



# KAHUTARA SCHOOL

Opening the gates to our future.  
Huakina nga kuaha ma a tatou ao ake tonu.

## NEWSLETTER

### *Community Edition - Term 1 2024*

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Kia ora koutou,

Well here we are at the end of Term 1 already! It has been a really positive term, with lots of exciting learning opportunities for our students and lots of fun events. I've enjoyed meeting all of our students and families over the past 10 weeks, and I've really enjoyed working with our great team here at Kahutara School.

Our topic this term was 'Who am I? Ko Wai Ahau?' and our big idea is that we are all unique and view the world differently. We wanted our students to focus on themselves, and learn the meaning of their name, places that are special to them and their family, and to learn more about what kind of learners they are. As part of this work, they created some pieces of writing and art, to celebrate and share who they are.

Becky McGuinness is our Sports Coordinator and she has done a great job organising school-wide sports as well as organising opportunities for us to attend South Wairarapa sporting events. We had a big group of students represent our school at the Featherston Cluster Swimming, followed by the South Wairarapa, and then 4 students competing at the Wairarapa Swimming. I'd like to acknowledge and thank all of the parents who were able to help and support this by transporting, timekeeping and cheering our students on! Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou! We also attended the first Padder Tennis Tournament at Martinborough School which was a new experience for our students. Padder Tennis NZ and Wairarapa Bush Rugby Union came into school and ran lessons for all classes which we thoroughly enjoyed. We were excited to run our school swimming sports and also our first school tryathlon too, which were great opportunities for students to work together, compete and have fun - and earn tokens for their competition House!

#### **Term 1 Highlights!**

- ★ A special mihi whakatau to welcome our new staff, students and families to Kahutara School
- ★ Our school Swimming Sports Day and our very own school Try-athlon
- ★ Room 3 starting an exciting project, Te Reo o te Wai, with Jane and Rod at the Ruamāhanga Farm.
- ★ Connecting with our families and parent-teacher meetings
- ★ Ms Gould starting a school choir which performed at our school assembly
- ★ Students from Hub 2 teaching Mrs Te Whetu how to trap at the Wetlands!



## Farewell to Brooke Sims

Brooke Sims' last day will be tomorrow and she will then take maternity leave for the remainder of the year. Kimberley Rowland has been appointed to teach in Room 5, and they have spent time working together as part of this transition process. I know our students and families in Room 5, as well our wider school will miss Brooke while she is away, but we are very excited for her and Matt as they start this next stage in their lives. All the very best Brooke - enjoy this precious time with your wee one and we can't wait to have you visit!

## Kahutara Parent Citizen (KPC) Update

I'd like to acknowledge our KPC for the important work that they do for our school and the Kahutara Hall. The KPC meets on the first Monday of each month, and they plan ways to help raise money to support our students. The fundraiser they organised this term was the 'Cookie Time Orders' and they successfully raised \$632. Thank you to everyone in our school community who supported this.

This term, the KPC has paid \$5000 to the school to pay for the following things:

- ★ Online Reading Eggs subscriptions for all of our Year 1 - Year 4 students (worth \$33 each)
- ★ Online Mathseeds subscriptions for all of our Year 1 - Year 4 students (worth \$33 each)
- ★ Online Mathletics subscriptions for all of our Year 5-Year 8 students (worth \$30 each)
- ★ An annual school subscription for the House of Science School Kits (\$800)

The online subscriptions for Maths and Reading are great support programmes for our students. They have a one year subscription to the programme, and they use this as part of their classroom work, and they can also login to their account and use this from home. If your child does not have their login details at home, you can contact their classroom teacher to ask for this. The House of Science Kits are an amazing resource! A different kit is delivered to our school every fortnight and is packed with hands-on experiments, science lessons, equipment and consumables. These photos show what science at our school looks like and we are very appreciative of the KPC for funding this for our students.



**KPC**  
Kahutara Parent and Citizens

WE MEET ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7PM IN THE STAFF ROOM

# JOIN OUR KPC!

The purpose of the KPC is to fundraise for the Kahutara School and the Kahutara Community Hall. The school relies on us to fundraise at least \$20,000 each year.

The money raised by the KPC goes to the school and helps paying for really useful things to help our students like online learning subscriptions, House of Science kits, iPads, buses for EOTC, sports equipment and so much more.



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ✓ Attend monthly meetings
- ✓ Help plan fundraising events
- ✓ Share your ideas
- ✓ Help with school events
- ✓ We are a lovely, relaxed group so there is no pressure - you can contribute as much (or as little) as you can!

