



# KAHUTARA SCHOOL

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

Manaakitanga

Connectedness

Confidence

Critical Thinking

## NEWSLETTER

15 February 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Firstly, I'd like to thank the staff, students and whānau for the warm welcome I have received since joining Kahutara School. I am really excited to be part of this community and I am grateful for the opportunity to lead a strong team and a wonderful school.

Before our students returned to school, we had three staff only days focusing on building our team culture, what positive behaviour at Kahutara will look like and what learning experiences and themes we want to offer our students this year. I quickly learned that our teachers and support staff have a great sense of humour, they know how important it is to work together as one, and they have a clear passion for our students and this community. As part of this work, we created '**The Kahutara Way**' which we are teaching all students, so they understand our expectations for behaviour, and the way we do things here. I've attached this at the end of this newsletter so you are also aware of what we are talking about at school.

Our theme for learning this term is '**Who am I? Ko Wai Ahau?**' and our big idea is that we are all unique and view the world differently. Your child(ren) will be bringing home some tasks to do with you, such as learning about the meaning of their name and interviewing a family member. They'll use this information at school, as part of their writing so they can share and celebrate who they are. Thank you for your support with this!

On Thursday 22nd February we will have a mihi whakatau at 9:30am for all new staff, students and families this term. As I am new to this team, I will also have some students and staff from my previous school with me. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join the event, and sit with the Kahutara School side. If there are any whānau who would like to speak on behalf of Kahutara School, please give me a call at school and I will include this in the organisation for the mihi whakatau. Our students are practising the haka powhiri and waiata this week - I'm very proud of our kaea (leaders) who have stepped up to lead the haka (Boaz and Keanu) and karanga (Tiana and Ayon). It will be a special event and you are all welcome to attend.

I would also like to share some exciting staffing news with you all. Brooke Sims is having her first baby later this year, and we

Dear Kahutara School Families and Caregivers,

**Hub 1 is looking forward to our camp at the end of the year, but to be able to go we need to do lots of fundraising! As most of you will know, each year our class brings baking from home and we all run our weekly Sausage Sizzle.**

**We are planning on saving as much money as we can for our camp and would really appreciate it if you could donate us some sausages from home if you are planning on processing any of your farm animals this year.**

**With support from all of the families we could do heaps of fun stuff! We're planning to go to Kaitoke YMCA. We will be doing a lot of fun stuff like kayaking, zip lining and many more exciting activities!**

**Best wishes for a fantastic 2024!**

Hub 1

*Monkeys up a tree*



Meet & Greet BYO Picnic Dinner

**Tonight @ 5:00!!**

See you there

are all so happy for her! She will be going on maternity leave at the beginning of Term 2 so I will be advertising this position shortly. Brooke will be returning to her role teaching in Room 5 in Term 1, 2025. Congratulations Brooke and Matt - we are all thrilled for you!

And finally, Inga Munro is stepping into the Acting Deputy Principal position at our school this year. Inga is a natural leader, she is an excellent classroom teacher and I have no doubt that she will do a great job working alongside me, to lead our school.

You are always welcome to get in touch with me if you have any questions or would like to talk.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Ariana Te Whetu

### Congratulations to our student leaders for 2024 🎉

School leaders - Rory, Samantha and Brooke

Sports leaders - Keanu, Kate, Samantha and Tiana

House leaders - Joel (Rata), Keanu (Kowhai), Boaz (Totara) and Ayon (Manuka)

Librarian - Joel

Environmental leaders - Boaz, Kate and Jessy

Cultural leaders - Tiana and Ayon

*(Keep an eye on the office foyer wall - official photos coming!)*



*"Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others."*

### *This week's award recipients - Well Done!*



## HANDY HELPERS

Riki - our Caretaker wants to say a huge thanks to some special families who rolled up their sleeves to help during the holidays, so Riki, Sooz and their family could take a well earned break...

**Benjamin and Dave Bosch** - for mowing the lawns

**The Honeysett/McGilligan Families** - keeping the school pool maintained to such a high standard.

Our school is extremely lucky to have such generous help - we are so grateful.

