TERM 4, 2026 | WEEK 7

KAHUTARA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Teacher Appreciation Day!

We had a special assembly this week to celebrate our amazing teachers. They were asked to bring a pair of high heels with absolutely no other information, so it's fair to say their anxiety levels were running a little high!

Much to their relief, they were each assigned an 'assistant' to help them complete a series of hilarious challenges. There were plenty of laughs, great teamwork and lots of fun for everyone! We finished with a whole-school dance to celebrate just how awesome our teachers are.

Thank you, Inga, Brooke, Kim, Lara and Becky, for being such great sports, for the fun you bring to learning at Kahutara School, and for the care, encouragement and support you give our tamariki every day. We appreciate you! ❤️













PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Fuel for Schools
A huge thank you to the following local businesses, farming families and community supporters who have supported Kahutara School through the Fuel for Schools programme.

We have used our Fuel for Schools funding to purchase new flutterboards and dive rings for the swimming pool, a frisbee golf set for the field, a set of 12 drink bottles for sporting events and a set of touch rugby balls. We certainly have some very lucky students!

Thank you to:
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Band Of Brothers Ltd Wairio
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Sparks Family Farming Trust
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Te Awaawaroa Limited





End-of-Year Reporting
Term 4 reports will be shared online via Hero on Friday 11 December.

A reminder that we have revised our reporting format this year to align with the Ministry of Education's new reporting requirements. Teachers have made judgements about student achievement in Reading, Writing and Mathematics against the refreshed curriculum expectations for each student's current year level, using the following progress descriptors: Emerging, Developing, Consolidating, Proficient and Exceeding.

Reports will also include a statement indicating whether your child has met the curriculum expectations for their year level.

We have worked hard to personalise our reports as much as possible. We recognise that school is about so much more than Reading, Writing and Mathematics, and we want our reports to celebrate our tamariki's individual strengths, achievements and personal growth, while also giving whānau a clear understanding of their child's academic achievement and progress.

South Wairarapa Athletics
Congratulations to Georgia, Toby, Olivia, Suzi, Jesse, Beau, Ben, Flynn, Hector, Hope, Indy, Leanne, Mila, Rosie, Sofia, Te Ahu and George W, who qualified to compete at the South Wairarapa Athletics competition in Masterton a couple of weeks ago. Our students looked fantastic in their new school sports tops and were excellent representatives of Kahutara School, displaying great sportsmanship and determination. We are really proud of you all!







Regional Athletics
Best of luck to Ben, Rosie, Hector and Indy, who will be representing Kahutara School at the Regional Athletics competition in Wellington next week! We are incredibly proud to have four students qualify for the next round – a fantastic achievement for our small school. We look forward to hearing how you all get on!

Kahutara School Market Day - Friday 11 December
Our tamariki have been busy developing their financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills in preparation for our school Market Day! Each class has been given a budget of $200 to develop products or services to sell on the day, learning about budgeting, marketing, pricing, customer service and making a profit.

We have let our students know that all the money they raise will go towards our whole-school trip to GoZone on Monday 14 December, giving them a shared goal to work towards and a wonderful opportunity to contribute to their own end-of-year experience.

Our market will open at 10 am and run until approximately 11.30 am–12 pm. Shoppers will need to visit the 'Kahutara School Bank' to exchange their New Zealand dollars for Kahutara School currency, as this is the only currency our stallholders will accept. We look forward to welcoming our whānau and wider community along to support our young entrepreneurs and see their creativity, teamwork and business skills in action!

Classroom Organisation for 2027

Classroom	Year Levels	Teachers
Room 5	Years 0–1	Mrs Macdonald
Room 3	Years 2–3	Mrs Hooper
Hub 2	Years 4–6	Ms Munro
Hub 1	Years 6–8	Mrs Te Whetu, Mrs Sims and a teacher to be appointed

In 2027, we will continue to operate four classrooms, starting the year with a roll of 83 students. Brooke Sims will be on maternity leave at the beginning of Term 1 and will return in Term 3. We are currently working through the appointment process for a teacher to support our senior classroom during this time. We wish Mrs Sims all the very best as she prepares to welcome a new addition to her family!

We will update all students and parents in the coming weeks with class placements and the teacher appointment for Hub 1. If you have any questions about classroom organisation for 2027, you are welcome to get in touch with me.

