



KINGSGATE SCHOOL

Kia mohio, ki te aroha, ki te mahi.
To know, to love, to serve.

Newsletter - Thursday 28 November - Term 4 Week 8

From the Principal:

Prizegiving – A Time to Celebrate Together

We're really looking forward to our upcoming prizegiving day on the 16th of December, a special time where we come together as a community to celebrate the achievements and growth of our students. It's always a highlight of the year, and it's always wonderful to see as many parents and whānau as possible joining us for this event. We're excited to recognise the incredible hard work, character, and growth our students have demonstrated this year.

Finishing the Year Well

As we head into the final weeks of the year, we kindly ask parents and caregivers to encourage their children to finish well. This is often the time when tiredness sets in and we see an increase in behavioural issues as students look forward to the holidays. A shared message from both home and school can make a huge difference, helping our young people stay focused, respectful, and positive right to the very end.

Farewells and Warm Welcomes for 2026

We take a final moment to farewell Mrs Speirs, Mrs van Dam, and Mrs Fleet as they each step into new seasons of God's calling. While it is always sad to see treasured members of our KingsGate whānau move on, we are genuinely grateful for the impact they have had on our school and the students they've served. We release them with love, blessing, and confidence that God is leading them into new places where their gifts will continue to shine for His glory. At the same time, we are excited to welcome Mr Vautier into our High School team and Mrs Neill into our Primary team as they join us for the journey ahead.

Principal's Sabbatical Reminder – Term 1, 2026

I just wanted to give our KingsGate community a friendly reminder that I'll be on sabbatical for Term 1, 2026. I'm really grateful to the Board for supporting this opportunity to recharge, reflect, and continue growing as your principal. During this time, Mrs Cadelis will be leading the school, and I know she will do an exceptional job guiding our team and supporting our students. Our leadership systems are strong, and I'm confident the year will start smoothly. I'm looking forward to returning in Term 2 refreshed and ready for all that's ahead for our school.

Noho ora mai

Jared Stein

KingsGate School Principal

Staff Shout Out

Huge shout-out to Mrs Filer, whose passion for Science is absolutely unmatched. Her energy makes every lesson come alive. Her wonderfully bubbly personality brings joy, faith, and fun into our high school spaces every day. We're so grateful for the way she loves her students and points them to God through everything she does!



KingsGate School Prizegiving Tuesday 16 December 2025

9:00am - 10:00am	Primary Prize Giving (Years 1 - 6) held in Totara LIFEspace
11:00am - 12:30pm	High School Prizegiving (Years 7 -11) held in Totara LIFEspace
12:30pm - 1:00pm	Official Opening of Kauri Rua

Coming up:

Week 8	Fri 28 Nov	Parent Prayer Meeting 8:40am meet by the playground
		Christmas Mufti Day - Gold coin donation requested
Wk 9	Fri 5 Dec	Parent Prayer Meeting 8:40am meet by the playground
Wk 10	Wed 10 Dec	3 Way Chats - Primary School - See notice for details
	Thurs 11 Dec	Rainbows End: Years 7-10 - End of Year celebration trip
	Fri 12 Dec	Parent Prayer Meeting 8:40am meet by the playground
Wk 11	Tues 16 Dec	Last Day of School - See Prizegiving schedule



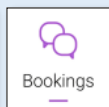
FOTS Box:

In planning ahead for our Annual FOTS Picnic and BBQ, we have set the date for 2026 as Wednesday, 25 February.

This is a highlight event with great fellowship, games and a fun-filled student/ parent/ teacher interactive opportunity enjoyed by all.

Mark it in your calendar!

3 Way Chats Wednesday 10 December Years 1 - 6



You are invited to join your child and their teacher to discuss their learning over the last half of this year.

