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KAHUTARA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

CAMP ROTORUA 2026








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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora,
It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the term – a slightly scary thought, given how quickly the end of the year is approaching!

A big thank you to Benjamin and Dave Bosch for taking the time over the holidays to grade our school driveway. We really appreciate your help in keeping our school looking great! Thank you also to Jim Boyle, who generously gave his time to come in and run a long jump coaching session with our students. It was fantastic for our tamariki to benefit from his knowledge and expertise.

We are excited to have 16 students who have qualified for the South Wairarapa Athletics Event in Masterton on Tuesday 17 November. This is a wonderful achievement, and we wish all our athletes the very best of luck! We know you will represent Kahutara School with pride.

Camp Rotorua
What an incredible week our Year 7 & 8 students had in Rotorua! We were so proud of our tamariki, who represented Kahutara School wonderfully, embraced every opportunity and had an absolute blast along the way!

We stayed at Te Kuirau Marae and packed our days with some amazing experiences. From ziplining through the forest, visiting the luge, exploring the 3D Art Gallery and experiencing the 3 Mirage light show, to swimming, sightseeing and touring Rotorua and its lakes aboard a WWII amphibious landing craft, there was certainly no shortage of fun!

One of the biggest highlights of camp was climbing Mt Tarawera! This was an incredible challenge for our students, who showed real determination and perseverance as they tackled the steep slopes. The breathtaking views, combined with learning about the history, legends and eruption of Mt Tarawera, made it an unforgettable experience. A huge shout-out to Mrs Sims, who was an absolute superstar! At 25 weeks pregnant, she took on the climb like a champion and absolutely smashed it!

A very special thank you to Matt Honeysett, Sophie White and Sarah Wallace, who joined us as parent helpers. They were absolutely fantastic, giving their time, energy and support to ensure our students were well cared for and had the best possible experience. We really appreciated everything they did.

It was a week full of adventure, laughter, challenges, new experiences and lifelong memories. We couldn't be prouder of our students and the way they approached everything with such enthusiasm. They were treated to dinner at Cob n Co on their last night, which was very exciting for everyone! Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraisers and helped our tamariki experience a wonderful camp; we are very grateful.

Market Day - Friday 11 December
We are excited to be holding our School Market Day on Friday 11 December!

Our classes are busy planning and preparing a range of products that they will be creating and selling on the day. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their creativity, teamwork, financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills as they turn their ideas into products to sell.

We warmly invite all whānau and members of our wider community to come along, browse the stalls and support our young entrepreneurs! There will be plenty of wonderful creations on offer, so come along and see what our clever tamariki have been working on.

More details about times and what will be available will be shared closer to the day.

Martinborough RSA Commemorations
Recently, a group of our students attended two important commemorative events organised by the Martinborough RSA, marking the New Zealand Land Wars and the end of World War One.

We were especially proud of Leanne Chen, who was invited to play The Last Post and Rouse on her flute at these commemorations. This was a special privilege and an honour for Leanne, who represented our school beautifully.

It was also a proud moment to see our students participating so respectfully, supporting the commemorations through waiata tautoko and singing our national anthem with pride. These are important opportunities for our tamariki to learn about our history, show respect and contribute meaningfully to our wider community.

We are proud to support these significant occasions and grateful to the Martinborough RSA for including our school. It is wonderful to see our students taking an active role in remembering and honouring those who have gone before us.







WHILE THE CATS ARE AWAY, THE MICE WILL PLAY!

CHECK OUT WHAT THE YEAR 6 TROOPS WERE UP TO LAST WEEK!

Problem-solving, team-building, and learning through play - this group has experienced it all!
Suzi, Shannon and Mrs B have each taken turns providing our Year 6s with a fun week in the absence of our seniors - Ka mutu pea!















AND THE JUNIORS ALSO HAD A WONDERFUL TIME!

ROOMS 3 AND 5 ENJOYED A FANTASTIC FUN-FILLED DAY WITH THEIR FAVOURITE BEAR & A GENEROUS SHARED LUNCH!









...AND DON'T FORGET OUR YEAR 4 & 5'S!

CHERYL FROM ARATOI CAME IN AND TAUGHT THE CHILDREN SOME FANTASTIC NEW ART TECHNIQUES!













IT IS FAIR TO SAY EACH AND EVERY CHILD HAD A FUN & MEMORABLE WEEK

Kahutara School

BOOK FAIR!

