

TERM 4, 2025 | WEEK 1

# KAHUTARA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## ***OUR CLASSROOM GARDENS***

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Our school gardens are looking fantastic, with a wonderful variety of vegetables and flowers growing beautifully. This week, Room 4.5 and Hub 1 harvested kale and learned how to make delicious kale chips — which were very much enjoyed!

A big thank you to Mary, Sandie, Eve and Shannon for the time and effort they put into supporting students with garden care, and to all our students who help look after our gardens and wetlands.

We are also very grateful to the Scotlands Te Kiteroa Charitable Grant, who generously provided \$1500 to support the ongoing development of these gardens. Thank you for helping us continue this exciting and hands-on learning opportunity for our tamariki.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's been a fantastic first week back at school! Classroom routines in reading, writing, and maths are well underway again, and it's great to see students settling quickly into their learning. There's also been lots of creative energy around the school, with students busy preparing their art, flowers, and displays for Pet Day.

A big thank you to our KPC for all the planning and organisation that goes into making Pet Day such a special event — we're all looking forward to it! A newsletter was sent home on Friday, with some important reminders about this event. If your child is not bringing a pet along, we would still really like them to come to school and we have lots of jobs that they can help with to keep busy on the day. Please contact me if you would like me to help coordinate this.

Our Rippa Rugby sessions with WBRU have also kicked off for the term, with Thomas Ralls visiting once a week during the first half of the term. Our students really enjoyed the Rippa Rugby tournaments in Term 3, so it is great to be able to keep this sport going in Term 4 - and we love the sessions that Thomas runs! Kapa Haka lessons have also started again, we are practising on Thursday afternoons and we have had 5 students join our roopu (group) which is fantastic.

All the best to Shannon Daken for her 5 week teacher placement at South End School. During this time, Charlie Regnault will be working in Room 4.5 for four days, as a teacher aide. His mum was a teacher here at Kahutara School many years ago (Nikki Regnault) and Charlie is considering starting his teacher training next year, so we are very pleased to have him join our team. He loves sport so will also be out and about at lunchtime running some extra sports and games for our tamariki.

The term ahead is a busy one so please keep an eye on the 'Important Dates' at the end of this newsletter. If you are free on Thursday evening, there is a Quiz Night that Wai Wheels is running to help fundraise for a new goalie set for our Year 7 & 8 hockey team. Registration details are below.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Ariana Te Whetu



**Thank you Riki!**

*Riki has been busy over the holidays fixing our playground. There have been a few falls from the pole this year, so Riki spent some time in the holidays making this safer. It looks great!*

**WAI WHEELS**  
- FEATHERSTON -

**WAI WHEELS  
FEATHERSTON &  
BALOO'S KITCHEN**

**QUIZ  
NIGHT**

**Entry  
Fee  
\$10 Per  
person**

Fundraising for Kahutara and South  
Featherston Schools

**THURS  
16TH  
OCT  
@7PM**

- Greytown Workingmen's Club
- Max 6 players per team
- Fabulous Prizes
- Awesome giveaways
- Auction

**Food & Drinks Available**

To secure a table contact Jill 0273670237 or Barbara 0273088069



# ASSEMBLY CELEBRATIONS



Here are our latest certificate winners - ka mau te wehi. Awesome work Bonnie, Bailey, Charlotte, Hector, Mia, Izabella, Hunter and Reagan! We also welcomed Leila Eneliko to school. Leila started on Monday and has settled very well into Room 4.5

Assemblies will be on Wednesday afternoons this term and held in Hub 2. Parents are always welcome to attend, they start at 1:45pm.

The next assembly will be on Wednesday in Week 3

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT - MRS MUNRO

**Mrs Munro is our Deputy Principal and she also teaches in Hub 2.**

**What do you enjoy about working at Kahutara School?**

I love the kids we have at Kahutara. They make me really enjoy working here and being a teacher. I also love the feel of the school, as soon as you drive in, it feels good.

**If you could change ONE thing about our school, what would it be?**

I would like a playground that has slides and swings etc for our younger students, and like climbing walls or something for our older ones.

**Who was your favourite teacher at school, and what did they do that was special?**

Mr Cowan, he made time to joke with us when he saw us, always said hi and asked us questions about outside of school and genuinely wanted to know the answer. He also approached teaching with humour and never made us feel dumb if we didn't get it.

**Where were you born and where did you grow up?**

I was born in Johannesburg, South Africa and grew up there until I was 11, then moved to Whanganui NZ.

**If you could have a superpower, what would it be and why?**

To read minds when I choose to (wouldn't want a constant stream of voices all day every day) so that when a someone, like a student, has extreme behaviours, or is acting out of character, I could know why and figure out the best way to help.



# IMPORTANT DATES

## Week 2

- **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Oct** - St John's Teddy CPR Training for Room 3 and Room 4.5
- **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Judging of Art, Baking and Construction after school
- **Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Pet Day
- **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Oct** - **Teacher Only Day (School Closed)**
- **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Awa after Dark at Ruamāhanga Farm 6:30pm - 8:30pm (for Room 3)

## Week 3

- **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Board Meeting at 5pm
- **Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** - Spelling Bee and Booktown Authors visiting Kahutara School
- **Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** - **NZEI Strike - (School Closed)**
- **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** - School Photos from 9am and WBRU running Rippa Rugby with classes
- **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Hub 1 Sausage Sizzle

## Week 4

- **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Oct** - **Labour Day (School Closed)**
- **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Featherston Schools Cluster Athletics for Years 4 - 8 students at Featherston Domain
- **Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** - WBRU running Rippa Rugby with classes
- **Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** - Hub 1 Sausage Sizzle

## Week 5

- **Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Technology for Hub 1
- **Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Hub 1 Sausage Sizzle

## Week 6

- **Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Sth Wai Athletics (Masterton)
- **Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Technology for Hub 1
- **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Hub 1 Sausage Sizzle
- **Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Wai Wheels Car Show and Swap Meet (fundraising for Kahutara Hockey)

## Week 7

- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Life Ed Lessons (with Harold the Giraffe)
- **Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Technology for Hub 1
- **Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** - Hub 1 Sausage Sizzle

## Week 8

- **Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Regional Athletics (Masterton)
- **Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Technology for Hub 1
- **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Pack the Bus
- **Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Surf Lifesaving at Riversdale for Rooms 3 and 4.5
- **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Hub 1 Sausage Sizzle (last one for the year)

## Week 9

- **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Y8 Moving on Day and Y7 Hauora Day
- **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Surf Lifesaving at Riversdale for Hub 1 and Hub 2
- **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Hub 1 overnighter at Castlepoint

## Week 10

- **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** - End of Year Prize Giving

## Week 11

- **Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Last Day of School for all students

# HOCKEY PRIZEGIVING

