



KAHUTARA SCHOOL

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

Manaakitanga

Connectedness

Confidence

Critical Thinking

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - Week 7

Kia ora koutou,

The last two weeks at school have been super busy! We have lots of great photos to share of our students in action outside of the classroom. It was awesome to see lots of whānau pop down for the school picnic last night, thankfully the weather was on our side and we had a great evening. A big thank you to all our parent helpers who have supported us at recent events, it is very much appreciated!

South Wairarapa Swimming

We had 17 students represent our school at this event and I was very proud of the effort that they all put in. Thanks to Te Uru Manihera and Stella Khoo for helping with timekeeping, and to all the parents for their support with transport. Congratulations to Ben Jaspers who has qualified for 6 events at the Wairarapa Event! Wow! Congratulations also to Evan Chen, Ryan Chen and Te Mauri Te Are who are also moving through to the Wairarapa Event on Wednesday 26th March in Masterton.



Ki o Rahi Coastal Classic

On Friday 7th March we took a team of students from Hub 1 to the annual Ki o Rahi Coastal Classic in Riversdale. It was the first time that our school had attended this event and although we didn't win any games, we did have a great time playing Ki o Rahi on the beach. The waves were strong that day and washed out a few fields so there was a lot of excitement all round! Thanks Wayne Te Are, Te Uru Manihera and Tracey Honeysett for helping with transport (it was a very early start!) and for cheering our team on.



School Closed for Teacher Only Day - Friday 6th June 2025

We have one teacher only day next term on Friday 6th June which is in Week 6. The Ministry of Education has allowed all schools to hold two teacher only days this year, to support the implementation of the new Maths curriculum learning areas. We will be working alongside the other schools in our Featherston Cluster on the day. I hope that this early notification can help you to organise alternative arrangements for your child on this day.

Juices Moosies Day

Our KPC is now selling juicies and moosies on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays. Students can order a juicie or moosie before school outside Hub 2 for \$2 each.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Ariana Te Whetu

Our Latest Certificate Earners! Congratulations



Are you keen to help a local family out?....

This family (and their very cool Y6 student) is moving to Martinborough in a few months, but before they have to enrol him in Martinborough School, we thought we'd reach out to see if anyone who currently travels from Martinborough would be keen to bring this awesome kid to school! If you think it's something you can help with, please chat to Liz in the office - fingers crossed!

BUGS & LURGIES

There is currently a tummy bug, and croup making the rounds within our community. Here is some health advice and reminders to help with symptoms and to negate possible spread.



Camping at Kahutara

Our sleepover last night for Hub 1, Hub 2 and Room 3 was a great success! Although there are a few tired students and staff today, it all went really well and they had a great night. I am super proud of how well our younger students did, especially for those who hadn't slept away from home before. All of our students did a great job looking after each other and helping out. After the sun had set we moved to our evening programme of a camp concert, the launching of a sky lantern that drifted ever so closely to the trees on the field (all adults breathed a sigh of relief when it cleared them and fizzled out!) and then a super exciting game of spotlight. Most campers were sound asleep by 10:30pm. Our students sleeping in tents did so well! Two tents leaked and two tents were told at 2am and 4am to go back to sleep, but overall it was a great experience with some wonderful memories formed! We were lucky to have the help of Elizabeth Eneliko, Andy Mathews, Dion and Steph Marson overnight, as well a few extra staff who came in including Shannon and Mrs B - who was an absolute legend. Thanks for allowing your child to sleepover and for helping with tents, food and organisation!



Cross Creek Walk

Yesterday our Year 1 & 2 students were very active and walked into Cross Creek, part of the Remutaka Rail Trail. We were

Info on Gastroenteritis:

<https://info.health.nz/conditions-treatments/food-and-water-borne-disease/s/diarrhoea-and-vomiting-in-adults-gastroenteritis>

Info on Croup:

<https://info.health.nz/conditions-treatments/lungs/croup>

UPCOMING DATES

- Mon 24th March - Board Meeting 5pm
- Wed 26th March - Wairarapa Swimming Event
- Mon 7th April - KPC Meeting 7pm
- Wed 2nd April - WBR running Rippa Rugby at school
- Wed 9th April - WBR running Rippa Rugby at school
- Thurs 10th April - Sth Wai Bat and Ball Event
- Fri 11th April - Last day of Term 1
End of Term Assembly at 1:45pm at the Kahutara Community Hall
- Fri 25th April - Anzac Commemoration (Pirinoa) 10am, all welcome (please wear school uniform)
- Mon 28th April - First day of Term 2

SLAYING sustainability

A waste & sustainability focused...
School Holiday Programme

When: Tues 15 & Weds 16 April
Where: Carterton Events Centre
Times: 9.00 am to 3.00 pm
For who: Suitable for Year 7 & 8s
Cost: \$20 per child

WAIRARAPA
BALLOON Festival
EASTER 2025
FAMILY CARNIVAL
SATURDAY 19 APRIL

5 hours of action-packed entertainment for the whole family. Plus live music, food trucks and much more.

TICKETS AND DETAILS
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- Air balloon walk-throughs
- Live music
- Bouncy Castles
- Face Painting Zone
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Selection of market stalls

The magical night balloon performance - lit up to music

Delicious food and beverage options from Street Food vendors
An unforgettable experience

Gates Open 3pm. Entertainment starts at 3pm

TICKETS AND DETAILS
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Discount Family Tickets available

worried that the weather would turn and they would have to postpone the trip but thankfully it went ahead with the support of lots of parent helpers and they all had a fabulous time. Mrs R and Shannon were so pleased with how well the class did, completing the 2km walk in, in only 40 minutes! There was lots of student discussion around the need to hydrate and keep moving! Go Room 4! We are very grateful to our parent helpers who joined us o the day; thank you Sascha, Megan, Paul, Elizabeth, Anneka, Hayley, Logan, Suzi and Chris.



Curriculum Release Time (CRT) for Teachers

Classroom teachers are entitled to 5 release days per term to help with their planning, assessment and teaching programmes. Becky McGuinness works on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and sometimes Mrs B also helps with this release. Having the same release teachers in classrooms helps provide stability and consistency in our programmes but I thought it would be helpful for you to know why your child may have a different teacher sometimes. We have also had a lot of staff sickness lately and different relieving teachers coming in when needed. Overall though, it has been a very settled term for staffing.

JOIN US!

WAIRARAPA Kids Choir

WHAT: A CHOIR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 7 AND UP
WHO LOVE TO SING

WHERE: CARTERTON COURT HOUSE

WHEN: FRIDAYS 3:50-4:50

CONTACT:
JILLBEBBINGTON@WISE.NET.NZ

Quiz – Sip – Repeat

READY TO PLAY?

11 APRIL-7PM

COBBLESTONES MUSEUM

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION

Register - cobblestonesmuseumgreytown@gmail.com
or by phone - 0211606088

VENUE - GREYTOWN RUGBY CLUBROOMS
TEAMS OF 6 - \$120 A TABLE

Tickle Your Brain

Get a team together for a fabulous night of brain teasers, fun and bloopers. There's a cash bar, nibbles are provided and the laughs will keep coming as you nut out the answers.

Experienced or novice doesn't matter. Fun is the name of the game.

Mystery envelopes, Raffle and Auction for added spice.
Support Cobblestones to preserve our heritage buildings.

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