

Kāeo school



Taraia ngā taumata- E tu teitei
Aim high- stand tall



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Important dates to remember:

14.08.25-Whānau hui

21.08.25-Playhouse show (at school)

10.09.25-Board Elections

29.08.25-Winter sports

09.08.25-Art exhibition

10.09.25-School photos

06.10.25-Teachers only day

Kia ora e te whānau

We are very busy at kura with school trips and learning about our local environment. Our junior school has had two very successful trips already. One was to the Puketi forest and they also visited Tauranga Bay to learn about healthy streams. Thank you to all of the parents who supported these trips, we could not have done it without you.

We have a lot of students away with sickness at the moment, Thank you to those parents who have let us know where their child is and when they will be returning. Much appreciated! We are having a few tamariki come to kura with lollies and in particular gum. Please check your child's bag and make sure they are not bringing lollies or gum to school.

The team at Kāeo School have an opportunity to participate in trauma training on Monday 6th October. This is with Jase Williams an expert child psychologist. We will be having our final teachers only day on this date so that all staff can attend. Thank you for your support.

This year's school photos will be on **Wednesday, September 10th**.

Please note that we will only be taking sibling photos for students who have siblings enrolled here at Kāeo School. This means that siblings from other schools or preschools will not be included in the photos.

Nāku noa
Whaea Kaiya

Board Elections

Just a friendly reminder that our school board elections are coming up! This year, elections will be held on **Wednesday, September 10th**.

It is time for us to vote!! Check out the amazing nominations that have come in. Your voting papers should be coming soon via email and/or post if you have not provided an email to the school office.

You can bring voting papers into school and leave in the box provided at the office. These will be sent away once voting closes.

Please have voting papers in to the office by Friday 5th September!!



🎉 Exciting News for Kaeo Primary Tamariki!

Starting Tuesday, 5th August, a fun and energizing 30-minute BoxFit class will be available to help tamariki start their school day strong and focused!

🕒 **When:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

📍 **Where:** Kaeo Primary School Hall

👟 **Who:** All tamariki and parents welcome!

💪 **Led by:** Mere Hape from the Wellness Team at Whangaroa Health Services Trust

These sessions will run until further notice, so come along, get moving, and feel great for the day ahead!





Tēnā tatou, ki te taha o tōku pāpā, he uri tēnei nō Ngāti Ruamahue. Ki te taha o tōku māmā, he uri tēnei nō Ngāti Uru. Nā reira, he uri whakaheke au nō Whangaroa.

Ko Paige Hikuwai tōku ingoa.

My name is Paige. I have one child attending Kāeo School and as a whānau have really enjoyed being part of this school community. I'm passionate about Kāeo as it is where I was schooled growing up. My hope is to continue to see our tamariki have the best opportunities to succeed as I did.

Most of my experience in governance has only been as a secretary, but this has equipped me to really understand the key workings of being on a board i.e. teamwork, considering differing perspectives, contributing to important decisions, and ensuring the school remains focused on the best outcomes for all our tamariki. If elected, I'd love to work alongside whānau and staff to ensure a positive, supportive, thriving school environment and have a fresh new collective vision for our tamariki going forward.



Born in Kāeo, grew up on a farm in Kahoe, educated in Kāeo- trained at North Shore Teachers College - Auckland. After teaching stints at Kaikohe West and Murrays Bay (Auckland) I came home to live and teach - Taught at KPS for 30+ years (20+ as DP). My children and some grandchildren also attended Kāeo PS.

I am a JP, Marriage and Funeral celebrant, Coastguard member, President of Whangaroa Museum & Archives and a few other groups.

I have served on the Board since Boards came into being,(staff rep, now parent Rep) and I am passionate about our School and all that it encompasses. I am happy to serve on the board, to give support and to ensure we have the best for our Students, our Staff and our Community

Kia ora koutou,

Ko Kylie tōku ingoa. As a proud māmā of two tamariki who whakapapa to Whangaroa and attend Kāeo School, I'm deeply invested in the wellbeing and future of our kura and all tamariki who walk through its gates. Our kura is more than a place of learning it is the hub of our community, and I'm passionate about supporting its growth through strong, values-led governance.



For over two years, I've worked with our local rūnanga, contributing to cultural initiatives and community development. Through this mahi, I've built strong, positive connections across our hapori and deepened my understanding of how cultural leadership can uplift everyone. The kaupapa that guide our rūnanga are manaakitanga, kotahitanga, and whanaungatanga these are values I carry into every space I serve.

I'm putting myself forward for the school board because I'm invested in nurturing our tamariki today. Honouring and supporting their potential as the rangatira of tomorrow.

Guided by the power of partnership with kaiako, whānau, and our wider hapori I want to encourage visionary thinking, innovative approaches, and a nurturing environment that celebrates who we are and supports the amazing mahi of our principal. My aim is to help integrate Te Ao Māori more meaningfully across kura life embedding tikanga, enhancing cultural understanding, and fostering an environment where every tamaiti can stand tall in their identity and thrive.

I acknowledge the valuable work already being done by our current board members and look forward to learning alongside them. Together, I believe we can continue shaping a school community we're all proud of.

Ngā mihi nui, Kylie

My family and I have lived in the Mid-North for the last 8 years, 7 of those here in the hills of Kāeo. My mahi is in community healthcare as a Physiotherapist and in the arts as a printmaker and embroidery artist. I have the privilege and honour of walking alongside kiritahi within their homes, helping support and navigate the often non-linear road of recovery from injury. I've learned from the ground up, that the strength of a community is where our tamariki flourish best, and treading this path with empathy, compassion and acknowledgment of the past is the foundation to foster change. We are in a time where the climate is full of uncertainty and opposing forces, and it calls us to hold strong and keep pushing forward. My son has been a part of the rich fabric at Kāeo Primary for the last 5 years. He will sadly outgrow his primary years all too soon, but I see value in supporting the growth of this wonderful school and community and all of it's present and future tai tamariki.



Kia ora, my name is Callum McNaughton I am a father of four with three of my children attending Kāeo school. I was born in Raumati but grew up in Waipapa. Northland is special to me and I have many cherished memories from this place, its beaches, rivers, forests and hills and of course the ocean that surrounds us. I love the people and land here. My priorities are to serve my family and community and to help in their progress. I enjoy seeing others reach their goals and thrive in life. In the past I have reached high levels in the sport of Taekwondo and Maui Thai kickboxing, at 15 was selected as part of the New Zealand juniors' team and had the honor of representing Aotearoa in Canada at the Taekwondo World Championships in 2007. My Maui Thai instructor at the time was Anthony Renata who traces his roots to Kāeo, he has been one of my biggest mentors in life, helping me navigate my youth, he taught me the importance of connecting with and sharing my skills and talents with others and to work consistently. Currently I am a volunteer and studying through Hato Hone St John, and my goal is to one day work as a Paramedic out in the community.



Get your votes in e te whānau!!