

KAIMAI KORERO

TERM 4 WEEK 1
10TH OCTOBER 2025



Strive and Honour

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to Term 4! I'd like to acknowledge the amazing welcome to Kaimai School that I received during the pōwhiri on Monday. The students did a great job of managing themselves and represented the school with pride. It was a great opportunity to make some connections, and I appreciate the whānau that were able to attend. I am truly honoured to have been given the opportunity to lead Kaimai School, and I am committed to helping the school flourish and grow, by celebrating the qualities that make it special and further enhancing its reputation to make it the community's rural school of choice.

I'd like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that Mrs Harris has shown over the past two terms in her role as Acting Principal. She has acted as kaitiaki for all the staff and students, and has ensured that Kaimai School remains a fantastic school. I am very grateful for her support as I get settled into my new role and learn 'The Kaimai Way'.

Congratulations to the elected parent representative members who joined the school board at the end of last term: Joanne Carswell (Presiding Member), Benjamin Cooper, Ben Jackson, Lianne Skellon-Storey, and Michelle Stanley. Whāea Amie was also elected as the staff representative on the board. I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of Reuben Hayward, Zane Marshall, and Donna Neville, our outgoing board members, for their support and governance during their time on the board.

This term my focus as tumuaki is on building relationships with the students, my staff, whānau, and the wider Kaimai community. This Saturday at Ag Day will be an excellent opportunity to make more connections, so if you see me during the day, please come up and say hello. Alternately, feel free to make a time to come in and meet with me to share your thoughts and aspirations for Kaimai School.

Speaking of Ag Day, I know that the students, staff, and our awesome PTA have put a lot of effort into getting everything ready for this year's event. The creativity the children have shown with their indoor exhibits is astounding, and I can't wait to see the results of the hard work the students have put into raising their animals. I hope to see you there!

As you may have heard, teachers, principals, and support staff have voted to take strike action on Thursday, 23rd of October. Throughout our collective agreement negotiations (where we negotiate for improvements to our working terms and conditions) we have raised several issues that would make a big difference to support our students' learning, but we don't feel that the Government is listening to us or is understanding what schools and students really need. This includes recognising that our learners need more support, including a teacher aide for every classroom. Should the strike go ahead, the school will most likely have to close for instruction. Once we receive formal notification that the strike is going ahead, we will confirm the details with whānau and let you know the outcome. Please be prepared to keep your child(ren) home on that day.

Ngā mihi nui,

Matthew Jackson
Principal

NEWSLETTERS

EVERY FRIDAY (ODD WEEKS)

ASSEMBLIES

EVERY FRIDAY AT 2.15PM (EVEN WEEKS)

TERM DATES 2025

TERM 4 - 6 OCTOBER TO 16 DECEMBER 2025

OTHER HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER (LABOUR DAY)

Touching Base

- If you need to touch base with your child's kaiako then we would like to hear from you.
- If you have any queries about your child, then their class teacher is the first point of contact.
- Teachers are not there to discuss other children!
- Sometimes you may be lucky enough to catch kaiako after school on the same day of your question.
- Alternatively, you can email them and ask to make an appointment at a time that suits you both.
- In your email, include what it is that you would like to discuss.
- Sometimes we may need some time to investigate a concern and may need a day or two to get back to you. It is better that we have time to get all the information and a suitable conclusion than a rushed wrong one!
- We are all here for the same reason - happy ākonga that enjoy coming to school!

