



Kaihu Valley School

Shaping our own future

He **aro**ha whakato, he **aro**ha puta mai
If **kindness** is sown, then **kindness** you shall receive

Tuesday 4th February 2025

Kia ora e te whaanau,

The festive season saw us with some super hot days and some much needed rainy days - I was so close to getting in a tank of water for my whare.....phewwww lucky I held off for that big downpour! Anyways, I hope you all had a magical Christmas and celebrated with whaanau during the New Years.



We are back and ready for 2025! You will see we have had some awesome changes around Kura, inside and outside. Heaps of mahi went on over the break! Our staff bathrooms finally updated, new tile carpet has been added, walls painted and more. On the outside the old bus shelter has had a little makeover. The colour added to the poles has made that area pop! (I have kept the art mahi that was on the shelter and in due course it will be added to the back fence next to the tuna). The buildings have had a good scrub and repainted to make it look and feel fresh.



A shout out to Dean and Christine who with their crews completed the inside mahi and a massive shoutout to Matua Weti and my little brother Jacob who completed the outside mahi.

From all of the korero collected last year from tamariki, staff and whaanau looking in "our own backyard" is what stood out. Kura Taiao - Environmental sustainability was top of the list.

Each term has been broken down:

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Value:	Tū Kaha "We stand strong! We are resilient!"	Whanaungatanga "We all belong"	Kaitiakitanga "We are kaitiaki of our environments"	Manaakitanga "We care! We Respect! We show gratitude!"
Topic:	Awa (Kaihu River)	Moana (Ocean)	Maunga/ Whenua (Mountain)	Roto (Lakes)



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I would like to acknowledge our returning tamariki and new tamariki who started this week - Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Kaihu. We are so happy to have you all join our fabulous Kura.
We welcome Giavana, Sativa and twinnies Haven and Amiah. We also welcome Jordyn-Leigh.





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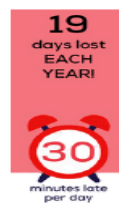
ATTENTION!

Attendance Matters - Please read the attached letter. It has different information about attendance and the importance of every child attending school regularly.

Attendance Matters!

BEING ON TIME

LOST MINUTES =
LOST LEARNING

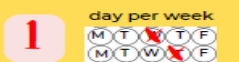


BEING AT SCHOOL

DAYS MISSED =
YEARS LOST

A day here and there doesn't seem like much but...

When your child misses just...



they miss weeks per year



and years over their school life

over 1 year missed

over 2.5 years missed

BEING AT HOME

STAY HOME TO STOP THE
SPREAD OF GERMS

When am I too sick to come to school?

- You have a fever
- You're sniffly, coughing and have a scratchy throat with no fever
- You have green or yellow nasal discharge
- You have a killer headache
- You have a hacking cough
- You have vomited or had diarrhea in the last 48hrs





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Taiao – Environmental Mahi



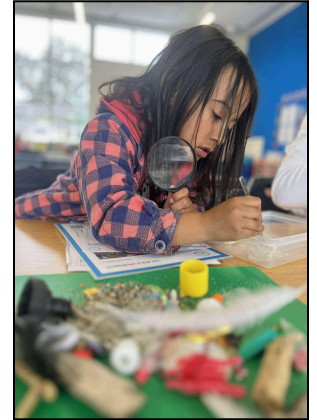
Our 'It Factor' is all about our Taiao and learning about how we can be the best Kaitiaki of ALL environments.

The tamariki will be developing and enhancing their critical and creative thinking skills.

- Learning about ecosystems and how they are unique and fragile
- Looking at how human activities put ecosystems under threat
- Understanding the importance of each of the 'areas' – awa, maunga, roto, moana
- Using hands on – 'Out in the field' approach

Our new and exciting curriculum meets Ministry requirements.

If you would like to be involved in our mahi or have any contacts you think is relevant to our kaupapa, please flick me a message.



Our Kura is involved with both Gardens to Table and Enviroschools Programmes. Both of these are helping us work towards achieving our goal of becoming the BEST TAIAO KURA around!





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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Pleaseeeeeee promote our small but beautiful Kura!

KAIHU VALLEY SCHOOL

**New Leader !
New Kura !
He Kura Taiao**

Our Curriculum

Reflects the local area and focusses on our environments: Awa, Maunga, Roto, Moana and Marae!
Our new mahi aligns with the NZ Curriculum and ensures the core areas are being delivered.

Our Values

Kaitiakitanga
We are Kaitiaki of our environments!

Tu Kaha:
We Stand Strong! We are Resilient!

Whanaungatanga
We all belong!

Manaakitanga
We care! We Respect! We show gratitude!

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NB: The dates + events below are subject to change....All changes will be updated with other panui

	Up and coming dates and events	
Week 1	Mon 3rd Feb	First day back for 2025
	Thurs 6th Feb	WAITANGI DAY - Public Holiday
	Fri 7th Feb	First Cricket Session with Northland Cricket association
Week 2	Mon 10th Feb	First Art session with Whaea Kym
	Weds 12th Feb	Whaea Deb in working with Year 7 - 8 tamariki <i>(Every Wednesday for the rest of the term)</i>
Week 3	Mon 17th Feb	Art with Whaea Kym <i>(Most Monday afternoons for the rest of term)</i>
	Fri 21st Feb	Second Cricket session
Week 4	Fri 28th Feb	Third Cricket session
Week 5	Fri 7th March	Final Cricket session
Week 6	Monday 10th March	Haerenga / Overnight Marae stay in Waitangi with Motatau Kura. Travel day <i>(More information at a later date)</i>
	Tuesday 11th March	Hoe Waka in Waitangi then heading home
	Wednesday 12th March	Whole Kura sailing with Aranga on Lake Waikare <i>(Day trip)</i>