



# KAWAKAWA PRIMARY

## *Te Kura o Kawakawa*

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## Term 1, Week 1 2026

### Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

We're excited to welcome you all back for another year of learning, growth, and connection at Kawakawa Primary School. This year we continue to focus on living our school values every day, showing RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and RESILIENCE in all that we do.

As announced in our 2025 newsletters, we are exclusively using Skool Loop for all school communications, fully transitioning away from Facebook Messenger as planned.

### Why We're Making the Change

We want to ensure our communication with whānau is easier, safer, and more consistent. Skool Loop offers several key benefits for our school community:

- **All-in-one communication:** Notices, permission slips, absences, newsletters, and calendar events are all in one place.
- **Privacy and security:** Skool Loop protects your information, unlike Messenger, which is a public social platform.
- **Free for families:** The app is completely free to download and use.
- **Instant updates:** You'll receive school alerts and reminders directly on your phone in real time.
- **Supports whānau engagement:** The app helps us share important updates with everyone, parents, caregivers, and extended whānau, without needing multiple message threads.

### What This Means for You

We will no longer send messages via Messenger. All communication will come through Skool Loop. Class codes are attached.

Any messages to your child's teacher, please email or call the school office. If you need to get a message to your child before the end of the day, calls must be made by 2.30pm.

If you haven't already, please **download the Skool Loop app** from the App Store or Google Play, select **Kawakawa Primary School**, and enable notifications to stay connected.

If you need help getting set up, contact the office and we can support you.

We appreciate your support as we make this transition to a more effective and secure way of staying in touch.

### 2026 DATES

#### HUI-TANGURU / FEBRUARY

2 - Students Start Kura

6 - Waitangi Day - No Kura

12 - 47&8 Technology starts - Hukerenui

18 - Meet the teacher

#### POUTŪ-TE RANGI / MARCH

25 - Hearing and Vision Testing

#### PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ / APRIL

2 - Last day of term 1

3 - EASTER FRIDAY

Check out our new school website:

<https://www.kawakawaprimery.co.nz>

We have a new website so please search Kawakawa Primary for our new website link.