### UPCOMING DATES:

#### Hub 1 Tech - Term 1

- 12 March
- 19 March
- 26 March
- 9 April

**22 Feb** - Mihi Whakatau @ 9:30

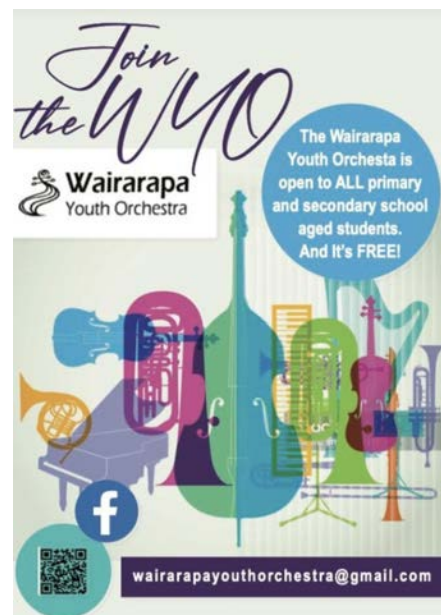
**26 Feb** - BoT Meeting @ 5pm in the staffroom

**27 Feb** - SW Cluster Swimming Comp

**29 Feb** - SW Cluster Swimming Comp (Postponement Day)

**6 March** - Year 7 Vaccinations

## Correspondence



## Wairarapa 2024 Kids Tri

Registrations are now OPEN!!!

Swim, Ride, Run and HAVE FUN at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Breadcraft Kids Triathlon Series  
Hosted by the Wairarapa Multi Sports Club

Dates	Time	Venue
Monday, 12 February 2024	5.30pm	Wairarapa College
Monday, 19 February 2024	5.30pm	Wairarapa College
Monday, 26 February 2024	5.30pm	Wairarapa College

Open to all kids 3 to 18 years, \$10.50 PER SERIES

Pre-register at [www.wmsc.org.nz](http://www.wmsc.org.nz). Enquiries or to volunteer: [wairapakidstri@gmail.com](mailto:wairapakidstri@gmail.com)

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# The Kahutara Way

<b>At our school...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ We use kind words</li><li>★ We encourage each other</li><li>★ We show manaakitanga to our visitors</li></ul>
<b>In our classrooms...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ We keep our learning spaces tidy</li><li>★ We speak respectfully to each other and staff</li><li>★ We take care of our equipment</li><li>★ We listen carefully and follow instructions quickly</li></ul>
<b>In our library...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ We take care of our books, games and furniture</li><li>★ We sit down to read or play games</li><li>★ We only touch the books and games that are on the shelves</li><li>★ We use inside voices</li></ul>
<b>When catching the bus...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ We sit quietly in our waiting area, and wait for our names to be called for the bus line</li><li>★ We sit in our seats on the bus and show respect to the driver and our peers</li><li>★ We use inside voices and speak kindly</li></ul>
<b>In our outdoor spaces...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ We use kind words to each other</li><li>★ We take turns and include others</li><li>★ We play games following the rules</li><li>★ We take responsibility for the equipment we use</li><li>★ We are accountable for our actions</li></ul>
<b>At assembly...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ We line up and enter the hall quietly</li><li>★ We sit quietly, facing the front while people are speaking</li><li>★ We sing the national anthem with pride</li><li>★ We celebrate success by clapping appropriately</li></ul>
<b>At eating times...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ We sit on the deck when eating and eat our own food</li><li>★ We put our food scraps in the compost and our rubbish in the bin</li><li>★ We put our hand up at the end of eating time, and wait for a staff member to release us</li><li>★ We put our lunch boxes back in our bags</li></ul>
<b>At the pool...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ We wear togs in the pool</li><li>★ We put our gear together with our bag</li><li>★ We wait for permission before entering the pool safely</li><li>★ We are safe and aware of others when we swim</li><li>★ Once we are finished swimming, we quickly get changed into our uniform</li></ul>

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