



Kamo Primary School

Term 1 - Panui 7th February 2024

Learning for the future

Ahuwhenua – Manaakitia – Mana Motuhake – Manawanui – Aroha
Panui: 7th February 2024 - Week 2 of an 11 Week Term.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Welcome back to the 2024 school year at Kamo Primary School.

Newsletters/Pānui will come out every second week on Wednesdays. They are online as we respect the environment.

I start with:

1. If you have any questions, please ask them.
2. If you have any concerns, please share them.
3. If you need any clarification, please seek it.
4. If you have any suggestions, please suggest them.

“Communication is the bridge that allows us all to cross over and meet each other for positivity.”

Drink Bottles

We have had some very hot days with more to come. It is essential for your child to stay hydrated so can you please send them with a drink bottle each day so they can quench their thirst and have these in class. A reminder that we are a ‘water only’ school. No other beverages are allowed.

Swimming

We starting swimming this week and we value named swimming gear in a water proof bag. Please speak to your child’s teacher if your child has any concerns about water. We take pride in a clean, safe pool so that your child has a good experience at swimming time. Book bags are essential if your child is bringing any books to school and it is their swimming day. Every year we have damaged books from wet swimming gear. Please be considerate of the books.

School Staff Structure

Ben Soole is our Deputy Principal and is available to support you and your children in any way. He also leads Teams Pono and Kowhai so if your child is in Rooms 13,15,16,17,18 and 19 and you wish to speak to him, please do. However at Kamo Primary School we encourage your child’s teacher as the first person to talk too.

Brenda Lewis is our Curriculum and Assessment Leader, SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) and Specialist Teacher. These titles allow her to support you in many ways, so please contact her should you need to.

I also extend my services as principal to you in any way. Our emails are a good way to contact us if we aren’t available so here they are:

Ben Soole	bsoole@kamoprimary.school.nz	Ph 435 1482 extn 204
Brenda Lewis	blewis@kamoprimary.school.nz	Ph 435 1482 extn 203
Sally Wilson	principal@kamoprimary.school.nz	Ph 435 1482 extn 202

To our new families/whanau, this is our classroom structure

Team Pono	Team Kowhai	Team Rimu	Team Kauri
Room 13 - Years 0 / 1 • Nicki White	Room 16 - Years 1 / 2 • Jane Frazerhurst	Room 7 - Year 4 • Michelle Hudgell	Room 1 - Year 6 • Wendy Jones
Room 15 - Years 0 / 1 • Jenna Stanbridge	Room 17 - Year 2 • Jenn Soole	Room 8 - Year 3 • Hannah Gee	Room 2 - Year 6 • Rob Brown and Bill Mariner
Room 18 - Years 1 / 2 • Amy Batten and Elly Mason	Room 19 - Year 2 • Jess MacPherson and Mila Steinherr	Room 9 - Years 3 / 4 • Tracey Prime	Room 3 - Year 5 • Alisa Dodds
		Room 10 - Year 3 • Christie MacPherson	Room 4 - Year 5 • Simon Plooy
		Room 11 - Year 3 • Kayla Gentil	Room 5 - Years 5 / 6 • Renata Ioane
		Room 12 - Year 4 • Ros Nicholas	Room 6 - Years 5 / 6 • Emily Halse and Renie Guthrie

The rest of our staff comprises of:

Learning Support Coordinator

- Gemma Cooper

Librarian

- Kimberly Nielsen

Learning Support Assistants

- Terri O'Callaghan
- Vonney Drake
- Jesse Hamilton
- Xiaomei Lu
- Sam Gavin
- Brad Keith
- Wendy Ferguson
- Kylie Cooper
- Ella Gleeson

Other Teachers - who support ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), Junior Literacy, CRT (Classroom Release Time) and Student Support

- Bill Mariner
- Jo Beaumont
- Barbara Trimmer
- Sharon Hall
- Toni Wright
- Jane Bowker-Brown

KPS News is led by our one and only, Neil Leathley.

Deidre Logan supports us from helping out around the grounds, to cleaning, to anything.

Our office staff are Denise Batten and Maureen Darrow.

That is the line up for 2024!

School Attendance

If your child is not able to attend school for whatever reason, please text the school phone on 021 022 484 28, or use our Skool Loop app, or phone our landline on 435 1842, or send their teacher a message on SeeSaw. We need to know why a student is not attending school. We plead with you that your child/ren attend school every day unless they are sick. Regular attendance supports success with learning. If you are having trouble getting your child to school as they say they don't want to come, then please talk to us. We are here to help.

