

TERM 4, 2025 | WEEK 7

KAHUTARA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Book Character Day



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,

A big welcome to Paisley who has just started in Room 4.5! Mrs Mac is doing a super job helping our new students settle in, and our Year 1 & 2 students in that class have been wonderful helpers as well. It is a busy time finishing testing and report writing as the year comes to a close. We're looking forward to the Beach Education trip soon - transport arrangements for Room 3 and Room 4.5 will be confirmed next week. Thank you to all who have offered to help!

Board Update

Dion Marson, our Presiding Member has resigned from the Board, creating a vacancy for a parent representative. More information will be shared after next week's meeting. I would like to acknowledge and thank Dion for his contribution and service over the past year.

Wai Wheels

A big thank you to Dion (again!) and Stephanie for nominating our school to receive sponsorship from the Wai Wheels fundraiser on Sunday! Merle, Haylee, Mairangi, and Charlotte represented us at the event, also helping raise funds and promote our school.

Property Update

Contractors have been on site upgrading acoustics, insulation, RCDs, and LED lighting as part of an MOE-funded programme. New carpet will be installed in all classrooms in February next year—very exciting and much needed!

Athletics

Congratulations to all students who competed at South Wairarapa Athletics last week. Special thanks to Tracey Honeysett and other parents who supported the students. Well done to Jane, Hunter and Rosie who qualified for Regional Athletics in Masterton next Tuesday! We are super proud of you all. Good luck!

And finally, we are noticing the wheels are starting to fall off (some days) for some students. We are usually able to manage this, but over the past few weeks we are having to continue to remind some tamariki about needing to be kind and more considerate of others. We still have 4 weeks to go before the end of the year, and our expectations for behaviour do not drop off now. Please support us by ensuring your child gets a decent sleep each night, by reminding them to be respectful to others and that we still have work to do in class! You are always welcome to get in touch if you have any concerns or questions.

Ngā mihi,
Ariana



***Welcome to Kahutara School
Paisley...and her unicorn!***



POLICY REVIEW - TERM 4

Our school works with SchoolDocs to provide a website for maintaining, updating, and reviewing our school policies. Different policies are under review each term and our school community can submit feedback. Follow the instructions below to contribute to the review.

1. Go to the SchoolDocs site for our school by clicking on this link:
<https://kahutara.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. This will take you to Current review and review instructions.
3. Enter the username (kahutara) and password (community).
4. The policies listed here are the key policies under review this term. Click on the policy you want to review.
5. Click the "Start your review" button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Follow the prompts to submit your review.

Term 4 policies	Review opens 6 October
• Bullying and Harassment	Board review
• Behaviour Management	Board review
• Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property	
• Minimising Physical Restraint	Board review
• Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion	
• Staff Wellbeing and Safety	

School Community Conduct Expectations

At Kahutara School, the board as the **PCBU** has a primary responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all workers, and others who may be affected by our school operations (including students and our wider **school community**) (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015). Kahutara School is committed to providing a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff and takes all reasonable steps to eliminate racism, stigma, bullying, and any other forms of discrimination within the school (Education and Training Act 2020, s 127). See **Inclusive School Culture**.

The Education and Training Act 2020 (s 10) defines the school **community** as:

- the parents, families, and whānau of the school's students
- the Māori **community** associated with the school
- any other person, or group of persons, who the board or a sponsor considers is part of the school **community** for the purposes of the relevant provision.

Conduct expectations

At Kahutara School, school-related activities and events, and in all communications, we expect members of the school **community** to:

- comply with New Zealand **legislation and regulations**

Members of the school **community** must comply with New Zealand laws. Specific examples include:

