3 Sundaes
Week 7	
Mon 16 th March	GRIP leadership conference- year 6s Parent progress interviews- please see expectations 3-6.30
Tues 17 th March	Parent interviews - progress- 3-6.30pm
Fri 20 th March	Newsletter House \$2 Pizza
Week 8	
Mon 23 rd March	BOT meeting 5pm
Fri 27 th March	Assembly Kaiweka 15 \$3 Sundaes
Week 9	
Mon 30 th March	MAD week- dress up TBC by year 6 Easter egg hunt for bunnies
Tues 31 st March	MAD- Tug of war- pippis vs mussels
Wed 1 st April	Dance party 10am- no step 3 85% attendance Share the learning 1.30pm- 2.45pm
Thurs 2 nd	Last day of term Assembly- formal with badges and big draw- it's in the bag 9.30 MT for parents and badges MAD cheerleading
GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER! Start of school Holidays	



**our swim is
a slip n
slide!**



**WEDNESDAY 11TH
MARCH
1-3PM
AT SCHOOL**



**Whanau all welcome to come along-
we are looking for a parents team to
compete against the staff and Year
6s!**

Wear house colours on the day!!

KPS OUT OF SCHOOL

CARE WEEK 4.3

23-27 FEB