The Child as an Individual

At Kamo Primary School (KPS) we respect that each child is unique and that as their parent, caregiver or whānau you know far more about your child than we do. The more we know about them, the better it is for all concerned. Please know you can share any information regarding your child with the school. We are intent on setting each child up to develop well at KPS!

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

KPS is a PB4L school. We want it to influence all we do and become a sustainable way of being. PB4L School-Wide looks at behaviour and learning from a whole-of-school as well as an individual child perspective. The framework is based on international evidence. The Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide framework, otherwise known as PB4L School-Wide, is helping New Zealand schools build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. It's not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support them to make positive behaviour choices.

PRIDE Values

At KPS we love our PRIDE Values! This is what they represent:

P - Proactive	Ahuwhenua	I always do what is right and what the school expects.
R - Respect	Maanakitia	I am kind, safe and thoughtful with everything I do.
I - Independence	Mana Motuhake	I try, I fix, I own, and I grow my learning.
D - Determination	Manawanui	I keep trying and never give up.
E - Empathy	Aroha	I care for others and look out for them.

More on these values later.

We are all so excited that school is underway for another year and that we have your beautiful children here at KPS!

Hei konā mai... Sally Wilson.

Wanted

Room 13 - Would like small containers for water play.

Room 12 - If anyone has any spare seeds Room 12 would like to send these to a school in Hawkes Bay who was devastated by Cyclone Gabrielle.

Room 7 - Would like small tissue boxes, not folded, and any milk/bottle lids (clean)

Wanted for the art room - newspaper and egg carton trays

Kamo Primary Home and School Association

The Home & School Association

Have you ever wondered what the Home & School Association are all about? Who are they? What do they do? and how do they do it?

It's pretty simple... we're just a bunch of parents who volunteer their time & effort into putting together those amazing school events like the Halloween Disco and Film on the field.

We hold our meetings twice a term on a Wednesday evening in the school staff room. Lots of snacks on hand and guaranteed laughs to be had.

Some of our most recent fundraising efforts have been the new concrete play space, the new sandpit and the swing set outside of Rm12.

Between us all we share the same core values & goals of wanting to support our current and future KPS community in all aspects of their school life.

We are a team that is always evolving and we need more like minded parents to join in helping us reach our goals for our wonderful Kura.

If you would like to know more or come meet us (bring a friend or two) Send us a message on FB or email us at: homeandschool@kamoprimary.school.nz



KPS Home & School Association proudly present

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FILM ON THE FIELD

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024

OBM REC WHANGAREI

2024 REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!!

OLD BOYS MARIST JMB / IMB RUGBY RALLY DAY 2024

- Saturday 17th Feb at OBM Clubrooms, Pohe Island - 11am till 1pm
- Teams determined by age at 1st April 2024
- Grades from U5 (Rippa) to U18s (Tackle)
- All new players, please go to our Sporty page: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/obmrfc> to register.
- Teams require Coaches & Managers, if you are interested in one of these roles please reach out, we are happy to support as we can.

Any questions, contact Channele Salmon on 021 417 271

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Library news

Did you know that Dav Pilkey is one of KPS's favourite authors? His book 'Dog Man and Cat Kid' was the most popular in our library in 2023 - it was issued 49 times!

A recent blog post by Moata at Christchurch City Libraries, called "The Power of Pilkey: Why your kids should be reading Dog Man and you should be too" listed key themes from Dav Pilkey's books:

- Nobody's perfect. We are all works in progress. Trying is important. Make mistakes. Fail miserably.
- "Hate, it has caused a lot of problems in the world, but has not solved one yet"
- It's not enough to be good, you gotta DO good.
- Being creative is scary but you should do it anyway.
- You can choose to see the world as a terrible place or a wonderful one. The latter is so much more rewarding.

You can read the article here:

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/blogs/post/the-power-of-pilkey-why-your-kid-should-be-reading-dog-man-and-you-should-too/>

We have lots of Dav Pilkey book series in our library, including:

- Dog Man
- Cat Kid Comic Club
- Dragon
- Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot
- Captain Underpants

Feel free to stop by and borrow them sometime!

Kimberley Librarian

IT'S PARTY TIME!

#1 Best-Smelling Author Deano Yipadee is Coming to School

DEANO YIPADEE WILL BE HERE

Tuesday 5th March

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