

Principal's Pen

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and had the chance to spend some special time together as a family.

It has been wonderful to see everyone return for Term 2 with such positive energy. We have truly hit the ground running, with over 90% attendance in our first week—fantastic! Thank you for supporting us in this important area.

As we move into the winter term, we understand that coughs, colds, and flu can make their way through families. Please continue to keep us informed if your child is away, as attendance, engagement, and growth remain key priorities for us at KPS.

The Ministry of Education is also closely monitoring attendance, and we are proud of the strong partnership we have with our community in supporting our learners to be at school and ready to learn.

This term, we are excited to open our classrooms and give you a chance to see our learning programmes in action. You'll have the opportunity to visit and experience:

- Structured Literacy in our junior school
- The Code – our spelling programme
- Prime Maths and how mathematics looks in classrooms today

We will be hosting two coffee mornings, where you can come in, observe learning, and see how everything fits together for our tamariki.

We also have some wonderful community events coming up:

- Our Wāhine Afternoon in Week 3 – a special opportunity to spend time with your child (and if you can't make it, we warmly welcome a special aunt, nana, or family member to join them).
- Movie Night – always a favourite! A great chance for children to enjoy time with friends while you have a well-earned evening.
- Our Matariki Breakfast – although Matariki falls in the holidays this year, we will still be coming together to celebrate this special occasion as a school community.

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday as we observe ANZAC Day.

We are really looking forward to walking alongside you again this term as we continue striving for Ki te Taumata – Aim for the Best.

Finally, we are currently welcoming new enrolments. If you know of any families who have recently moved into the area, we would love the opportunity to show them around our school.

Have a lovely long weekend.

Maria



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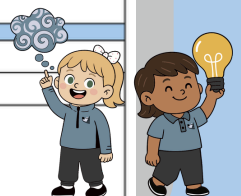
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Upcoming Events

KPS Term 2 Calendar of Events	
Week 1- KPS Thinker Kia Maia	
Monday 20 th April	First day back Mini whakatau followed by morning tea. Olivia Davis starts in Taumata 3.
Wednesday 22 nd April	Pre-school buddies 9.30
Thursday 23 rd April	PTA meeting 5.30pm
Friday 24 th April	Newsletter House meeting Sundaes \$3
Week 2	
Monday 27 th April	Anzac day observed.- No school
Tuesday 28 th April	Lockdown drill
Wednesday 29 th April	Pre-school Buddies
Friday 1 st May	Ngongotahā 14 assembly 9.30 Mini Marathon Sausage sizzle \$2
Week 3	
Monday 4 th May	Team assemblies begin- Kaiweka (Angitū) Taumata
Wednesday 6 th May	Pre School Buddies 9.30
Fri 8 th May	Special Wahine in our lives...afternoon 1.30pm Newsletter
Week 4	
Mon 11 th May	BOT meeting 5pm.
Wed 13 th May	Pre-school buddies 9.30
Fri 15 th May	Assembly Ngongotahā II assembly Pink shirt day Sausages \$2



KPS Attendance 2026

Welcome back to Term 2!

Let us know when your child is away from school.

Let us know if your child is away

It is our shared responsibility to support regular attendance. Please let us know **every day** your child is away from school and the reason for their absence.

As we move into winter, we understand that illness can't be avoided. If your child is unwell, please keep them home. Under Ministry of Education guidelines, these absences are recorded as **Medical (M)**.

If we are not notified of your child's absence, it will be recorded as Unjustified, so communication is really important. The MOE require schools to make referral to Attendance services if we have more than 5 unjustified days away from school.

You can let us know by:

- Calling the office (07 348 5864) and leaving a message
- Using the HERO app to log an absence
- Contacting your child's class teacher

If you have any questions or need support with attendance, please get in touch. We are here to support you and your whānau.

COMMUNICATION is KEY!!

Mrs H.



Congratulations to Taumata 4 - You had the best attendance in Term One overall!! Who will win overall best attendance for Term Two?

Congratulations to Taumata 6 - You had the best attendance in Week One!! You won Kahu!! Our special little bear who hangs with the class to celebrate amazing attendance



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

Week One of Term Two Overall attendance...

A huge shout out to our wonderful whanau who do their part ,
to get all your tamariki to school each day , and to those who keep up
great communication when tamariki are away. What an achievement. KEEP IT UP!!!

WEEK ONE ATTENDANCE...

90%



Nau mai, Haere mai!

A warm welcome to our new students and to our lovely new Kaiako



Kalai
Taumata 4



Arlo
Taumata 3



Miss Davis
Taumata 3



***We are now OSCAR approved!!!
This means you can be eligible
for Government funding! Email-
sam.peake@kps.school.nz***



KPS SCHOOL EVENTS FOR APRIL AND MAY

DATE	EVENT
MON 20TH APRIL	First day back term 2 Miss Davis starts in Taumata 3
THURS 23RD APRIL	PTA Meeting 5.15pm in the staffroom
MON 27TH APRIL	ANZAC Holiday- observed- School closed
TUES 28TH APRIL	Lockdown drill at school- practice
FRI 1ST MAY	Mini Marathon School Assembly- Ngongotahā 11 9.30
FRI 8TH MAY	Special Wāhine afternoon 1.30-3pm
MON 11TH MAY	BOT Meeting 5.15pm in the staffroom
FRI 15TH MAY	Pink shirt day School assembly Ngongotaha 11 9.30
THURS 21 MAY	School Cross Country at 1pm



KPS SCHOOL EVENTS FOR MAY- JUNE

DATE	EVENT
FRI 22ND MAY	Movie Night - 5pm-7pm Camp Fundraiser
THURS 28TH MAY	Share the learning- science
FRI 29TH MAY	Teacher Only day- school closed
MON 1ST JUNE	Kings Birthday - no school- school closed
MON 8TH JUNE	BOT meeting 5.15pm
FRI 12TH JUNE	Assesmbly- Angitu 7- 9.30am
TUES 23RD JUNE	Parent Interviews 3-6.30pm with reports
WED 24TH JUNE	Parent Interviews 3-6.30pm
WED 1ST JULY	Matariki breakfast



KPS SCHOOL EVENTS FOR JUNE-JULY

DATE

EVENT

**FRI
3RD JULY**

**Formal assembly
End of term 2**

Information mornings- come along and find out how we teach the code- structured literacy and Maths

**WED
20TH MAY**

9.45 coffee and a chat and see teaching in action.

**WED
3RD JUNE**

9.45 coffee and a chat and see teaching in action.



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




Great teaching and learning everyday!