

Dear Parents and Whānau

Kia ora koutou. Trust everyone has had a good break from the school routines and ready to tackle Term 4.

Over recent days, the Board has made a call to appoint a **further teacher** to help with our growing school roll. This will mean from Term one next year, we will run four classes in reading, writing and maths each day and then three in the afternoon for technology, sports and the arts subjects. The four classes will be split for Years 1-2; Years 3-4; Years 5-6; Years 7-8. Within that – after discussions with parents - we will continue to place students at a level where we believe they receive the right challenge and support.

The second decision is to purchase a **school van**. Essentially this will support transporting of students outside of the Kaihere bus run which is determined by the Ministry. We will also be able to use the van for Education Outside the Classroom experiences.

The term ahead has lots of important annual events - Agriculture Day, Year 8 farewell dinner, and the annual prize giving at the end of term. A term calendar is included at the end of this bulletin.

Ngaire Harris, *Principal*



**AGRICULTURE DAY 2026**  
**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**9:30AM - 1PM**

Everyone is warmly invited to the Kaihere School Agriculture Day.

**SCHOOL EVENTS**

- Calves, lambs and goats
- Handwriting competition
- Sand saucers
- Creative garden

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Pre-schoolers welcome to bring lambs or goats.
- Masters Class (calves) is open for the wider community (Text 021756411 to enter).
- Floral arrangements (Creative Native; Spring Posie)
- Best Fudge or Coconut ice
- Hobby horse race!

**Something for Everyone!**  
Bake sale  
BBQ lunch  
Coffee cart  
Mystery envelopes

Come along for a catch up and cuppa. We look forward to seeing you there. Judging starts at 10am. Final Prize giving at 1pm.

### Kaihere Agriculture Day

Our Annual Agriculture Day is happening on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October starting at 9:30am. We would love to see all families come along as there is plenty happening for every one – including those not bringing a calf or lamb.

**If any parents are able to assist** with setting up, helping on the day or packing up after the event, that would be really appreciated. Text Ngaire on 021756411. Classes are also working on projects for the day. More information further on in this newsletter. All competition entries will be displayed in the Kaihere hall.

The Kaihere Collective (PTA) is running a **bake sale** stall to raise funds for *Project Play* – new play spaces for our school. We are asking families to contribute to the bake sale by bringing along your baking– cakes, muffins, slices etc – Saturday morning. Alternatively, baking can be left at school Friday morning. Many thanks for your help for this worthwhile project.

### Election 2026

The 2026 General Election is to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November, with Kaihere School opening as a voting place. The Electoral Commission is needing people with different skills and backgrounds – from students to experienced leaders - to work on election day. If you are interested, contact Fiona Lavin, Electoral manager ([Fiona.Lavin@elections.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Lavin@elections.govt.nz) or Mob 0211831379).



## Term 4 Sports

We have three teams entered in the Ngatea Touch Module. Thanks to Hamish McClennan, Joel Hogan, and Wendy Bowman for their help with this. Touch starts this week. Children will come home today with information.

**Cricket** is happening each Thursday, starting this week 3pm to 4pm on the school grounds. A great way to learn some cricketing skills. Thanks to Clare and Simon Ward for enabling this opportunity.

**Swimming lessons** will once again be offered to start after Labour Weekend. If you want to book your child(ren) in for lessons, please email Kerry ([office@kaihere.school.nz](mailto:office@kaihere.school.nz))

**Athletics** will also start up on a Monday night on the week following Labour weekend (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November).

## Bush Clearing – we need your help.

On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 10am – 1pm, the Ngatea Lions and HPC Student Army are holding a working bee to help with clearing weeds from our bush area. It would be great if some parents and senior students could come along – either to help with the cutting down of privet or with serving refreshments to volunteers.

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## Woolshed Floral Craft Items for Agriculture Day.

Woolshed class will be making two items at school on Friday for the Calf Club Day on Saturday.

These items are a Vaseline Saucer where students use petals and small flower heads to create a patterned decoration.

The second item is a Miniature Garden. Students create a little garden in a small tray. It can be decorated with flowers, twigs, pebbles and greenery to resemble a garden. The garden can have a theme, and children are welcome to bring small items from home to display in their garden if they choose.

What your child needs to bring to school for Friday.

- Flowers and greenery for both items and any other decorations.
- A small named saucer, if you would like to use your own. (Vaseline and plain white paper plates will be supplied.)
- A small named oven tray or dish with sides for the miniature garden. The tray will be filled with sand at school.

There will be flowers to share if needed. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

## Flaxmill Items for Agriculture Day

The Flaxmill class will also be making two items:

- Build an Ooshie World
- Create a Gumboot Character

Students have been given the details of what they need to bring to school for creating their masterpieces – these are also on the back of their homework sheets. Students will be given some afternoon class time to complete their Ag Day projects.

## Term 4 Key Dates:

| October                                              | November                                                            | December                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Term 4 starts                   | Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Summer Retro Bash                               | Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Year 8 trip                              |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Agriculture Day                 | Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Kaihere School athletics                       | Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Prizegiving 6pm                  |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Labour Day. No school           | Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Year 8 dinner 6-8 pm                           | Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Woolshed class trip                    |
| Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Bush clearing working bee       | Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting 5:30pm                          | Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Last day of school<br>Reports given out |
| Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Yr 8 Parent meeting<br>HPC 6pm | Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Staff professional<br>learning day. No school. | <b>Term 1 2027 starts Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>             |