

6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

# Ki te Taumata - Aim for the Best



## Principal's Pen

**Kia ora koutou,**

It has been another busy and positive week here at Kawaha Point School. Alongside the wonderful learning happening in our classrooms, we also enjoyed the opportunity to come together as a community at our KPS Summer Picnic, celebrating the end of summer with our whānau.

Earlier this week **the Board of Trustees** met for the first time this year. At the meeting, Sophie Doyle was re-elected as our Presiding Chair, and we thank Sophie for continuing to lead the board in this important role. The board also accepted the resignations of Kelly Haimona and Emma Sorenson, who are stepping down due to other commitments. We sincerely thank them for the time, energy, and care they have given to supporting Kawaha Point School.

We were pleased to also have the opportunity to co-opt Mark Blackstone onto the board. Mark is a local business owner and brings a wealth of experience in finance, and he will support the board by overseeing the school's financial matters. We are grateful to have his expertise join the team.

Our thanks also go to our wonderful board members Stacey Meihana, Jodi Hohneck, and Tatiana Hohepa for their continued service to our school community. The Board of Trustees works hard behind the scenes to ensure KPS is well governed and moving in the right direction for our learners.

A huge thank you to all our whānau who joined us for the **KPS Summer Picnic this week**. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout and to enjoy a relaxed evening together celebrating the end of summer. A special shout out to Mr Whippy and Harvey's Kai Truck for joining us, and to our amazing staff who supported the evening by cooking, running activities, and helping with the clean-up afterwards. We hope you all had a wonderful time.

Looking ahead, we have finalised and booked **our school camps and overnight stays for 2026**. A separate letter will be sent home on Monday outlining the details and costs for families, so please keep an eye out for this.

With just three weeks and four days left of the term, the weeks are moving quickly, and there is still plenty of learning happening across the school. We also want to thank families for keeping in touch regarding **student attendance**. We appreciate parents popping in or ringing to keep us informed. Attendance is currently a strong focus for the Ministry of Education, and your communication helps us greatly.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our school.

Ngā mihi mahana,

*Maria Gillard*

Principal | Tumuaki - Kawaha Point School

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## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 6

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

HERO opened for Parent Interviews

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Wheels Day - Years 3-6

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Wheels Day - Years 0-2

Preschool Buddies @ 9.30am

#### Tryathlon Day

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Fun 4 U - CBOP - Taumata Team

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Assembly - Kaiweka 16

Sundaes \$3 and Juicies \$2 for sale -

### WEEK 7

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Interviews - 3 - 6.30PM

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Interviews - 3 - 6.30PM

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Newsletter, Duffy Role Model Assembly

Sundaes and Juices for sale - \$3 & \$2



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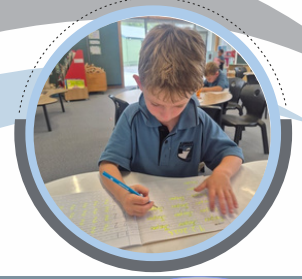
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# Curriculum Updates



## KPS Attendance 2026

### 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.

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!!!!!!**



## Sports Term 1

Kia ora whānau,

Term 1 Sports - Touch, Netball and Futsal teams have been playing so well - so far this term! Amazing team work and sportsmanship have been seen on the courts and the fields!

A massive **thank you** to all our coaches and whanau who have been there to support our tamariki with trainings and game days!! We couldn't do all these sports without your help!!

We have 5 netball teams , 1 Futsal team and 3 touch teams!! So amazing!

**PLEASE make sure you are signed into HERO - Our school APP for updates and news!!**

### Coming up ...

Mini Marathon is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Notices will be out closer to the day so keep an eye out!! Mini Marathon is such an amazing event for all tamariki to participate in!

Term 2 & 3 Hockey season has kicked off with teams made and trainings underway!!

Nga Mihi



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

# Curriculum News

## Angitu 2026

Last week Te Pari o Angitu held our first overnight noho here at school. The kaupapa of our noho was to build whanaungatanga and manaakitanga amongst our tamariki and pouako. We had an amazing evening celebrating being together! We enjoyed delicious kai, played games under the afternoon sun, and spent the evening sharing our pepeha with each other 'marae styles' in Angitu 7.


It was truly a wonderful experience seeing our tamariki stand proud, using Te Reo Māori with confidence and wairua! He mihi nui tenei ki nga tamariki me nga pouako o Te Pari o Angitu!




## Parent Progress Interviews

We are looking forward to connecting with our families during our Parent Progress Interviews in Week 7.

 Monday 16 March

 Tuesday 17 March

 3:00pm – 6:30pm

These interviews are a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and talk about:




- How your child has settled into the school year
- Assessment results from the beginning-of-year testing
- Any social or behavioural updates
- A look through your child's learning books and classroom work

The booking app will open next week, allowing you to select a time that suits your family. If you prefer, you are also welcome to phone the school office and we can book a time for you. We would love to see you there and share how your child's learning journey is progressing this term.

## Sea Week Learning at KPS

Over the next few weeks our learners will be exploring Sea Week as part of their classroom learning. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about our oceans, marine life, and how we can care for the environment around us.

### Classes will be exploring ideas such as:

-  The different creatures that live in our oceans
-  Why the ocean is important for our planet
-  How we can help protect sea life and keep our beaches clean

Learning may include science investigations, writing, reading, art, and inquiry activities connected to the sea. We are excited to see the curiosity and creativity this topic inspires across the school.

# Congratulations to our Principal Award Recipients - First for 2026!!!



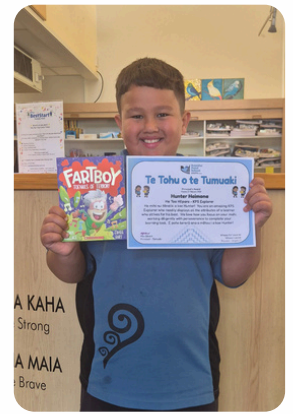
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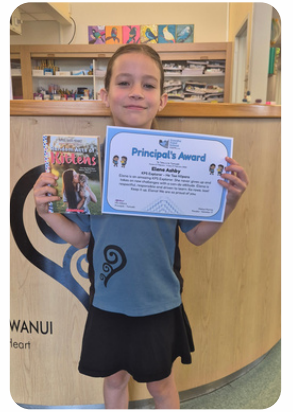
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Tait  
Kaiweka 15



Elena  
Kaiweka 17

## A huge pakipaki to Taumata 4 for the best attendance in Week 4




**Who will win Kahu for Week 5?**  
**Remember the best attendance in the class wins**



# COMING UP TERM 1

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





☆ **HOUSE** ☆


☆☆ **TRY-ATHLON** ☆☆

WEDNESDAY 11TH



MARCH


1-3PM

AT SCHOOL



our swim is  
a slip n  
slide!



*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!!*