- Please book using the Skool Loop app
- Book with your child/s Whanau Teacher **only**
- Slots are 12 minutes in duration
- The school will remain open, **however** this will be in the form of onsite Teacher-Aide supervision only for a very limited number of students who have absolutely no other option available for care

Please select the appropriate drop down box while booking or email info@kingsgate.school.nz if you have any questions

Bookings close 3pm Friday 5 December

2026 Stationery Lists

The stationery requirement lists for 2026 are now ready, please visit www.myschool.co.nz and select KingsGate School to see our lists for each year level.

Please take note that lists are different every year and changes have been made, in particular **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** year levels for 2026 .

Stationery can be ordered from:

- OfficeMax online - www.myschool.co.nz
- Or be sourced by you from any supplier you prefer - if you chose to purchase elsewhere please ensure you purchase identical items to prevent disruption to students learning.

Students are expected to come to school on the first day of
Term 1 - 30 January 2026 ready to learn,
with their full stationery requirements.

A promotional banner for OfficeMax MySchool. On the left, the OfficeMax logo is above the stylized "MySCHOOL" text. Below this, the text "Order their Back to School stationery now and beat the rush!" is written in white on a green background. On the right, there is a circular photo of three smiling children. To the right of the photo, the text "Class lists are ready to view at" is above the URL "myschool.co.nz" in a bold, teal font.

OfficeMax
MySCHOOL

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Lost Property

A large number of school uniform items have been accumulating in our Lost Property, most of these items are unnamed. If these items are unclaimed by the end of the school year they will be washed and donated to our second hand uniform stash for resale.

There are also a number of non-school uniform items in the collection. Similarly, any of these that remain unclaimed will be donated elsewhere.

Prayer Thanksgiving

- For the brilliant sunshine and warm weather providing plenty of outside time for our students
- For the Year 11 students perseverance and endurance in sitting their NCEA exams
- The opportunity of selected students to represent KingsGate School in the interschool athletic competitions.
- For the desire for good Christian education in Franklin and our growing school roll
- For all the students and their achievements at the upcoming Prizegiving

Prayer Requests

- For strength, resilience and patience as the tail end of the school year approaches and tiredness starts set it in
- For blessings on all our students and their families over the Christmas period and summer school holidays, for safety , travelling mercies, amazing experiences and time to re-coupe, ready for 2026 and all that is to come.
- For a time of reflection, rest and refuelling of tanks for all our staff over the holiday period. That could would provide all their needs and give them a week earned rest

2026	KingsGate School Term Dates	
	Commences	Concludes
Term 1	30th January	3rd April
Term 2	20th April	3rd July
Term 3	20th July	25th September
Term 4	12th October	11th December



ezlunch.

School Lunch Ordering Update for 2026

We are excited to let you know that **school lunch ordering will move from Lunchonline to Ezlunch starting Term 1, 2026.**

Any **Lunchonline accounts still open after 19 December 2025** will automatically have a **Kindo account** (Kindo is the parent company of Ezlunch) created for them.

On **12 January 2026**, families will receive:

- A welcome message with login instructions
- Confirmation that their account balance has been transferred
- A prompt to set a new password

There are **no other expected changes**. You can look forward to:

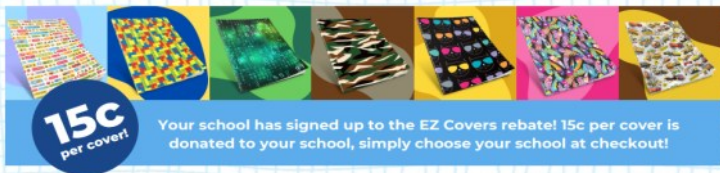
- The *same suppliers*
- The *same delicious food*
- The *same delivery times and days*

We look forward to this new partnership in 2026!