Ruma Kereru - Mrs Harris
Ruma Ruru - Mrs Cooper
Ruma Tui - Whāea Amie
Ruma Kiwi - Mrs Haack

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 11

Kaimai School AG Day
9:00am - 1:00pm

OCTOBER 16

Save Your Teddy Day
(World Restart a Heart Day)
(Year 1 -3)

OCTOBER 16

New Zealand ShakeOut
National Earthquake Drill

OCTOBER 17

Loud Shirt Day

OCTOBER 30

Kaimai School Athletics Day

NOVEMBER 5

Tall Poppies Athletics Day
(Year 7 -8)

NOVEMBER 14

West Cluster Athletics Day
(Year 5 -6)

DECEMBER 4 - 10

Technology at Taumata School
(Year 7 - 8)

DECEMBER 16

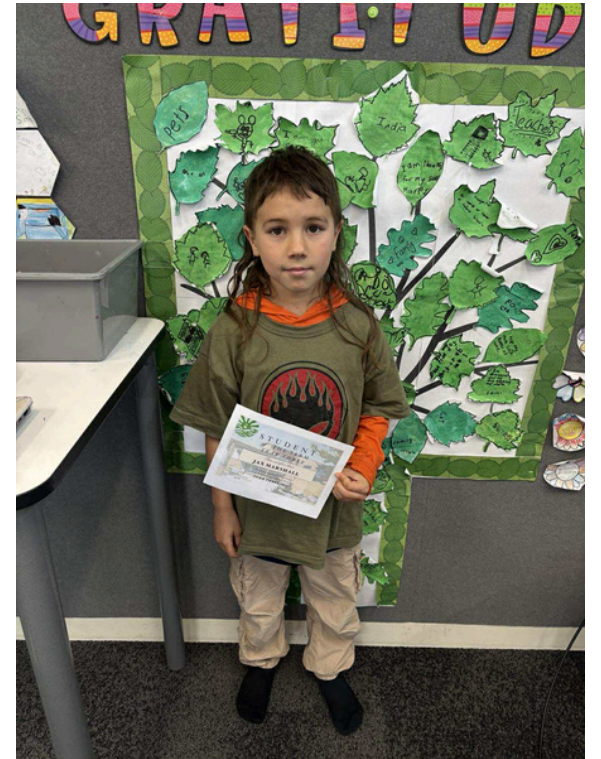
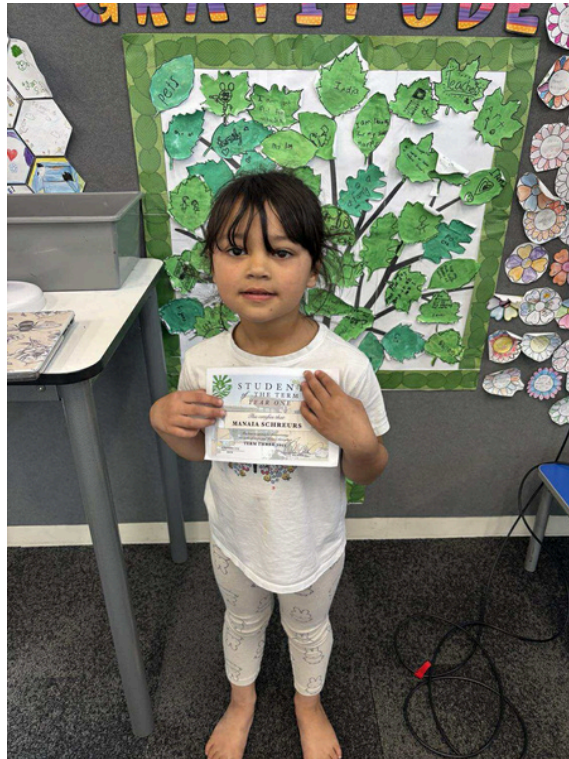
End of the School Year
1/2 day

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THE SKOOL LOOP APP, OR KAIMAI SCHOOL'S
FACEBOOK PAGE.

PHOTO GALLERY



Splash Squad & Kaimai Values Certificates, and Term 3 Principals Award



FLAG FOOTBALL



Our Year 5 - 8's enjoyed learning about Flag Football on Wednesday with Coach Graham from Bay of Plenty Schools American Flag Football.

This is a timely reminder for all students and their whānau regarding behaviour on the bus.