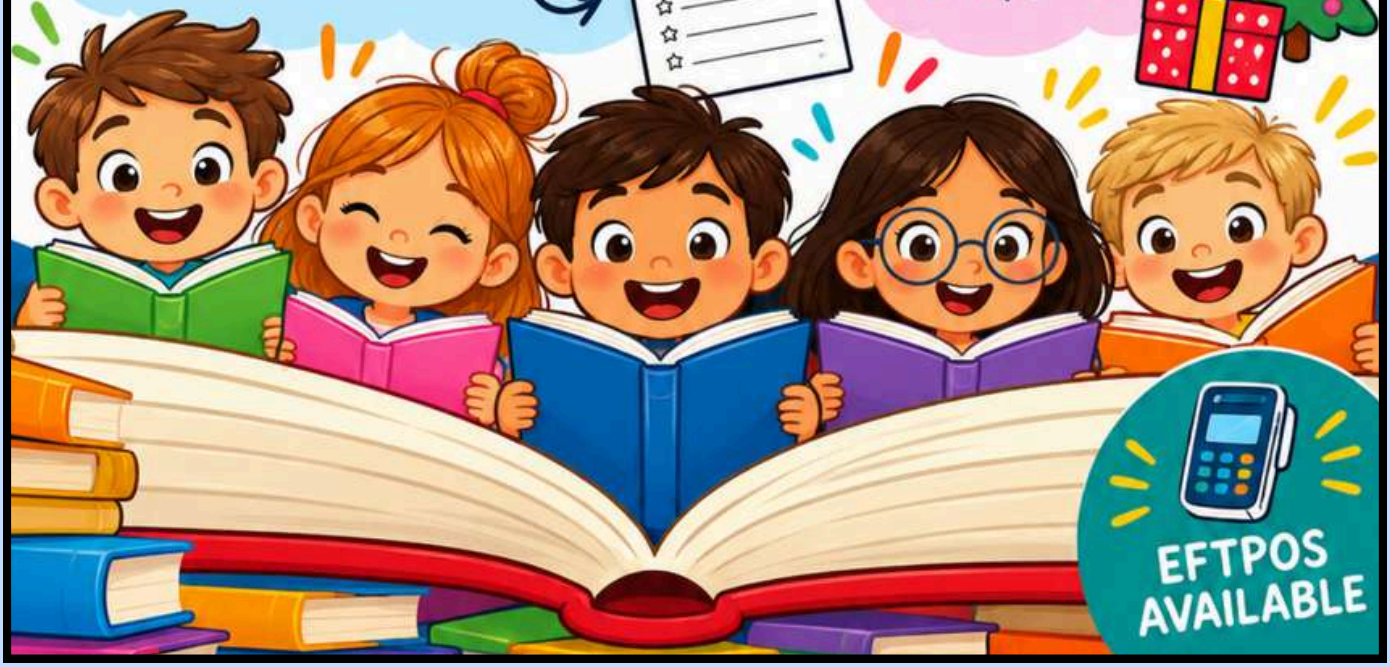
Monday 23 – Wednesday 25 November

Classes will have a sneak peek prior and fill in their Wish List cards to bring home prior to this week.



This is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping!





EFTPOS AVAILABLE

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4

Week 6

- **Tues 17 Nov** - Technology starts Y7-8 again
- **Tues 17 Nov** - Sth Wai Athletics in Masterton
- **Thurs 19 Nov** - Sausage Sizzle Camp Fundraiser



Week 7

- **Mon 23 Nov** - Book Fair Open 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (Old Library)
- **Tues 24 Nov** - Book Fair Open 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (Old Library)
- **Wed 25 Nov** - Book Fair Open 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (Old Library)
- **Thurs 26 Nov** - School Photos
- **Thurs 26 Nov** - Sausage Sizzle Camp Fundraiser
- **Fri 27th Nov** - Water Play Afternoon (more info to come)



Week 8

- **Mon 30 Nov** - Year 8 Moving On Day
- **Tues 1 Dec** - Wgtn Regional Athletics at Newtown Park
- **Thurs 3 Dec** - Sausage Sizzle Camp Fundraiser
- **Fri 4 Dec** - Kapa Haka performing at Greytown Orchards Retirement Village at 11 am