Ngā mihi,
Ariana

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4



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
- **Fri 11 Dec** - School Market Day (starting at 10 am)
- **Fri 11 Dec** - Fish and Chips Lunches (*forms coming home Monday 30 Nov, and need to be returned by 3pm Monday 7 Dec)*
- **Fri 11 Dec** - School Reports available today via Hero
- *No Sausage Sizzle this week*



Week 10

- **Mon 14 Dec** - School Trip to GoZone *(permission to attend this event will come out via Hero in the events section)*
- **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)



Welcome to Kahutara School!

A big welcome to Maya-Rae, who started at school this month :)

Kahutara School MARKET DAY

Friday 11 December

10:00am – 11:30am / 12:00pm

Come along and support our young entrepreneurs!

- Our classes have selected a range of exciting products and services to 'market' on the day.
- Each class has a budget of **$200** to plan, create and run their market stall.
- Students are working with their classroom teacher to organise, create and run their stall.
- All money raised will go towards our whole-school trip to **GoZone** on **Monday 14 December!**

Kahutara School Bank

Visit the Bank to exchange NZ dollars for Kahutara School cash!

Market Day Awards

TOP MONEY MAKER AWARD
Stall that raises the most money.

PROFIT CHAMPIONS AWARD
Class that makes the highest profit after expenses.

CUSTOMER SERVICE STARS AWARD
Stall with the friendliest, most helpful and welcoming service.

BEST STALL PRESENTATION AWARD
Most creative, attractive and well-organised stall.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS AWARD
Most innovative or original product, service or business idea.

TEAMWORK CHAMPIONS AWARD
Class that demonstrates outstanding cooperation and effort.

We can't wait to see our financial literacy, creativity and entrepreneurial skills come together!

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

EVERY DAY MATTERS
SUCCESS IN LEARNING AND IN LIFE STARTS BY ATTENDING SCHOOL EACH DAY

TERM 4, WEEK 5 RESULTS

WINNER HUB 1	99 %
HUB 2	95 %
ROOM 3	93 %
ROOM 5	94 %
ATTENDANCE OVERALL	95 %

90% Regular attendance is 90% and above!

BOYS	93 %
WINNER GIRLS	97 %

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

EVERY DAY MATTERS
SUCCESS IN LEARNING AND IN LIFE STARTS BY ATTENDING SCHOOL EACH DAY

TERM 4, WEEK 6 RESULTS

HUB 1	95 %
WINNER HUB 2	99 %
ROOM 3	88 %
ROOM 5	97 %
ATTENDANCE OVERALL	95 %

90% Regular attendance is 90% and above!

BOYS	94 %
WINNER GIRLS	95 %

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



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SOUTH WAIRARAPA KIDS TRI

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

HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Celebrating 150 YEARS in 2027!



We would love to see people from across the generations come together for this special occasion.

Please send your stories, memories and photographs to:
150years@helensville.school.nz.

150TH CELEBRATION DRAFT PROGRAMME

This programme is an early outline to give our community an idea of what to expect during our special 150th anniversary celebrations. Times are approximate at this stage and may change as planning continues. More information, activities and event details will be added as we get closer to the celebration.

FRIDAY EVENING • 4 JUNE 2027

5.30pm	Registration opens
6.00–7.00pm	Mix, Mingle and Reconnect with some History on Display
7.00pm onwards	Optional Kaipara Tavern Get-together

SATURDAY • 5 JUNE 2027

5.00am	Unveiling of Pou
7.00am	Breakfast
9.00am	Official Opening
9.30–11.30am	School Tours, Pass Workshops and Explore the School
11.30am–12.00pm	Touch Game and Tug of War
12.30–1.30pm	Planting of the Tree and Maori Store
1.30–2.30pm	Hangi Lunch
2.30pm	Official Closing
2.30pm onwards	Optional Kaipara Tavern Get-together









Summer Full Gallery Opening: Friday, 26 November, 5.30pm

You are warmly invited to our Summer Season's opening night.

On show:

Stephen Allwood: florescence

Gillian Cronin: Rooms+

Ai Iwane: The Opening

Stephen Allwood's major exhibition includes his new exquisite flower paintings and a stunning retrospective from the last fifty years of his practice.

Gillian Cronin captures both the poignant and imaginative aspects of our relationship with the spaces we call home.

Ai Iwane's The Opening (2022–) shows drone footage and photographs follow both the people connected to the river and a dramatic annual event.

Opening: Friday, 27 November, 5.30pm
RSVP for catering purposes to info@aratoi.co.nz

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