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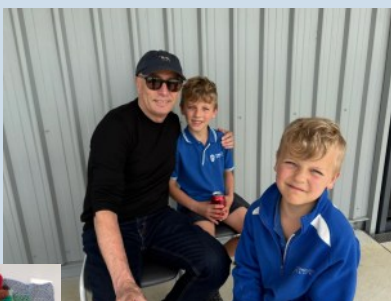


What's Been Happening at KingsGate



On this page: Year 9s cooking, Year 6
artwork, Year 2s hard at work





On this page:
Grandparents day,
OKE Garden
fundraisers, SPCA
fundraiser projects,
year 2 students
following instructions
to make sandwiches
for writing.





A fluffy black cat comes and strokes me when I wake up. A scaly black Mambas snake slithered across the shiny grass after it rained. A creepy black spider climbed outside of the window. A spotted black jaguar walking in the wet rainforest. By Peet DT



Citrusy limes make my tongue drool with saliva. Slimy snakes slither across the green jungle floor. Prickly cactuses poke my fingers with stinging pain. Juicy watermelons burst with tropical flavour. By Sean S



Delicious, plump marshmallows melting in my mouth. Beautiful cherry blossoms flourishing in the sun. Astonishing butterflies flapping their wings with intricate patterns. Delicate candy floss disappearing when it hits my tongue.

By Aaron N



The cicada makes a booming clicking sound. Slimy frogs croaking loudly at the inky night sky. The dewy grass shimmering in the morning sun. Peacefully the Christmas tree blinks with colours. By Poppy R



On this page: Year 8 students making milkshakes to bless others, Year 9 and 10 service projects in action, year 6 colour poems.

Local Christmas Services

Get along to a local church service this Christmas and celebrate the birth of our Saviour!

DEC 6TH 2025 | 6:30PM

ST JAMES CHURCH PUKEKOHE
PRESENTS

Perfect Peace

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SUPPER INCLUDED | GOLD COIN ENTRY

St James Presbyterian Church, 30 West Street, Pukekohe

Email: sjpc2017@outlook.com for further details

Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace among those with whom he is
pleased!

*This Christmas, come and worship the newborn King.
Join us for a beautiful evening of*

Christmas Carols

Thursday, 18th of December 2025
7pm - 8pm

Pukekohe Reformed Church
2 Victoria Street, Pukekohe

**Kids bring your shakers or bells!*

"Come & Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"



Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among
those with whom he is pleased!

This Christmas, come and worship the newborn King. Together at

Christmas Service

Thursday, 25th of December 2025
10:00 am

Led by Pastor Jae Kim
Pukekohe Reformed Church
2 Victoria Street, Pukekohe

"Come & Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

December services



7th Dec. Communion

14th Dec. Children's Ministry End-of-Year
Celebration

21st Dec. Christmas Lessons and Carols

24th Dec. Christmas Eve – Wednesday @
11.pm

St James Presbyterian Church, 30 West Street, Pukekohe

Email: sjpc2017@outlook.com for further details



What is a "Blue Christmas" service?

These services are held in churches around the world to offer a space for people to gather in the lead up to Christmas. It acknowledges that for some, Christmas can be a sad and difficult time due to various losses that have been experienced during the year, or because of grief processes still being worked through. It acknowledges that it is painful having people missing from our Christmas table and celebrations.

We open the invitation to anyone who is remembering the death of a loved one, or who faces a difficult Christmas season for other reasons such as ill health, redundancy, separation, loneliness and so on.

There will be an opportunity to light candles, and to hear words of comfort and reassurance. Please do extend this invitation to anyone you know of who may appreciate it – family, neighbours, work colleagues and so on.

We hope to see you at St Andrew's (43 Queen St, Pukekohe) at 7.30pm on Thursday 18 December.

