

Koputaroa School

Nurturing Confident, Future-Focused Learners



Kia ora e te whānau



Welcome to Term One 2025. We would like to start our term with opportunities to meet staff and also to formally welcome our new school whanau at a

Mihi Whakatau

Our mihi whakatau are less formal than a powhiri and usually take place at the end of the first week of each term. We warmly invite new students and their whanau **Thursday morning** to our first **Mihi Whakatau** of the year. This takes around 30-45 minutes followed by a light morning tea in the Learning Centre. Homeroom teachers will have made contact with you with more details. We will start a few minutes after the first bell, and families can sign in at the school office on arrival.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Following whānau feedback, we have re-introduced a return to the old style, "parent/teacher interview", which is different from the three-way Learning Conferences we have mid year where students share their learning and set goals.

This first meeting is an opportunity for parents to speak 1:1 with their child/ren's homeroom teacher and share any insights about your child that may be beneficial. These will be held after school from 2.30pm - 6.45pm on Wednesday 19th and 2.30pm - 5.00pm on Thursday 20th. **Please book a 15 minute time via the Skool Loop App or call the office to make a booking.** If these dates or times don't suit, please make contact with your child's teacher to arrange an alternative.

Whānau Picnic

This is a regular event on our school calendar, and a way to get together at the start of each year. Whānau are encouraged to pack a picnic dinner and come along to school to mingle and meet each other. Our PTA will also be offering food options on the BBQ and we will have the pool open and equipment out for games. Please join us on Wednesday 26 February from 5pm (weather permitting).

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MIHI WHAKATAU

Thursday 13 February at
8.30am for all new
students and whanau

2

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

19 & 20 Feb

3

WHĀNAU PICNIC

Wednesday 28 February
from 5pm



Kōwhai Pod Years 1-3

Home reading: Please make sure you check your child's book bag every day. The practice done at home makes a HUGE difference.

Kylie, Sarah, Claire, Esta



Tōtara Pod Years 4-6

Please check notices from your child's homeroom teacher for information about swimming at school.

Rebecca, Rachel, Dan &
Sharron



Kauri Pod Years 7 & 8

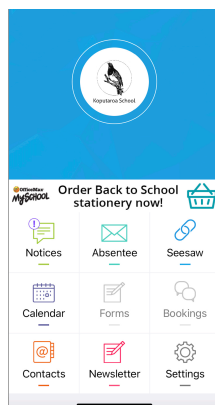
Spec classes cost \$40.25 per term for students for the 'take-home' components of their lessons. These can be paid online or at our school office.

Robbie, Kerry, Janine &
Sarah



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1. Download the App
2. Select Koputaroa School
3. View the calendar, make interview bookings, notify of an absence and more!



KickStart Breakfast

We have KickStart Breakfast Club, supported by Moxham's **Udderly Organic Milk** at our school. This takes place on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings before school in the Learning Centre. All students are welcome to take part.



Staff Contact emails:

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Janine Te Tomo (Sports Coordinator) - janine@koputaroa.school.nz

Kiwi (0/1) - Sarah Johnson - sarahj@koputaroa.school.nz

Tūi (1/2) - Kylie Edwards - kylie@koputaroa.school.nz

Kererū (3) - Claire McCallum - claire@koputaroa.school.nz

Pūkeko (4) - Rebecca Lock - rebecca@koputaroa.school.nz

Ruru (5) - Dan Hutchinson - dan@koputaroa.school.nz

Kea (6) - Rachel Rehu - rachel@koputaroa.school.nz

Toroa (7) - Kerry Courtney - kerry@koputaroa.school.nz

Kōtuku (8) - Robbie Edwards - robbie@koputaroa.school.nz

School Attendance - Every Day Counts!

Please note the latest information from the Ministry regarding reasons for student absences and parents/whānau obligations. [Attendance - Ministry of Education](#)

2025 TERM DATES

Term 1

Friday 7 February - Friday 11 April

(Easter & ANZAC Day fall in the holiday break)

Term 2

Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June

(Teacher Only Day Fri 30 May /
King's Birthday Mon 2 June)
Matariki Fri 20 June)

Term 3

Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

Term 4

Monday 6 October - Fri 19 December

(Labour Day Mon 27 October)

TERM ONE- UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

WEEK 1	Fri 7 Feb	Term One Commences 8.30am
WEEK 2	Tues 11 Feb Wed 12 Feb Thurs 13 Feb	Breakfast Club commences Year 7 & 8 SPEC classes begin Mihi Whakatau - 8.45am
WEEK 3	Wed 19 Feb Thur 20 Feb Fri 21 Feb	Parent/Teacher Interviews Parent/Teacher Interviews House of Sound Assembly concert
WEEK 4	Wed 26 Feb Fri 28 Feb	Whānau Picnic from 5pm Deadline for Term 2 Ballot
WEEK 5	3-7 March	
WEEK 6	10-14 Mar 11 Mar 12 Mar 14 Mar	Footsteps - PE Programme School Photos School Photos Ballot for Term 2
WEEK 7	Fri 21 Mar	Kauri Pod Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 8	Fri 28 Mar	Kōwhai Pod Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 9	Fri 4 April	Tōtara Pod Assembly - 1.45pm
WEEK 10	Fri 11 April	Awards Assembly 1.30pm End of Term 1 - 2.30pm

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