



Te Kamo School

Term 4 - Panui 12th November 2025

Pānui: 12th November 2025 - Week 6 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.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, talofa lava, ni sa bula, malō e lei, kia orāna, fakalofa lahai atu, mālo ni fakatalofa atu, ni hao, salam alaikum, hola and warm greetings!

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4, the final school term for 2025.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be of concern. No doubt you are over hearing about it, and so are the team at Te Kamo School. We are entering assessment time and by not having your child at school, it will impact on their present and future data. We always acknowledge that we know sickness is about but some students are staying home, especially when their siblings tell us, "They did not want to come today."

This is really upsetting for a team who turn up every day, who are very considerate of how many Teacher Only Days we have and when, of when we have our parent reporting days. We also feel sad they we have to go on about this to those of you who do the right thing.

Here is last week's attendance data:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
88.3%	94.4%	89.6%	93.1%	88.8%

If you are aware of anything we should be aware of concerning attendance, please make contact as we want to make things right.

Entering the school grounds early before 3pm

As a school, we feel that getting a carpark may be what motivates people to come early to school at the end of the day. It is lovely to see people connecting with each other, however we have a few growing problems.

Firstly, your voices travel into classrooms and become highly disruptive, especially along the main front building. Therefore, that area will now be banned from sitting on the edge of the deck.

In the junior area, voices travel in particular around Rooms 16, 17, 18 and 19. Please stand off that deck area and wait further back on the grass by the tree with the log surround.

We have mentioned this previously and there has been no change, in fact it has increased. We do not want to go to locking our gates until 3pm. However I stress, teachers are very keen for this to happen. Standing outside, staring into classrooms and having conversations with other adults heightens students. If you want to be involved with classroom life, please volunteer as a parent help. We would truly value that. Closing a day off in a classroom at the end of a day is very important, calling your children early to leave and disrupting rooms is not okay.

So, parents, whānau, and caregivers - unless we improve where you are sitting and speaking in very quiet voices, the gates will be locked until 3pm. We are so sad it has had to come to this.

Please let's work on this for all students.

Swimming

As previously mentioned in the last panui, we are now experiencing stable temperatures for swimming, and the pool is heated to allow for comfort. We require labelled swimming togs, along with towels and goggles. Already we have a pile of swimming gear mounting. 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. 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 Day Dance

Thank you for supporting our dance blast on Friday 31st October. It was great to see our students have fun! Even those who commented “I don’t like dancing” managed to move. Thank you for your support. New wide brimmed hats are on the way!

Mara Maanaki

Our food forest project down by the area as you enter through the Clark Road gates is planted. 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. Great job Mr Brown!

New Curriculum

Towards the end of last year, our teaching team responded to the new Curriculum Refresh. I was incredibly proud of our teachers learning and unpacking what it meant. On late Sunday 19th October, Minister Stanford dropped another updated Maths and English curriculum on us. These curriculum really step up the learning for your child. Never before has your support for your child been more critical. The learning expectation is so much more. As a school we will unpack this more as the new year progresses. The following allows you to see what is happening regarding when new curriculum areas will be rolled out.

The Refreshed National Curriculum

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
English and Te Reo Rangatira 0-6 and Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau 0-8 required to be used	English and Te Reo Rangatira 0-10 and Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau 0-10 required to be used All learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks available. Encouraged use of all Year 9 content	Full curriculum required to be used for Years 9-10 For Years 0-8 use requirements are extended to include Science and Pūtaiao, Social Sciences and Te Ao Māori, Health & Physical Education and Waiora	All Years 0-11 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used	All Years 0-12 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used	All Years 0-13 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used
English 0-6	English 0-10	English 0-10	English 0-11	English 0-12	English 0-13
Te Reo Rangatira 0-6	Te Reo Rangatira 0-10	Te Reo Rangatira 0-10	Te Reo Rangatira 0-11	Te Reo Rangatira 0-12	Te Reo Rangatira 0-13
Mathematics and Statistics 0-8	Mathematics and Statistics 0-10	Mathematics and Statistics 0-10	Mathematics and Statistics 0-11	Mathematics and Statistics 0-12	Mathematics and Statistics 0-13
Pāngarau 0-8	Pāngarau 0-10	Pāngarau 0-10	Pāngarau 0-11	Pāngarau 0-12	Pāngarau 0-13
		Science 0-10	Science 0-11	Science 0-12	Science 0-13
		Pūtaiao 0-10	Pūtaiao 0-11	Pūtaiao 0-12	Pūtaiao 0-13
		Social Sciences 0-10	Social Sciences 0-11	Social Sciences 0-12	Social Sciences 0-13
		Te Ao Māori 0-10	Te Ao Māori 0-11	Te Ao Māori 0-12	Te Ao Māori 0-13
		Health & Physical Education 0-10	Health & Physical Education 0-11	Health & Physical Education 0-12	Health & Physical Education 0-13
		Waiora 0-10	Waiora 0-11	Waiora 0-12	Waiora 0-13
		The Arts 9-10	The Arts 0-11	The Arts 0-12	The Arts 0-13
		Toi Ihiihi 9-10	Toi Ihiihi 0-11	Toi Ihiihi 0-12	Toi Ihiihi 0-13
		Technology 9-10	Technology 0-11	Technology 0-12	Technology 0-13
		Hangarau 9-10	Hangarau 0-11	Hangarau 0-12	Hangarau 0-13
		Learning Languages 9-10	Learning Languages 0-11	Learning Languages 0-12	Learning Languages 0-13
		Ngā Reo 9-10	Ngā Reo 0-11	Ngā Reo 0-12	Ngā Reo 0-13
		Te Reo Pākehā 9-10	Te Reo Pākehā 0-11	Te Reo Pākehā 0-12	Te Reo Pākehā 0-13

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.

Survey

On Thursday 13th November, a small survey will be sent out to you and we ask you to please take the time to give us feedback. It is only 4 questions. Your comments are valued and help us grow. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Thank you for being a GREAT community!

Enjoyment + Experiences + Expectations = Education

Sally Wilson - Principal.

On behalf of a team working for your child.

Home & School Notices

Firstly, we want to send out a huge thank you for your support of our Day Disco - we think it is safe to say that a whole lot of fun was had by all (teachers included).

Also, a quick reminder that Christmas Cookietime order forms and payment are due back this FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER. For all online payments, please make one transaction per form and include the reference COOKIES and NAME OF CHILD. Delivery is expected around December 1st - keep an eye out for pick up instructions. If you need another form, pop into the office or let us know and we'll send one home. Thank you again for your support of our fundraising.

Nga mihi,
Te Kamo Home & School Association team