For further information contact Jan Wallace on 238 7723, 027 452 1366 or jan.wallace@xtra.co.nz



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

7 December

9.30am: Family Christmas Pageant. Come and join in sharing the telling of the Christmas story

14 December

11.30am: St Paul's Buckland Community Christmas Service

14 December

7pm: 9 Lessons & Carols at St Andrew's with Franklin Community Choir, St Patrick's Catholic Church and the community

18 December

7.30pm: Blue Christmas Service: Acknowledging that Christmas can be a hard time especially when we have people missing from our Christmas table for any reason at all

24 December – Christmas Eve

5pm: Family Christmas Story

7.30pm: Buckland Christmas Eucharist Service

10.30pm: Christmas Eve Mass

25 December – Christmas Day Eucharist

8am & 9.30am



“Raising Successful Kids”

Try to stop asking ‘How was school today?’ and instead to ask these 7 questions.

1. ‘What was the best part of your day?’
2. ‘What’s a mistake you learned from today?’
3. ‘Who were you proud of today?’
4. ‘What’s one thing that would have made today better?’
5. ‘Who did you help today?’
6. ‘What was the most interesting thing you learned today?’
7. ‘What’s something new you’d like to try?’

These 7 questions lead to productive conversations while also helping kids grow mentally stronger: Have a go and see if you get to hear more about your child’s school day than usual!

Community Events:



PUKEKOHE LIONS PRESENT
CHRISTMAS GROTTO

MEET SANTA!

WISHING WELL, SANTA'S POSTBOX, LIGHT SHOW, RAFFLES!

2PM TO 8.30PM | 15-23 NOVEMBER

MASSEY HALL A&P SHOWGROUNDS STATION RD

Vote for your favourite tree
Special Westpac Gifting Tree
Make your own decoration
Meet Santa
Join us for our PJ party
All proceeds to be donated to Westpac Rescue Helicopter

MEET SANTA!

GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY

Pujama Party 15 November 6pm to 8pm music, fun & games All are welcome!



Counties Energy
CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN
• Laser Show Spectacular!

SAT 29TH NOV
NAVIGATION HOMES STADIUM, PUKEKOHE

GATES OPEN FROM 4:30PM - 9:30PM

FREE EVENT

Counties Energy **MEGA** **Bayleys** **Franklin Law** **Pukekohe**

“At Rialto Distribution, we are thrilled to introduce DAVID (PG-13), a groundbreaking animated musical epic from the visionary team behind The King of Kings and Sound of Freedom, brought to you by Angel Studios. Premiering in cinemas across Australia and New Zealand on December 18, 2025—just in time for the Christmas holidays—this film presents a transformative opportunity to ignite the spirits of children, families, and entire congregations with the timeless story of young David's heroic journey.

Through stunning animation and original music, DAVID vividly reimagines the shepherd boy's rise from Bethlehem's fields to Israel's throne. Facing giants like Goliath with unyielding courage and unwavering trust in God, David exemplifies humility, moral fortitude, and divine leadership—core values that resonate deeply with the Christmas message of hope and redemption.”



Sponsorship

Thank you to the families that have made one off payments or started regular payments into the sponsorship account, this is such a blessing for families in our school community. If you wish to contribute, 100% of all monies donated go to supporting students in need, the account number is:

KingsGate Cheque - **ASB: 12-3107-0061691-00**

Please reference with your family name and *sponsorship* as a reference on the payment.

Helpful Contacts/Numbers/Websites/Apps

School Phone Number:

09 293 0297

School Facebook Page:

KingsGate School

School Website:

www.kingsgate.school.nz

School Parent App:

Skool Loop

School Bank Details:

ASB 12-3107-0061691-00

Please reference with your family name and reason

School Fees - NZCPT -

Selena Codlin: selena@nzcpt.nz

You can still talk to the admin staff in the office about fees, it is good to talk if there is an issue with paying.

We can usually make a payment plan if required to help.

NZCPT Bank Details (Fees):

ASB

12-3107-0061704-05

Please reference with your family code or with the students name if code is unknown

School Communication

Please direct general enquiries to our front desk
email: info@kingsgate.school.nz or phone: **09 239 0297**

KingsGate School Contacts

If you have a specific query, please see below for contacts

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