

Koputaroa School

Nurturing Confident, Future-Focused Learners



Kia ora e te whānau

Maths Curriculum (Teacher Only Day) Monday 3rd - School is Closed

On Monday we will be joining 10 other local schools for the Ministry of Education allocated Curriculum Day (maths) on the new curriculum. We have been using this throughout the year but it has recently been updated, so it is important we are aware of the changes. We acknowledge that trying to find childcare can be a burden on parents and apologise in advance. It is however important that staff are able to access this essential professional development as the curriculum changes impact directly on the students we are teaching, and how we report on progress.

KPTA - Koputaroa School Parents & Teachers Alliance

It has been wonderful to see our membership grow since we have re-established and reviewed our organisation. We know there are so many of our whānau that help in a variety of ways. Thank you all.

We raise funds each year, to pass over to the school for use in the following year, to support or purchase things on a 'Wishlist'. This year our (2024 raised) funds have paid for camp/trip subsidies, classroom consumables, Pickleball nets, House of Science subscription, purchasing our Year 8 leaving gifts and most recently we have re-directed funds to pay for a new trampoline as our old ones have worn out! Every event we hold, ensures all of our students receive the benefit over time. Thank you!!

Also, a big thanks to Janine for applying to the Pelorus Trust for bus hire and accomodation for the recent Kauri Pod camp - we received \$6,405.32!

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GUMBOOT FRIDAY

We will have Gumboot Friday on the 7th to raise funds for free counselling for students. Please wear your gummies and bring a gold coin donation

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TG MACARTHY GRANT

Every second year our school receives a grant of \$2000 for purchasing library books. We have gratefully received this once again.

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AG DAY PLAN

10.15am - Students with animals go home to prepare
1.00pm - Animal Judging starts
 2.25pm - School finishes
 4.00pm - Class displays open
 4.00pm - Ag Day Fair starts
 7.00pm - Ag Day Fair finishes



Kōwhai Pod Years 0-3

Thank you to the parents who have offered to help on our upcoming trip. We will be in touch over the next week.

Kylie, The Sarahs', Claire, Esta



Tōtara Pod Years 4-6

We are deep in the swing of Ag Day preparations which is an exciting, busy time. Thank you for ensuring your child has all they need for their activities.

Rebecca, Rachel, Dan & Sharron



Kauri Pod Years 7 & 8

A reminder that SPEC Fees for our weekly classes at Levin Intermediate are now due to be paid. These are for the take-home components of the lessons.

Robbie, Kerry, Janine & Sarah

Board Policy Review: SchoolDocs



This term we are reviewing policies on **behaviour management, and staff wellbeing and safety**. We welcome feedback on these policies. To get started: Click on the URL and insert the username and password.

Go to 'Current Review'. **Koputaroa SchoolDocs Site:** URL: <https://koputaroa.schooldocs.co.nz>
Community username: koputaroa **Community password:** kereru



Student Achievements

Georgia has successfully auditioned for a role as a child extra in the upcoming Royal NZ Ballet's production of the Nutcracker. She will have regular rehearsals in the weeks leading up to the three shows that will be performed on the Regent Stage in Palmerston North in December. This is the third time Georgia has been cast with the Royal NZ Ballet and she is so excited to have the wonderful opportunity to join the Royal NZ Ballet again.

A very proud moment for Ryder when he competed in the Moto X - Mini Nationals at the end of the last school term in Auckland - he is now '1NZ' on his trail bike, which makes him the fastest New Zealander competing in the 8-11 year old Big Trail Class.



Celebrating our Students Achievements

Each Monday morning at our assembly, we ask our students to share any sporting or cultural achievements that have occurred. It is a great way to celebrate and hear of the many and varied extra-curricular activities that they take part in.

Not all students like to stand up and share, so if you have something we should acknowledge for your child, please let us know!

Supporting local communities

NZ Farmers Livestock is committed to working with farmers for farmers, and to supporting our local farming communities.

