



Te Kamo School

Term 4 - Panui 26th November 2025

Pānui: 26th November 2025 - Week 8 of a 10 week and 2 day term.

Term 4 Dates: Monday 6th October to Tuesday 16th December 2025 (12:00pm finish)

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 4, the final school term for 2025

Attendance

Please keep your child/ren, our students coming to school. It would be great to finish the school year strong! On December 16th at midday we hand them over to you till we start again Monday 2nd February 2026. If we have no understanding of your child being away, they are marked as truant. A new service to support Truancy starts next year.

Swimming

Please keep your child's swimming gear coming to school on the days they are scheduled or please send a note, txt the school phone or Seesaw the teacher as to why they are not swimming.

Teaching Staff 2026

Room 1 - Year 5/6	Wendy Jones	Room 11 - Year 3	Sarah Fowlie
Room 2 - Year 5/6	Rob Brown	Room 12 - Year 3	Hannah Gee
Room 3 - Year 5	Renata Ioane	Room 13 - Year 1	Nicki White
Room 4 - Year 5	Michelle Hudgell	Room 15 - Year 1	Jenna Stanbridge
Room 5 - Year 6	Emily Halse	Room 16 - Year 2	Jane Frazerhurst
Room 6 - Year 5	Shania Ramsay & Christie MacPherson	Room 17 - Year 2	Jenn Soole
Room 7 - Year 4	Ros Nicholas	Room 18 - Year 1	Amy Lloyd
Room 8 - Year 4	Joseph Tobin	Room 19 - Year 2	Jess MacPherson & Mila Steinherr
Room 9 - Year 3	Tracey Prime		
Room 10 - Year 4	Jade Harvey		

Much consideration goes into the placement of your child for the following year. Teachers work on this as they know the students socially, emotionally and academically. As well points of difference that can emerge in the school setting are taken into careful consideration. Please note this is what the teacher schedule looks like at this stage. Sudden change can occur, but only ever for a pertinent reason.

SMART Trials

This past week has seen students and teachers from Year 3 to 6, participate in a government trial for a SMART tool that is a form of testing being designed to help inform teachers where students are learning at. We will not get results but we are able to provide copious feedback around the process and the test content to the provider

A BIG Thank you!

A special big thank you for your response to the school survey. It is now closed over. Your feedback is so appreciated and will truly help inform our direction moving forward.

ANOTHER BIG Thank you!

Thank you to those who are keeping back from classroom spaces at the end of the day. Teachers truly appreciate this. Some teachers tell me there is still room for improvement, however we are so appreciative we are all working on this. THANK YOU ALL!

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Date	Time	Team	Room
Wednesday 10th December	2:00pm to 2:50pm	Pono	Rooms 13, 14, 15 and 18
Wednesday 10th December	12:10pm to 1:00pm	Kowhai	Rooms 16, 17 and 19
Thursday 11th December	12:00pm to 1:00pm	Rimu	Rooms 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12
Thursday 11th December	9:45am to 11:00am	Kauri	Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Term Dates 2026

We often get requests for Term Dates for 2026, so here they are. Please note no Teacher Only days have been placed in yet as we wait for Professional Learning Providers to confirm.

Term	Dates	Public Holidays
1 Up to 10 weeks	Starts between Monday 26 January and Monday 9 February and ends Thursday 2 April 2026 (78-96 half days). We START Tuesday 27 January - Teacher Only day 1 - Offsite Teacher Only day 28 January at School New Entrant Days - 29 & 30 January SCHOOL STARTS - Monday 2nd February	Waitangi Day – Friday 6 February.
2 11 Weeks	Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July 2026 (106 half days).	Public holidays: Anzac Day – Saturday 25 April (Anzac Day observed on Monday 27 April) and King's Birthday – Monday 1 June. Matariki - 10 June.
3 10 Weeks	Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September 2026 (100 half days).	
4 Up to 10 weeks	Monday 12 October to no later than Friday 18 December 2026 (up to 98 half days).	Public holiday: Labour Day – Monday 26 October.

Term Break Dates

- Term 1 Holidays: Friday, April 3 to Sunday, April 19
- Term 2 Holidays: Saturday, July 4 to Sunday, July 19
- Term 3 Holidays: Saturday, September 26 to Sunday, October 11
- Term 4 Holidays: Starting from Saturday, December 19, 2026

Thank you for your support and for all you do in getting your child to be our student.
Our next Panui will be week 10 and will be the last for the school year of 2025.

Kia ora Kamo Primary whānau,

We are delighted to share that our Mara Manaaki Food Forest install is now complete! This has been a true community project, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed their time, energy, resources, and expertise to bring this vision to life.

Special Thanks

- Frida, Sean, and Nikau from PermaDynamics – for their incredible expertise, advice, and design work that guided the install.
- Sam and Sandra from Modern Earth Homes – for their massive generosity in funding the purchase of all plants and inputs.
- Aaron Bradley from Tree Wise – for donating and delivering 8 cubic meters of wood chip.
- Gavin whānau – for donating plants.
- Our classes – who contributed plants using their Market Day funds.
- Northland Regional Council Environmental Leaders Fund (ELF) – for supporting the design and install.
- Green Fingers – for donating 2 cubic meters of compost.
- NZ Tree Crops Association – for donating plants.
- Kohanga Reo – for being so accommodating of our kaupapa and helping with watering the sensitive young plants.

And of course, to all the parents, whānau, and community members who came along with tools, labour, and encouragement — thank you! Your mahi has made this possible.

Protecting the Soil

As part of the install, we sprinkled four different ground cover seeds across the raised mounds:

- Chicory
- Phacelia
- Plantain
- Clover

These cover crops will protect the soil from heat and moisture loss, while also providing habitat for beneficial insects. **Please do not weed the garden over the holidays** — the seedlings may look like grass at first, but they are an important part of the food forest system.

This food forest is more than a garden — it's a living classroom, a seed bank, and a hub for resilience and learning. Together, we've planted the foundation for something that will grow and thrive for years to come.

Ngā mihi nui,
Kamo Primary School – “Learning for the future”

Rob Brown

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Stories by Room 17 children

Fireworks should be banned. My opinion is that they could save the animals. Firstly, fireworks can keep us awake all night. secondly fireworks can burn you so much. Also fireworks are very loud which can scare us. Finally when they shoot up in the sky they cause fires. That is why I believe that they should be banned.

Charli McFadyen

Fireworks should not be banned, fireworks are amazing because they explode with heaps of colourful sparkles. Secondly, they can move like spaceships also they make heaps of sounds. Finally, they are like shooting stars. That's why we need to keep fireworks.

Noah O'Connor

Fireworks should be banned because it scares animals and causes danger. Firstly, because they make big fires. Secondly, people get burnt and it can get people in their eyes. Fireworks cause problems and should be banned.

Hunter-Lilly Neho

Fireworks should be banned. My opinion is fireworks should be banned. Firstly, fireworks can keep us awake, Secondly, fireworks can scare our pets. Also fireworks can cause injuries like burns. Finally, sparklers can end up in the ocean and marine animals can eat them. That is why I think fireworks should be banned.

Kiera Montilla

Fireworks should not be banned because firstly, I think they are family fun, and it can be different shapes and sizes. Secondly, they make cool noises and they are like glitter. Also kids in a bad dream, fireworks can wake them up. Finally, they can be sparkly which is cool and that's why I think fireworks should not be banned.

Charlie Tairua

Wanted - Egg trays (not cartons for Art) These can be dropped at the office.

Stationery 2026 - Information will be out in our last newsletter with the website info. for Office Products.

Lunchonline is changing for 2026

Updated information will be out in the final newsletter of the year.

Home & School Notices

We would like to send out a huge thank you to everybody that supported our Christmas Cookie time fundraiser. Keep an eye out next week for delivery instructions on our facebook page, SeeSaw and SkoolLoop - we'll let you know as soon as orders are ready for collection.

Nga mihi,
Te Kamo Home & School
Association team