

Koputaroa School

Nurturing Confident, Future-Focused Learners



Kia ora e te whānau



Book Week Dewey Poster Competition

Overall Winner: Freida Bennik

Top 5: Charlie Lewis, Eliza Tomescu, Fern Abbot, Ingrid Hall

Participants: Poppy/Piper, Aria/Leah/ Yasmin, Anthea, Lachlan, Isaac, Mackenzie, Lorenzo, Hayley, Priya/Iris, Emily B, Alexis, Isla, Tarrah, Gabby and Evi, Ollie and Angus. Well done everyone and thank Ms McCallum for organising!

Congratulations also to Ingrid Hall who recently placed 3rd in the Year 5/6 category in Round 2 of the Great Kiwi Write off Competition with her creative writing 'Sea Hamsters'. Here is the opening paragraph:

There have been mysterious sightings of strange things in the water. They make loads of tiny holes in ships that cause them to slowly sink. Some people say they're green with scales, others say they're feathered and blue. But one day, someone said something quite peculiar "I thought they kind of looked like turquoise hamsters". I know what you're thinking, how could they do so much damage? Well I will tell you...

We had a lovely Mihi Whakatau last Friday to welcome our new students and their whānau to school.

Esta Kennett is homeroom teacher for our Year 0, New Entrants in the Hihi Classroom as part of the Kōwhai Pod.



Kōwhai Pod Years 0-3

We have welcomed another Sarah! Sarah Wilmshurst has joined our Pod as another member of staff. Sarah is working with small groups and individuals.

Kylie, Sarahs', Claire, Esta



Tōtara Pod Years 4-6

We have been busy creating art pieces for our up coming KPTA Art Exhibition. Thanks to wonderful local artists who have been helping us.

Rebecca, Rachel, Dan & Sharron



Kauri Pod Years 7 & 8

Camp helpers have been confirmed - thanks for the overwhelming response. We have an awesome raffle to reduce costs for camp coming home this week.

Robbie, Kerry, Janine & Sarah

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AG DAY ENTRIES

Please collect an entry form from the office if you would like to enter a lamb, calf or kid, or vegetable, flower or container garden. Student Diaries are also available for collection from the office.

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DAFFODIL DAY

We are having a dress up in Yellow day and there is also a 'Guess the lollies in the Jar' raffle (\$1 per guess or \$2 for 3 guesses!

This Friday 29 August

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TERM 4 TOD

Day 2 of our Maths Curriculum Professional Development (Teacher Only Day) has been scheduled for

Monday 3 November

Week 5 of Next Term

Hockey Festival

We had a large number of students from Years 1 to 8 take part in the local Hockey Festival last Friday at Donnelly Park. It was a great day and our teams all performed really well. The Year 5/6 team won their pool and our Year 7/8 teams faced off against each other in their final!

A huge thank to all of the parents who provided transport and assisted with supervision and support on the day!



Ag Day - Thursday 13 November

So far we have 15 calves and 13 lambs registered to compete on Ag Day! If your child would like to be part of the Badge Award Scheme, please collect a Record Book from the office.

Animal judging starts: 10.30am

Indoor Classes Judging: 2.30pm

Classrooms open for displays: 4.00pm

KPTA Ag Day Fair: 4 - 7pm

Board Policy Review: SchoolDocs

This term we are reviewing policies in the **Health, Safety and Welfare** Policy Section. We welcome feedback on these policies. Get started: Click on the URL and insert the username and password.

Koputaroa SchoolDocs Site: URL: <https://koputaroa.schooldocs.co.nz>

Community username: koputaroa **Community password:** kereru

Please check that your child's CLOTHING IS NAMED - we simply can not keep up with the amount of Lost Property currently.

Koputaroa School Art Exhibition / KPTA Event

Koputaroa School Art Exhibition - Celebrate Our Young Artists & Support Our School!

Come and see the incredible creativity of our students at our inaugural School Art Exhibition.

Each child's artwork will be on display – and available for families to purchase as a special keepsake.

All funds raised go directly to the KPTA, helping provide valuable school resources and opportunities for our tamariki.

Your child's art... your family's treasure... supporting our school!

The Art Exhibition will include: viewing art, kids craft station, silent auction - teacher and local artists, food and drinks.

People's Choice Award- some students and teachers have entered into a People's Choice Award- grab a star and pick your favourite. The winner of the People's Choice Award will take away \$50 Voucher.

Food and drinks will be available

\$2 Orange and Date Scones, Brownie, Citrus Slice, Lollie Cake.

Drinks- Tea and Coffee, Iced Tea, Fizzy

Grand Opening: Wednesday 17 Sept 2.00pm

Exhibition also open from 2.30 - 4.30pm

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th.

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THE CANCER SOCIETY'S
DAFFODIL DAY
LOLLY JAR RAFFLE!

\$1 per ticket, or triple your chances with 3 tickets for \$2
The lucky winner will receive a jar full of delicious lollies!

All proceeds to the Cancer Society.
Tickets on sale during break times outside the Learning Centre each day from Monday 25th - Thursday 28th of August. The lolly jar will also be available to view.
Winner will be announced on Friday 29th (Daffodil Day)
Please wear yellow and bring a gold coin donation on Friday if possible

TERM THREE - UPCOMING DATES		
WEEK 7	Fri 29 Aug	Daffodil Day Fundraiser
WEEK 8	Wed 3 Sept	Cricket Sessions - Years 1-6
	Thurs 4 Sept	Cricket Sessions - Years 7-8
WEEK 9	Wed 10 Sept	Netball Tournament
	Fri 12 Sept	Sharing Assembly 1.30pm
WEEK 10	Tues 16 Sept	Te Ahurei Kapahaka Festival
	Wed 17 Sept	Grand Opening Art Exhibition 2pm
	Thur 18 Sept	Board Meeting 5.30pm
	Fri 19 Sept	End of Term Awards Assembly 1.30pm

Please note the school calendar is updated with events regularly (Website and Skool loop app). Some information that is relevant only to particular groups or pods will come through the Skool Loop App, Facebook or Seesaw. You may also like us on Facebook, or visit our website www.koputaroa.school.nz



Subsidised home internet for our school community

We're excited to share that your family may be eligible for subsidised home internet through EDOS - at just \$6 per week for fast, reliable fibre, no strings attached.

EDOS also has other affordable options for those who aren't eligible for a \$6 subsidised internet service.

This is an exciting opportunity for families who need a more affordable internet option. No lock-in contracts or hidden conditions, and it's super simple to set up.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see if your address is eligible for \$6 per week Internet

KPTA - Thank you

Thanks to everyone who returned the form we sent out earlier in the term. We have now grown both our helper list and mailing list!

Thanks to the money we raised last year, we have been able to subsidise this year's camps and trips for each Pod. We have also recently purchased sand to top up the much used sandpit!

Our next two events are the Art Exhibition and of course our Ag Day Fair so stay tuned for our next meeting date!

Kauri Pod Camp raffle

Win!! A scenic helicopter ride around the Horowhenua - for up to 3 people.

All proceeds are generously being donated to help fund Kauri Pod camp 2025.

The raffle will be drawn under police supervision and the winner will be contacted with details on how to book your flight - including available dates and pick up/drop off location.

The winner will be announced at our Term 3 Final assembly, on our Facebook page, and in our Newsletter.



DRAW DATE: Wednesday 17th September - Tickets \$5 from the school office