

Kamo Primary School

Term 1 - Panui 5th February 2025

Learning for the future

Ahuwhenua – Manaakitia – Mana Motuhake – Manawanui – Aroha

Pānui: 5th February 2025 - Week 1 of a 10 Week and 2 day term.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Greetings to you all! The school year of 2025 is underway and staff are excited to have students present at school.

Our pānui/newsletter will come out every second week on a Wednesday. It comes via SkoolLoop, Seesaw and our school website. We do not send out a paper copy. The intention of our newsletter is to communicate school life - from trips, events, to policies, school values and other information that helps inform you as a parent, caregiver, or whānau member so you feel connected to school life. Classroom teachers will also keep you connected to your child/ren's school classroom life through Seesaw.

ATTENDANCE

It is important your child attends school every day. Teachers plan learning to build on day by day. Non attendance impacts the learner. We understand that if your child is sick they will be away, but please get them back to school as soon as they are well. If you are having trouble getting your child to school, we can support you. Please make contact with the classroom teacher or Gemma Cooper our Learning Support Co-ordinator, or Brenda Lewis our SENCo, or Ben Soole our student welfare lead, or myself Sally Wilson. Our attendance expectation is 95% as we know that figure supports a learner to make personal success at school.

So far our attendance looks like this:

Thursday 30th January	Friday 31st January	Monday 3rd February	Tuesday 4th February
88%	91%	93%	94%

Please everyone, let's get our Kamo kids to school every day! We want at least 95% every day, but let's do better and make it 100%!!

WATER BOTTLES

Please send a water bottle with your child to school. Having water close by supports hydration and cognitive function. We are a water only school.

SCHOOL HATS and SUNBLOCK

Every student is issued with a school hat that must be worn outside during Terms 1 and 4. Sunblock is available in all classrooms. Please let the school know if your child is not able to wear sunblock, or if they have their own special sunblock in their bag as they will be supported to wear it for protection.

SWIMMING

Your child is expected to swim with their class at their allocated swimming time. Please have swim wear named and in a waterproof bag. Swimming is part of the curriculum and not optional. If your child is nervous, or hasn't had much experience in the water, please discuss this with your child's teacher.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

We continue to operate with the same times for our school timetable. This structure ensures we meet the government's requirements of providing an hour of Reading, Writing and Mathematics every day, which we have always made a priority at our school.

Times	What happens	
8:30am - The first bell of the day.	Classrooms are open for bags to be placed in cloak bays and items needed in rooms to be placed where needed, then out to play with friends.	
8:55am - The second bell of the day.	Students to enter classrooms to begin formal learning.	
10:00am - Approximate time when students will have a fruit and/or vegetable break.	This is the first time of the day where eating takes place. It is for fruit and/or vegetables only.	
11:00am - Third bell for the day morning play.	Students go out to play, they are not to be in classrooms.	
11:20am - Fourth bell of the day to return to class for morning tea.	At the end of play, they return to class, wash their hands and eat their morning tea.	
1:00pm - Fifth bell of the day for lunch play.	Students go out to play, they are not to be in classrooms.	
1:40pm - Sixth bell of the day to return to class for lunch.	At the end of lunch play, they return to class, wash their hands and eat their lunch.	
3:00pm - Seventh bell of the day when school ends.	All students to exit school or to go to KIDSZONE Afterschool Care.	

SCHOOL TEAM NAMES

We have four Team names that our students belong to, they are:

Team Pono	Team Kowhai	Team Rimu	Team Kauri
Years 0 and 1	Year 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
Rooms 13, 15 and 18	Rooms 16, 17 and 19	Rooms 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12	Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

SCHOOL VALUES

It is an expectation that all staff and students display our school PRIDE Values at all times. We ask parents, caregivers and whānau to display these as well and support us with this.

Proactive	Ahuwhenua	I will do what is right and what the school expects.
Respect	Maanakitia	I will be kind, safe, thoughtful, and careful with everything I do.
Independence	Mana Motuhake	I will try, I will fix, I will own, and I will grow my learning, and be the best person I can be.
Determination	Manawanui	I will never give up.
Empathy	Aroha	I will care for others and look out for them.

TEACHING STAFF FOR 2025

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Nicki White and Elly Mason Room 13 Years 0 and1	Jenna Stanbridge Room 15 Years 0 and 1	Amy Lloyd and Jess MacPherson Room 18 Years 1 and 2
Jane Frazerhurst Room 16 Year 2	Jenn Soole and Toni Wright Room 17 Year 2	Jess MacPherson and Mila Steinherr Room 19 Year 2
Hannah Gee Room 8 Year 3	Jade Harvey Room 10 Year 3	Kayla McLeod Room 11 Years 3 and 4
Tracey Prime Room 9 Years 3 and 4	Michelle Hudgell Room 7 Year 4	Ros Nicholas Room 12 Year 4
Simon Plooy Room 4 Year 5	Shania Ramsay and Christie MacPherson Room 6 Year 5	Emily Halse Room 5 Year 5 Akomanga Hāpai Class
Wendy Jones Room 1 Year 6	Rob Brown Room 2 Year 6	Renata Ioane Room 3 Year 6 Akomanga Hāpai Class
Classroom Release Time (CRT) Teachers:	Learning Support Co-ordinator and ESOL Teacher • Gemma Cooper	ESOL Teacher • Jo Beaumont
Literacy Support Teachers Toni Wright Jenn Soole	Team Leaders Pono and Kowhai - Ben Soole Rimu - Tracey Prime Kauri - Wendy Jones	SENCo, Curriculum and Assessment Support, Student Welfare Brenda Lewis
Deputy Principal Ben Soole	Principal • Sally Wilson	

I will introduce our other staff next time.

As we leave January I want to share:

Traditional Māori name for the lunar month	English	Māori transliteration of English
Kohitātea	January	Hānuere

Kohitātea (December - January). Fruits are now ripe, and man eats off the new food of the season. Remember - we care, so please share.

STATIONERY

Pre-prepared packs for your child are available at the school office. We have Eftpos for easy payment, but cash of course is fine. Please make contact if you need to regarding your child's stationery.

HAVE A CONCERN OR QUESTION?

Please talk to us, we are more than willingly to listen and support where we can.

SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kamo Primary School is very fortunate to have a highly supportive board that functions in the governance role. You might be wondering, what is a school board of trustees? School boards are responsible for the school's performance and ensuring that all legal requirements are met.

Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board of trustees. The board of trustees is a crown entity – that is an organisation that is part of the New Zealand public sector. The board

- · is accountable for student achievement
- · sets the vision for the school
- ensures the school complies with legal and policy requirements

Our first meeting for the school year is on Tuesday 11th February at 6pm in the staffroom, where board members will meet to set the year.

Sally Wilson - Principal.



School Notices

Room 13 - Would like some untreated timber for building.

Room 2 - If you have any 240x45 or 250x50 dressed timber offcuts. Would you consider donating them for a STEAM stool making project. Bring to Mr Brown in Room 2.

Scholastic Book orders due 28th February 2025