In 2025, operating as Farmers Meat Export Ltd, we operated a bobby calf collection service in your area. As part of this service, during registration we invite farmers to nominate a local school or a "not-for-profit organisation" to which the company will donate an additional **35 cents per calf** for their client's collection tally.

Donation to your School/Organisation

We are pleased to confirm your school or organisation was nominated by local farmers during the 2025 Bobby Calf season. A donation of **\$107.10** has been direct credited to your school.

THANK YOU :) To all the local farmers who nominated us!

Please note the school calendar is updated with events each week (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

TERM FOUR - UPCOMING DATES

WEEK 4	Mon 29 Oct Fri 31 Oct	Labour Day Singing Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 5	Mon 3 Nov Thurs 6 Nov	Curriculum Day Maths - School Closed Board Meeting 5.30pm
WEEK 6	Tues 11 Nov Thur 13 Nov Fri 14 Nov	Smash Play Cricket Tournament Yrs 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 Ag Day & Fair 4-7pm Kauri Pod Sharing Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 7	Thur 20 Nov Fri 21 Nov	Interschool Athletics Yr 7/8 Singing Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 8	Wed 26 Nov Thur 27 Nov Fri 28 Nov Fri 28 Nov	Interschool Athletics Yrs 4-6 Hardball Cricket Tournament Yr 7/8 Interschool Athletics Yrs 4-6 - Postponement date Tōtara Pod Sharing Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 9	Fri 5 Dec	Singing Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 10	Thur 11 Dec Fri 12 Dec Fri 12 Dec	Tōtara Camp Departs Tōtara Camp Returns Kōwhai Pod Sharing Assembly
WEEK 11	Thur 18 Dec Fri 19 Dec	Year 8 Graduation Evening End of Term 4 - Awards Assembly 1.30pm



Ag Day - Timeline for Whānau

Week 4

Friday 31st October:

Raffle tickets sent home for firewood and mulch raffle

Week 5

Monday 3rd Nov: TOD

Tuesday 4th Nov:

Drop off any used books to Learning Centre for Book Sale
Begin returning sold and unsold raffle tickets

Wednesday 5th Nov:

Drop off any used books to Learning Centre

Thursday 6th Nov:

Drop off any used books to Learning Centre

Week 6

Monday 10th Nov:

Drop off any plants to Learning Centre
Drop off any non-perishable donations to the office
Bake Sale Plates sent home

Tuesday 11th Nov:

Drop off any plants to Learning Centre
Drop off any non-perishable donations to the office

Wednesday 12th Nov:

Drop off any plants to Learning Centre
Drop off any non-perishable donations to the office
Raffle tickets must be returned

Thursday 13th Nov:

Drop off cakes to the Learning Centre

Kia ora whānau,

At Koputaroa School, Ag Day is an opportunity to celebrate being the special rural school we are. We come together as a community to celebrate the children who have raised animals, grown gardens, and been arty and crafty. It's a day full of pride, creativity, and connection.

This year's event will take place on Thursday 13th November, and it's not just a celebration – it's also a major fundraiser. Our goal is to raise much need money to support school camps, upgrade essential equipment, and enrich learning experiences for our tamariki.

We're reaching out to businesses we know and love for prizes and vouchers to help us make the event a success.

Here's how you can help:

- ☑ Donate Prizes – Big or small, every prize adds excitement to the day
- ☑ Food Supplies – Buns, bread, meat, sausages, produce – help us feed the crowd

Businesses that are in a position to sponsor will be acknowledged:

- On the night by our MC - Through our social media - In our school and community-wide newsletter

If you're in a position to sponsor prizes or vouchers, it would be greatly appreciated by our school. Get in touch today to be part of something special

Let's rally together and make Ag Day 2025 the best one yet! Contact kpta@koputaroa.school.nz or phone the school office 06 3687938. Thank you!