At Kaimai School, we take safety on our buses very seriously. We want all our Kaimai Kids to arrive safely at their destination each trip.

If you have a child who travels to school by bus, please speak to them about being respectful and showing *pono / integrity* while traveling on the bus.

All whānau who have children that travel by bus have signed an agreement that clearly states the expectations of behaviour when traveling on a bus and also the consequences if these are continually ignored.

If you have any questions or concerns about our school bus service, please get in touch.



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Please help us keep our staff and students safe by remembering that Kaimai School is a Nut-Free School.

Even trace amounts can cause a dangerous, and potentially life-threatening reaction.

Please ensure all lunchboxes and snacks sent to school do not contain nuts or products that list nuts as an ingredient such as Peanut Butter, Nutella, and some muesli bars.



Term 4 2025 Policy Reviews

Our school continues to work with SchoolDocs to keep our policies and procedures up to date and relevant to our school community.

These are regularly reviewed by the Kaimai School Board and are also open to feedback from whānau.

In Term 4 2025, the reviews focus on the following policies:

- Bullying and Harassment
- Behaviour Management
- Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property
- Minimising Physical Restraint
- Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion
- Staff Wellbeing and Safety

We invite you to visit the site at <https://kaimai.schooldocs.co.nz/> to view and review our policies and procedures.

Our username is "kaimai" and password "growth".

There is a link to this site on our website. The easiest way to get to the Term 4 review is by clicking on the 'Current Review' tab after logging in.



As Kaimai is a SunSmart school we require students to wear hats during Terms 1 & 4. Please check that your child has either their school hat or a bucket hat in their bag.

Starting from next week those without hats will have to stay in the shade during break times.

Too much of the Sun's UV radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage, and lead to skin cancer, the most common cancer in Aotearoa New Zealand.

As a school we encourage you to keep reminding your child to wear a hat outside and engage in other SunSmart practices, such as wearing sunscreen and playing in the shade



Get ready for New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake and tsunami drill, happening on Thursday, 16th October, at 9:30 am!

This is an important opportunity for all students and staff to practice the life-saving action of Drop, Cover, and Hold so we are prepared for a real emergency.



Save your *Teddy*

Kaimai School has registered to take part in national Save Your Teddy Day, coinciding with World Restart a Heart Day, where our Year 1 - 3 students will learn how to save a life by practicing CPR on their teddy or soft toy.

The children will be participating in this fun and exciting Hato Hone St John session via a video. This is a practical activity where they will learn and practice how to respond when a person needs care in a cardiac arrest using their teddy or soft toy.

On Thursday, 16th October Children in Ruma Kereru and Ruru will need to bring their teddy or soft toy to school for Save Your Teddy Day.

Loud Shirt Day 

GET LOUD

for kids with hearing loss



Loud Shirt Day is the boldest, brightest, most feel-good day to raise awareness for kids that are deaf and have hearing loss.

We invite students to wear their loudest and brightest shirts on Friday, 17th October.

Hearing loss is often an unseen condition - raising awareness is vital to raising understanding!



Bay of Plenty Rugby - Rippa

Starts on Thursday 30th October at Waipuna Park from 4:00pm.

KAIMAI SCHOOL

ANNUAL GALA & AG DAY

SATURDAY
11TH OCTOBER
FROM 9AM - 1PM

FREE
ENTRY

KAIMAI SCHOOL
1853 STATE
HIGHWAY 29

FARM ANIMALS



FUN GAMES



FOOD STALLS



CELEBRATE RURAL LIFE WITH US – EVERYONE'S INVITED!