## ARE YOU INTERESTED OR WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Contact our KPC Chairperson - Sophie White  
**0272882731**

Email  
[kahutaraparentsandcitizens1@gmail.com](mailto:kahutaraparentsandcitizens1@gmail.com)



## UPCOMING DATES: *(pop me on the fridge)*

- 12 April** Last day of Term 1
- 29 April** First day of Term 2
- 8 May** Year 7 / 8 Basketball starts
- 13 May** Booktown Featherston Trip (gift vouchers to be used)
- 17 May** Pink Shirt Day  
Pie orders must be in
- 20 May** BoT Meeting
- 24 May** Kuranui College visit for year 8s
- 29 May** Pie Pick-up Day
- 31 May** Teacher Only Day
- 3 June** King's Birthday
- 7 June** Cluster Cross Country
- 28 June** Matariki Holiday

## FINAL ASSEMBLY - AWARDS WORTH CELEBRATING

We had a lovely end of term assembly yesterday and enjoyed performances by our Singing Group and Hub 1. Congratulations to Kate Polaschek, Sasha Blackwood, Rawiri Janes, Charlize Blackwood and Colton Nation who received our special end of term awards. Well done to Wyatt who won the 'Mrs Sims Baby Competition' winning 264 mentos lollies and to Charlize who won our very first Kahutara Cards (K-Cards) Draw.



Thank you all for a wonderful term and for the warm welcome I have received from our community. A special thank you to our team here at Kahutara School, who have been an important support for me as I find my feet. I am very grateful for the ongoing support of our Board of Trustees, and I would like to acknowledge our Presiding Member, Victoria Shaw, and thank them for their work. I can see how invested our Board of Trustees is in our school and community. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday break and enjoy your time together.

I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 29th April, for an exciting Term 2.

Ariana Te Whetu  
Principal

# Lake Ferry ANZAC service



THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024

Gather at flagpole 10:15am for a 10:30am pōwhiri.

The service will include our iwi, schools, and local residents.

Following the service there will be a community BBQ at the Lake Ferry Domain to involve whānau and tamariki.

ALL WELCOME



## HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR LOCAL CHOPPER

### DOGGY DAY OUT

Where: **Queen Elizabeth Park, Masterton.**

When: **Sunday 5 May 2024 at 10am**

Dress your dog up for a fun day out! Food, stalls and fun activities for the family. Lots of awesome prizes. \$10 entry per dog. Cash only.

Pre-register at Westpac Masterton or on the day. All dogs to be on leads. 10:00am - 2pm.

Thank you for your support in helping raise money for this crucial life-saving service. All money raised will benefit your local rescue helicopter.



Westpac New Zealand Limited.

### Martinborough Junior Squash



Registration

Friday 3rd May

3.30pm-5.30pm

All playing levels welcome

No equipment required

Hot Food available

Squash program

Monday-Coaching

Friday-Games

Junior/Primary Membership

\$55

Come and have a hit on court

Email:

sharlenemorg3@gmail.com



## APRIL TĀKARO PLAY SESSIONS

FREE PLAY POP UPS FOR ALL

### WEEK 1

Tuesday 16th  
Pirinoa Town Hall/School  
10.30 - 12.30pm

Wednesday 17th  
Martinborough School  
10.30-12.30pm

Thursday 18th  
Queen Elizabeth Park Green Space,  
MSTN  
10.30 - 12.30pm

Saturday 20th  
Carterton Colour Run at Carrington Park  
12pm

### WEEK 2

Monday 22nd  
Carrington Park, CTN  
10.30 - 12.30pm

Tuesday 23rd  
Soldiers Memorial Park, GRT  
10.30-12.30pm

Wednesday 24th  
Featherston School  
10.30 - 12.30pm

Friday 26th  
Riverstone Park, MSTN  
10.30 - 12.30pm

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APRIL

CHECK OUT  
OUR WAKA  
TĀKARO  
PLAY  
TRAILER &  
HAVE SOME  
FUN!



*We would like to take the time to mention those members of the community who continue to contribute to our school:*

Ongaha Farms Limited

Okawa Farming Trust

Te Pare Farm Ltd

Ironhide Dairies Limited

Tairoa Partnership

Runnymede

A F Fencing

Boulder Dairies Limited

Runnymede Kahutara

Laing Logging

H A Handyside

Sparks Family Farming Trust

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Runnymede Farm Limited

R A & D F Johnson

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Haringa Land Company Limited

D & A Dairies Limited

Clifton Farm 2016 Limited

Ongaha Enterprises Ltd

Pillars Farm Limited

Makako Trust

Thanks to their incredible generosity, Bernie Illston, the Rural Sales Manager in the Wairarapa for Fern, delivered 3 brand new Chromebooks today, which are a gift to our school from the funds donated above. The devices will be used in Room 3 - Thanks so much!  
If you would like to join in, please call Fern and have a chat.



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our school!**

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recieve \$5



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today!**