- Smoking and vaping is prohibited at schools under the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 (s 7A).
 - It is an offence under the Education and Training Act 2020 (s 241) for an adult to intentionally insult, abuse, or intimidate a teacher or staff member within the presence or hearing of any student of the school and on school premises or in any other place where students of the school are assembled for school purposes.
 - It is an offence under the Prohibition of Gang Insignia in Government Premises Act 2013 (s 6) to display gang insignia at any time on school grounds.
- follow any reasonable requests or instructions from the school
 - treat school staff and other members of the school **community** with respect
 - support student learning
 - take reasonable care of their own health and safety
 - take reasonable care that their behaviour does not negatively affect the health and safety of others
 - follow relevant school policies and procedures, including but not limited to:
 - supporting our inclusive school culture and school values
 - respecting the privacy of others (e.g. sharing images)
 - using digital technology and social media safely and responsibly
 - complying with school **expectations** about smoking, vaping, and using alcohol, drugs, and other harmful substances
 - protecting school property and resources.

ASSEMBLY CELEBRATIONS



Here are our latest certificate winners - ka mau te wehi. Awesome work **Ava, Jade, Noah, Aurelia, Izabella, Indy, Leila and Paisley!** Our K-Card winner is **Hector!**

STAFF SPOTLIGHT - BROOKE SIMS

What do you enjoy about working at Kahutara School?

Ooo this is tricky, can I say everything, because I really do enjoy everything about our school. I love our students, our community, our staff and our grounds! I feel so lucky to be here everyday. It feels like coming home.

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

I would love to get swings, or an in the ground trampoline!

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

Mrs Dobson! She was my very first teacher at Ngaere School! I just always remember her being super kind and considerate. She gave the best hugs and respected my opinion. She would also let me be the teacher, whenever she had to pop to the photocopier. I always wanted to be just like her!

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in New Plymouth and lived on a couple of dairy farms just out of Stratford until I was 8. We then moved to the South Island, near Rakaia in Canterbury, where my parents and sisters still are!

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

Is there a super power for super fast sleep?? Nahh, probably teleportation, so I can be here, there and everywhere in the nick of time. Imagine teleporting to Samoa for the weekend, or Disneyland for the day!



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 7

- **Fri 21st Nov** - Hub 1 Sausage Sizzle

Week 8

- **Mon 24th Nov** - Board Meeting 5pm
- **Tues 25th Nov** - Regional Athletics (Masterton)
- **Tues 25th Nov** - Technology for Hub 1
- **Wed 26th Nov** - Pack the Bus 11am
- **Thurs 27th Nov** - Surf Lifesaving at Riversdale for Rooms 3 and 4.5
- **Fri 28th Nov** - Hub 1 Sausage Sizzle (last for the year)

Week 9

- **Mon 30th Nov** - Y8 Moving on Day at Kuranui College
- **Mon 30th Nov** - Y7 Hauora Day at Carterton Event Centre
- **Thurs 4th Dec** - Surf Lifesaving at Riversdale for Hub 1 and Hub 2
- **Thurs 4th Dec - Fri 5th Dec** - Hub 1 overnigher at Castlepoint
- **Wednesday 10th Dec** - End of term Fish & Chips lunch
- **Wednesday 10th Dec** - Year 8 Leaver's Dinner @ Brackenridge Country Retreat

Week 10

- **Fri 12th Dec** - End of Year Prize Giving 5pm

Week 11

- **Tues 16th Dec** - Last Day of school for all students - Finish time of 12:30pm (Buses will run at that time)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

2026

- **Wed 4th Feb 2026** - First day of school for all students
- **Wed 16th Dec 2026** - Last day of school for all students



Lego Club Competition!

Sofia, Aurelia and Georgia are organising a school lego competition. Entries must be in by 7th December and will be announced on the last day of school.