Week 9

- **Thurs 10 Dec** - Year 8 Leavers Dinner (official invites to follow)
- **Fri 11 Dec** - School Market Day (more info to come)
- **Fri 11 Dec** - School Reports available today via Hero
- *No Sausage Sizzle this week*



Week 10

- **Tues 15 Dec** - End of Year Prize Giving 5 pm start
- **Wed 16 Dec** - Last Day of School, finishing at 12:30 pm (Buses are scheduled)
- *No Sausage Sizzle this week*

CORRESPONDENCE

WELLINGTON JUNIOR RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY
5th DECEMBER 2026
WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB

SCAN TO REGISTER
Complete the online registration form

SECTIONS:
- OPEN (FIDE RATED)
- SENIOR
- INTERMEDIATE
- JUNIOR

6-ROUND SWISS

15 MINUTES + 5 SECONDS PER MOVE

ENTRY FEE: $40

Venue

Wellington Bridge Club
17 Tinakori Rd, Thorndon, Wellington 6011

Playing Divisions

- **Open**: Under 20 as of 1/1/26, NZCF Rating 1200+ (FIDE and NZCF rated)
- **Senior**: 13 years & over
- **Intermediate**: 11–12 years
- **Junior**: 10 years & under

Format

- Individual competition with four playing divisions
- 6-round Swiss tournament
- Time control: 15 minutes + 5 seconds per move

How to enter?
Scan the QR code and complete the online entry form.

Entry fee: $40

Payment to: Crazy Horse Chess, a/c # 02-0506-0369999-000
(Include player's name & "KJR" as reference)

For additional info email gordon@crazyhorsechess.co.nz



SOUTH WAIRARAPA KIDS TRI

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MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER & MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY AND LET THEM TAKE PART IN THIS FUN ACTIVE EVENT!

AGES: 5 - 13 YEARS
LOCATION: FEATHERSTON POOL/ CARD RESERVE
TIME: 5:30PM APPROX START (FINISH TIME DEPENDS ON ENTRIES)
COST: $10 FOR ONE EVENT OR $15 FOR BOTH!

REGISTER NOW

CONTACT HELEN FOR ANY QUESTIONS: HELEN@KIAHAKINAKINA.CO.NZ

WAIRARAPA Walking Festival

6TH – 15TH NOVEMBER 2026
BOOK AT EVENTFINDA.CO.NZ

Register FREE for these walks at

https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/tours-festivals/2026/wairarapa-walking-festival-2026



StoryWalk® Stomp

Featuring Luke the Pukeko

With Rachel from Chatterbox (REAP)
Wear your gumboots and do the stomp!
Carrington Park, Carterton, Wairarapa
Sat 7 Nov 10:30 to 11.30 am **FREE**



Ongaha Bush Story Walk

An afternoon for all the family

Forest games and Teddy Bears Picnic
Ongaha Farm, Kahutara/Martinborough
with Jane from Ruamahanga Farm Foundation
Sunday 8 Nov 2:00 to 4.00 pm **FREE**



ABC 123 Let's Go! Masterton

Douglas Park Reserve, Masterton
Tuesday 10 Nov 10:30am to 11.30 am

This ABC 123 Let's Go! walk with Chatterbox is perfect for 0-5 years with parents, teachers and carers. It is easily accessible and flat with lots of letters, numbers, colours and sounds to talk about. **FREE**



ABC 123 Let's Go! Greytown

Stella Bull Park, Greytown
Thursday 12 Nov 10:30am to 11.30 am

This ABC 123 Let's Go! walk with Chatterbox is perfect for 0-5 years with parents, teachers and carers. It is easily accessible and flat with lots of letters, numbers, colours and sounds to talk about. **FREE**

WAIRARAPA Spitfires BASEBALL CLUB

2026/27 SEASON



NEW SEASON REGISTRATIONS OPEN IN SEPTEMBER!
Pre-season training starting soon!

Pre-Christmas Season
October 22nd - December 12th

Post-Chrismas Season
TBA (Usually Feb-Apr)

OPEN DAY
Kuranui College Field
Saturday October 17
10–12PM

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ROOKIE BALL - Ages 5 to 8
MAJORS 10 & 12U DEVELOPMENT - Ages 9 - 12
MAJORS 14U & 16U DEVELOPMENT - Ages 13+
12U/14U/16U TRAVEL TEAMS

More info: www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball