



Te Kamo Primary

Term 4 - Panui 29th October 2025

Pānui: 15th October 2025 - Week 4 of a 10 week and 2 day term.

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

Public holiday: Labour Day – Monday 27 October.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Attendance

The mega STRIKE day was certainly followed by low attendance, with it all falling by Labour Weekend. It is really important we have all our students at school as we move into our End of Year reporting schedule. This is, of course, informed by the teaching and learning over the past two terms, but we also have assessments that help to inform teachers. We need students present to administer these assessments.

Swimming

We are now experiencing stable temperatures for swimming to commence and the pool is heated to allow comfort. We require: labelled swimming togs, along with towels and goggles. A wet bag must be provided, be it a plastic bag or something else that is suitable, not a paper bag, and please name this as well. We spend far too much time looking for gear and accumulating a pile that suddenly becomes our problem when it has come out of your homes. We really want to improve on this. If your child is unwell, please send a signed note or message to the teacher on Seesaw. You can text the school phone as well. Swimming is part of the curriculum and we take it very seriously as we build up water fitness and safety before students head into the summer break.

Home and School Disco

On Friday, we will be having a fun afternoon of dance at school, during school hours. We will have a few dance stations around the school. It will be fancy dress if your child chooses to, but is not compulsory. Students will pay a \$2.00 entry fee and there will be some items for sale. We encourage you to support your child to get into the fun of this. All proceeds go towards new school sun hats.

PLEASE NOTE: We originally said it would happen in the last block of the day but we have now changed the event to 11:30am to 1:00pm, as we need that extra time. Thank you for your support.

Dr Shane Reti

We have had several queries regarding Hon Dr Shane Reti's recent Facebook post about supplementary funding for schools in Whangārei. We'd like to briefly explain how this funding works. Every five years, each state school receives property funding based on two things: the square meterage of its buildings and the assessed condition of those buildings. If more repair work is required than funding allows for, supplementary funding is available.

The buildings at Te Kamo School are in excellent condition overall. This is due to the funding we've received in recent years and to our diligence with ongoing maintenance. This year, our need for extra repairs is low and our supplementary funding reflects this.

The Ministry of Education website has more information here: [5 Year Agreement funding - Ministry of Education](#).

Hope this helps you to support people who do not understand this on Social Media, and I do not want you to think we are missing out. The Ministry compliments us on our care of this school.

Mara Maanaki

We are beginning our food forest project down by the area as you enter through the Clark Road gates. Rob Brown is leading this out from our school so please, if you have any questions, make contact with Rob or you can email him at rbrown@kamoprimary.school.nz . If you ever want to help, I know Rob will be most appreciative of the support.

ReminderEnd of Year Achievement Celebration

This year we will be hosting our end of year Achievement Celebration at school over two days. Please note the dates if you need to apply for time off work, or just to put in your busy calendar.

| 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 |

The celebration will begin in your child's classroom and then move to the school hall for a final few presentations. We will keep you updated as we get closer to these dates; however, this is a guide for you around timing.

Thank you for being a GREAT community!

Enjoyment + Experiences + Expectations = Education

Sally Wilson - Principal.

Home & School Notices

Orders have closed for the Dance disco. The children will be looking forward to this on Friday.

Reminder

Cookie time Christmas Cookie Fundraiser - This year's selection includes Candy Cane Birthday, Brandy Snap White Chocolate, Chocolate Chip, Apricot Chocolate, Cranberry White Chocolate, Salted Caramel, Bumper Brownie Bites and Gluten Free Chocolate Chip. Each bucket is \$23 (except Gluten Free Chocolate Chip \$21).

Orders are due back at school Friday 14th November.

Nga mihi,
Te Kamo Home & School Association team

Mara Manaaki Food Forest – Midweek Progress Update

Kia ora whānau,

We're thrilled to share that the Mara Manaaki food forest installation is officially underway at Kamo Primary!

After a weather-based shift, our prep day took place today — and what a transformation. A massive thank you to **Yvonne and Doug Vause from GroundsCare**, who brought in their machinery to rotary hoe the entire site and stump grind the large obstacle in the middle. Their mahi has been instrumental in preparing the whenua for planting.

Our tamariki have been out in force, helping pull out grass and clear the area. **Frida and Sean**, our expert designers and installers, are now shaping the beds and guiding the layout for Friday's planting day. There's been plenty of barrowing — compost, mulch, and wood chip are being moved into place, and the site is coming alive.

This kaupapa is about more than planting trees — it's about growing community food resilience, creating a living classroom, and empowering tamariki to take what they learn home.

Planting Day is this Friday, 31st October, and we'd love your help with tools, labour, or simply cheering us on.

We also want to again acknowledge the incredible support from our wider community:

- **Sam and Sandra from Modern Earth Homes** — for funding all our plants and inputs
- **Aaron Bradley from Tree Wise** — for donating 8 cubic meters of wood chip
- **Gavin whānau** — for donating plants
- **Rimu classes** — for donating plants using their Market Day funds
- **ELF Fund** — for covering design and install costs
- **Green Fingers** — for donating 2 cubic meters of compost
- **NZ Tree Crops Association** — for donating plants
- **Kohanga Reo** — for supporting our kaupapa and helping with watering
- **GroundsCare** — for their generous machinery, labour, and expertise

We're documenting the install through photos and time-lapse footage — if you have images or clips to share, we'd love to include them in our Mara Manaaki album.

Any questions or queries, please contact Rob Brown — Room 2 Teacher

 rbrown@kamoprimary.school.nz

This is more than a garden — it's a shared vision for resilience, learning, and connection. Thank you for being part of it.

Ngā mihi nui,
Kamo Primary School Team



Karate for Kids

*core strength,
coordination,
confidence!*

4pm Wednesdays, Kamo Memorial Hall
\$50/term membership fee, free trial

Contact: Jürgen Perlich, info@bumonjuku.org, 021 125 6048
<https://bumonjuku.org>

School Notices

School/Individual Photos 4th and 5th November .

Room 15 - would like milk bottles lids please.

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Base Body Active Kids Classes

- Ages 6-10
- Tuesday - strong squad, circuits, relays, fitness.
- Thursday - Boxing squad and hiit
- Times - 40 minutes starting at 3:30pm
- 1 class \$15 when you sign up for 10 weeks 1 x class
- 2 classes a week \$25 for both when you sign up for 10 weeks.
- Pay weekly or upfront options

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Base Body LevelUp LAB

- This one is for our 10- 13 year old girls
- Monday 3:30pm open from 3:15 so the girls can get changed
- 45 minutes
- Located at 475 Kamo Road
- 10 weeks for \$150
- The class is designed for the girls who want to build core strength, flexibility, and functional athleticism. Perfect for dancers, athletes, or anyone who loves to move.
- We blend strength, stretch, and flow into one session, so the girls will feel stronger, move better, and build confidence in a fun, supportive space.

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Base Body Rising Fit Classes

- ages 12-14 Boys and Girls Mixed Classes
- Location 475 Kamo Road, BASE BODY
- Tuesday - strong squad, circuits, relays, fitness..
- Thursday - Boxing squad and hiit
- Times - 40 minutes starting at 3:30pm
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