

20th March 2026

Kite Taumata - Aim for the Best



Principal's Pen

It Takes a Village... and We're So Glad to Be Part of Yours

At KPS, we truly believe we are part of your village. We feel so privileged to be part of your child's life and learning journey. What we love even more is when you are part of our village too. Whether it's popping into the office for a quick chat, catching up with your child's teacher after school, or sitting down together for a learning conversation, those moments matter. This week, it was wonderful to see so many of you coming along to the parent progress interviews, to connect, to hear how your child is tracking, and to understand what comes next in their learning. Thank you for taking the time out of your day. Your involvement makes a real difference - we see it, and we value it. We continue these important partnerships across the year, with parent interviews in Terms 2, 3, and 4. Our goal is always the same: to keep you informed about your child's progress and to share ways you can support learning at home.

Coming Up - Share the Learning Afternoon (Week 9)

In the final week of term, we warmly invite you to join us for our Share the Learning Afternoon on Wednesday.

This is a special opportunity to:

- Celebrate your child's learning
- Spend time in the classroom
- See the progress they have made this term

Afternoon tea will be shared in each class or team - we would love to see you there!

Mad Week is Coming!

Week 9 is nearly here, and with it comes our much-loved Mad Week (with a fun Easter twist!):

- Monday: Crazy Easter Hair Day What can you turn your hair into? Bunny ears? Chickens? Chocolate creations? Let your imagination run wild and earn house points!
- Tuesday: Pippis vs Mussels Tug of War Which house will come out on top?
- Thursday: Easter Egg Hunt & Rob the Nest
- Always a highlight, with great competition and lots of fun!

A big thank you to our Year 6 leaders for organising this exciting week.

Please remember, we finish school on Thursday as we head into the Easter break. Thank you again for your ongoing support- we truly appreciate being part of your village. And as always, we love seeing the happy faces around our school every day. ☺

Ngā mihi mahana,

Maria Gillard

Principal | Tumuaki - Kawaha Point School
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Upcoming Events

WEEK 8

Monday 23rd March

BOT Meeting at 5PM

Tuesday 24th March

Wheels Day - Years 3-6

Wednesday 25th March

Wheels Day - Years 0-2
Preschool Buddies @ 9.30am

Friday 27th March

Assembly - Kaiweka 15
Sundaes \$3

WEEK 9 - Last Week of Term One

Monday 30th March

MAD Week - Dress up day
Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday 31st March

MAD Week - Tug O War - Pippis VS Mussels

Wednesday 1st April

Principals Dance Party @10am
Share the Learning 1.30PM - 2.45PM

Thursday 2nd April

LAST DAY OF TERM ONE



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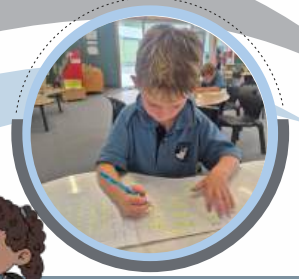
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Curriculum Updates



KPS Attendance 2026

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - EVERY DAY COUNTS!

We encourage you to send your child to school every day!

It is our shared responsibility – school and whānau – to work together to support our tamariki to attend regularly. Every day at school gives them the opportunity to learn, grow, and build friendships.

If your child is going to be away, **please contact the school** and let us know the reason for their absence.

Justified Absences (M - Medical):

Short-term illness or medical reasons where your child is at home, doctors or other medical appointments or in hospital.

Other **Justified (J)** reasons are attending a family emergency, funeral or tangihana or a cultural event.

Unjustified Absences:

Family holidays, birthdays, or extracurricular activities not organised by the school are not approved reasons for absence.

If we don't hear from you, your child will be marked as **unjustified absent**. After **10 days of unjustified absence**, the school is required by the Ministry of Education to contact whānau and take further action.

Let's work together to make sure our tamariki are at school, learning and thriving every day!

Please let us know when your child is going to be away from school and the reason. 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.
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If you have any questions or concerns with attendance please let us know. We are here to help and support your whanau.



Mrs H.



Curriculum News



Taumata Team 2026

It has been a truly "action-packed" fortnight for Taumata. Between the sports field and the deep blue sea, our tamariki have been showing incredible energy and curiosity. This week, we have officially kicked off poetry as our new writing genre. Taumata students are exploring the rhythm and sounds of words, and we've started learning about different types of poems (like our clever Acrostic poems!). It is wonderful to see the children using their phonics sounds to create such expressive pieces of writing.

For Qwest we have put on our goggles and become Sea Explorers!. We are diving deep into the world's different oceans to discover the amazing animals and plants that live beneath the waves. Most importantly, we are learning what it means to be kaitiaki (guardians) of the ocean, and how we can help keep our blue backyard healthy and safe for the future.

Thank you to all those parents who popped for parent / teacher interviews and all those who popped in at other times to have a chat about their child's learning. Let's have another fantastic week of fun and learning.

School Value and learning power

KPS Learning Power Focus – Citizen | Kia Manawanui – Be Kind

Over the past couple of weeks, our school has been focusing on our KPS Learning Power Citizen and our value Kia Manawanui – Be Kind.

We have been learning what it means to:

- Listen with kindness
- Look at the person speaking
- Wait for our turn to talk
- Show we are listening
- Try to understand how others feel

These are powerful skills that help our children grow as learners who show understanding and empathy – both in the classroom and out in our community.

We are so proud of the way our learners are stepping into this space, showing kindness to one another, and building strong, respectful relationships.

You might like to continue this learning at home by asking:

- What does kindness look like at school?
- When did you show kindness today?
- How did you know someone was listening to you?

Together, we are growing confident, caring KPS citizens.



Congratulations to our Principal Award Recipients !!



Mason
Taumata 3



Ahorangi
Taumata 4



Harlee
Taumata 6



Declan
Taumata 9



Lyrick
Angitu 8



Dykota
Angitu 7



Remy
Ngongotahā 11



Savannah
Ngongotahā 14



Aaleyka
Kaiweka 15



Petra
Kaiweka 16

A huge pakipaki to Angitu 8 for the best attendance in Week 5



Khloe
Kaiweka 17



Also a huge pakipaki to Kaiweka 17 for the best attendance in Week 6



**Who will win Kahu for Week 7?
Remember the best attendance in the class wins**

COMING UP TERM 1

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	



KPS Sports Term One

Netball

Over the last few weeks we have had some amazing games - with our teams showing great sportsmanship and team work. Here i would like to acknowledge our **player of the day** recipients from the past couple of weeks...

KPS Tui - Tyler and Tipene for week 6 and this week Alora and Te Kurapa received theirs.

KPS Kiwi - Over the last few weeks Giovanni, Ezra and Grace were their teams PODs

KPS Kakapo - Poppy and Silas were week 6 PODs and this week were Savannah and Dykota

Touch

Our amazing senior touch team **KPS Kaha** have been having such an awesome season! To date the following studenyts have received their player of the days...

Lyrick, Tait x2, Paris, Bentley, Yoel and Desmond.

Amazing work!!

Congratulations!

Futsal

As our wonderful futsal team **KPS Kikorangi** head into round 6 of their season - We would like to celebrate the player of the days too!

Well done to...

Devon, Rimmon, Majah-Khan, Karson and Chloe for receiving your PODs so far!!

Term 2 sports..

Hockey teams are well on their way and ready for the new season coming up in the next term. Thanks to Whaea Liz for all her hard work and time she has put into all things hockey!!

Mini Ball - We are now asking for expression of interest. Please contact the office and let Whaea Monique know if your child is interested to play, so she can pop their name down as we prepare for the upcoming season