(Apologies if the details of their poster are hard to read - our scanner isn't working!)



rova
Let's play.

more FM
Wairarapa 89.5

pack the bus

mon 24th to sun 30th nov

BRING AN UNWRAPPED GIFT OR CHRISTMAS TREAT TO SCHOOL

tranzit

Property Services, Baker's, GSB, Wairarapa District Council, Carterton District Council

**THE BUS WILL BE AT SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER
PLEASE BRING YOUR GIFT
BEFORE THEN IF YOU'RE KEEN TO
CONTRIBUTE TO
THIS GREAT CAUSE!**

amateur Swim Club

**SWIM TRAININGS ARE HELD TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
EVENINGS
TIME: 5.30 - 6.30PM**

COST: \$50/CHILD, THIRD CHILD HALF PRICE

**SEASON STARTS FROM 2ND DECEMBER RIGHT UP TILL
LATE FEB/MARCH (WEATHER DEPENDENT)**

**AGES: STARTS FROM PRESCHOOL GOES TILL ADVANCED
LEVELS**

LOCATION: FEATHERSTON POOL - 60 JOHNSTON ST

**IF YOU'RE KEEN, GRAB A REGISTRATION FORM FROM THE
OFFICE AND TAKE IT WITH YOU ON THE 2 DECEMBER**



Wairarapa Youth Orchestra

Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument?
The **Wairarapa Youth Orchestra** is offering **scholarships** for
beginner musicians in 2026!

What's included?

- \$10 per week for lessons with experienced tutors.
- Instruments and music provided free of charge.
- Opportunities to perform in a full youth orchestra.

Who can apply?

- All primary and secondary school students.

Apply now: <https://forms.gle/uhbgvKbr2AUPiMjf8>

Questions? Email scholarships@wyo.org.nz

Follow us on Facebook for updates.



Lions Clubs New Zealand
Kia Manaaki / We Serve

Summer Holiday Programme

18th/19th Dec & 20th Jan- 2nd Feb

THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER

First day of the school holidays- a relaxed day of baking Xmas cookies, Chupa Chup Reindeers and crafting other Xmas goodies.

MONDAY 26th JANUARY

We'll be creating DIY Stress balls, making home-made Sherbet & the team from Under The Stars are back to take us through another galaxy exploration.

FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER

Get set to get wet today- togs will definitely be needed! Spend the day slipping & sliding on our water slide, cool down with home-made Ice-cream sundaes and chill in the afternoon making DIY snow globes.

TUESDAY 27th JANUARY

We head "Down Under" with Ozzie Day! We'll play kangaroo cricket, flip flop toss, make fairy bread and have a yummy sausage sizzle. We'll test our Aussie trivia smarts with a full day of Down Under fun.

TUESDAY 20th JANUARY

A fun-filled morning baking chocolate chip cookies & crafting DIY Picture frames. In the afternoon we visit the solar system & beyond with the amazing team from Under The Stars.

WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY

The Dance Club from Masterton take us through a fun-filled dance lesson- who has the moves? Make sure you bring something white because you'll need it for our colour Tie Dye session in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY

Dance your socks off at our Glow in the Dark dance party! Glow sticks, Glow in the dark face paint courtesy of Elise from "Brush-strokes" giant bubbles, photo booth and a funky dance session led by The Dance Club Masterton.

THURSDAY 29th JANUARY

Excursion Day- We'll head down to Greytown Park for a session of football skills led by talented Wairarapa soccer player Maria Gale. Lunch and free time at the playground followed up by an ice block after all that hard work!

THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY

Join us in the world of wearable art- we'll spend the day designing and creating the most incredible costumes our imaginations can dream up- the afternoon will be spent showcasing our designs on the catwalk.

FRIDAY 30th JANUARY

A relaxed day in the sun slipping & sliding on our water slide, water guns then a trip down to the Lolly Jar in the afternoon for some sweet treats.

FRIDAY 23rd JANUARY

Excursion Day- We'll take a walk to Greytown playground for a day at the park, scavenger hunt and a Fish'n'Chip lunch.

MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

We'll be getting creative with DIY masquerade masks, making yummy fruit skewers and a visit from the talented Renee from Eden Skye Jewellery to make some amazing pieces.

Greytown School Hall- 73 East Street 027 8782611 gtafterschoolcare@gmail.com
Booking link: <https://forms.gle/GrUb8hwDAkw3QUfng> **Full Day 8-5 \$60**

School Day 8.30-3 \$48





MARTINBOROUGH

Christmas Parade & Carols in the Square

Sunday, 14 December

Parade starts at 4:00pm