9:00am - Stalls and Hall Open

9:30am - All animals at school

10:00am - Animal Judging Starts

Prize-giving starts once all judging is complete

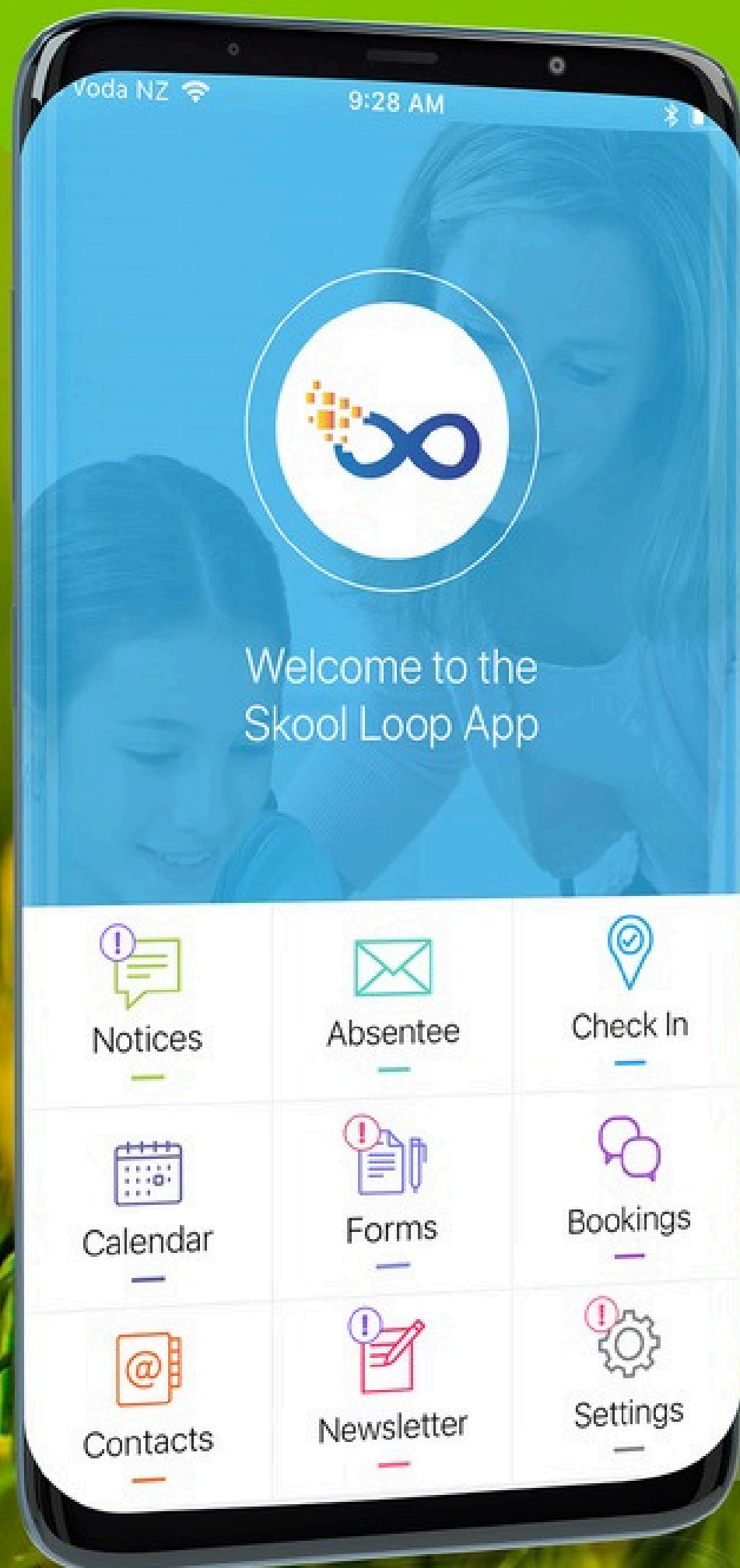
1:00pm - Stalls and Hall Close

Stalls include: homemade preserves, plants, local honey, homewares, baking, jewellery, locally made skincare products, as well as a coffee cart.

Ready Set Spring

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