

Kāeo school



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Aim high- stand tall



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Term 4, Week 1, Friday 10th October 2025

Important dates to remember:

16.10.25-Spelling Bee
17.10.25-Rugby tournament yr4-6
21.10.25 BOT meeting 4pm
22.10.25-Pet day
23.10.25-teachers strike
27.10.25-Labour day
30.10.25-Yr 6 Halloween party at College
6.11.25-Junior athletics
20.11.25-Senior athletics
21.11.25-Cross country-Peria school
27.11.25-Market day
12.11.25-Last day of school/Whole school prize giving

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to kura for the last term of the year. This term is always packed with fun and exciting activities! We'll be busy consolidating all the wonderful things we have learned since the start of the year and enjoying some of our school events and end of year trips. This term we have Pet day, snorkelling trips and end of year class and syndicate trips. We won't be doing the honours board this year as all students are honourable and we will celebrate their progress and achievements at prize giving which will be 10am on Friday 12th December. This will also be the last day of term.

Please keep an eye out for details on upcoming events like our **junior and senior athletics day**, market day, and prize giving. Apologies for the change in dates, because of the teachers strike date we have had to make changes to our original event dates. Please read the rest of the newsletter to find out more.

Let's make this last term our best one yet. I encourage all our students to come to school every day ready to learn, play, and be kind to their friends.

Nāku noa
Whaea Kaiya



Leigh Tawharu



Kylie Colbert



Callum
Taufalele-McNaughton



Glenys Grace



Paige Hikuwai

We are pleased to introduce the Kaeo School Board of Trustees (BoT)

The Board is the governing body of our kura, working on behalf of the whole school community to ensure every student can gain their highest possible standard in educational achievement. Their core role is to set the school's strategic vision, approve policies, and oversee financial and property stewardship, all while ensuring a safe and inclusive environment that gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

We look forward to a successful term working together to support all of our tamariki. We encourage our whānau and community to get to know your Board representatives:

- **Presiding Member:** Kylie Colbert
- **Principal:**Kaiya Lafotanoa
- **Parent Representative(s):** Callum Taufalele-McNaughton, Paige Hikuwai
- **Staff Representative:** Fiona Inverarity
- **Co-opted/Appointed Member(s):** Leigh Tawharu and Glenys Grace

Pet day 2025

This year our school Pet day will be held on Wednesday 22nd October. A panui (notice) went out via email. If you did not receive that you can click on the link below to register your pet for Pet day.

[Pet day registration](#)

This year our pet day will run a little differently, if you are coming to celebrate and be part of our day we will be having sausage sizzles and juices for sale.



Teachers strike

In a historic first, primary school teachers, primary principals, school support staff, and Ministry of Education specialist staff are all taking part in a **joint national strike on Thursday, October 23rd**. This collective action is being held to urge the Government to address critical issues facing both students and educators across the education sector.

We are asking for your support for this important day by **keeping your child at home**. Your participation sends a powerful message that you stand with us in advocating for better resourcing and working conditions.

We understand that keeping your child home may be difficult due to work commitments. If you are unable to arrange childcare, there will be a limited number of staff available to supervise students at school.

If your child needs to attend school on October 23rd, please complete this [Google Form](#) so we can make appropriate supervision arrangements. Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to fight for the future of education.

Spelling Bee

This year our school spelling Bee will be held on Thursday 16th October, apologies for the change in date this is due to staffing and events that clashed. Please see below for the timetable.

9am-10am Juniors Room 7, 6 & 8

10am-11am middles Room 3&5)

11:30-12:30am seniors Room 1 & 2

This is not compulsory for students this is optional only.

School photos

All school photos have been taken and by now you should have received your code via email. If you did not get your child's code for their photos please come in and see Yvette in the office and she will give it to you.



Sporting events

We have a number of sporting events coming up this term that we are excited about. Next Friday we have a small group of students heading to Matauri Bay school to play rugby.

The juniors will be holding a junior athletics day on Friday November 6th and the seniors will be Friday 20th November.

Measles

As you may be aware, there have been recent confirmed cases of Measles in Aotearoa. We are following the direction of Te Whatu Ora & Ministry of Education to ensure we are being as proactive as possible in this space.

Key points:

Measles is very contagious and can make people of any age very sick.

Watch for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes and a blotchy rash.

If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116.

Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not received two MMR vaccinations cannot attend their school | kura for at least eight days.

If your child develops symptoms while at school we will be contacting parents/caregivers to collect immediately.