Kairanga School Newsletter

Wednesday 25 November | Raapa 25 ō Whiringa-ā-Rangi 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's hard to believe we're already in Week 7, with just a few weeks of learning left for 2026. There is still plenty happening around Kairanga School before we head off for a well-earned summer break!

Safety reminder - before and after school: A friendly but important reminder that children should be dropped off at school no earlier than **8.15am** and collected no later than **3.30pm**. We cannot guarantee that staff will be available to supervise tamariki outside these times, particularly when staff have meetings or professional development off-site.

End-of-year school picnic - Monday 14 December. Lock this date into your calendar! We'd love you to join us for our annual end-of-year school picnic. Throughout the morning, children will rotate around a range of fun activities in their whānau groups, including bouncy castles, barrel train rides, games, ice creams and more! Parents, grandparents and other whānau members are warmly invited to join us from **11.30am** to enjoy the fun, then at 12.30 share (a BYO picnic) lunch or purchases a sausage as our wonderful Home & School Committee will be running a sausage sizzle, with sausages available for $3 each. Fingers crossed for a sunny day!

2027 school camps and police vetting. Planning is already underway for next year's school camps. Pop these dates into your calendars:

- Rooms 6 and 7 Camp: 22-25 March 2027 - 50 Year 6, 7 and 8 campers.
- Rooms 4 and 5 Camp: 26-28 May 2027 (provisional dates) - 38 Year 4 and 5 overnight campers, with 10 Year 3 students joining them for the day on Thursday 27 May.

A reminder that our Board policy requires all parent helpers attending overnight camps to have a current police vet. These are valid for three years. If you're interested in helping at either camp, we encourage you to get your police vet underway now (it can often take many weeks to process). Forms are available from the school office. Thank you - our camps simply wouldn't be possible without the support of our parent helpers.

Year 8 leavers' camp. Next Wednesday, our Year 8 students will head away to Sixtus Lodge for their end-of-year camp. This is a lovely and long standing Kairanga tradition, providing our oldest students with an opportunity to spend time together, enjoy some adventures and celebrate their time at Kairanga School before heading off to high school.

End-of-year reports and 2027 classes. Our teachers are currently busy completing assessments and writing end-of-year reports (with the help of a little extra caffeine I'm sure!). Reports will go live on Hero on Tuesday 15 December. These will also include information about your child's classroom and teacher for 2027. On the same day, children will have an opportunity to spend some time in their 2027 classroom, getting to know their teacher and classmates.

Seesaw - a window into our classrooms. It's been great to see an increase in the number of learning posts on Seesaw, along with more comments and likes from whānau. We shared 32 classroom posts last week alone, with 29 comments from parents and loads more 'likes'! Thank you! Please keep engaging with these posts. A quick comment, a like, or a conversation with your child about their learning is so improtant. And speaking of a window into classrooms, Check out the next page for a snapshot of learning across our kura at 10am this morning!



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Kairanga in 10 at 10 – A window into our kura

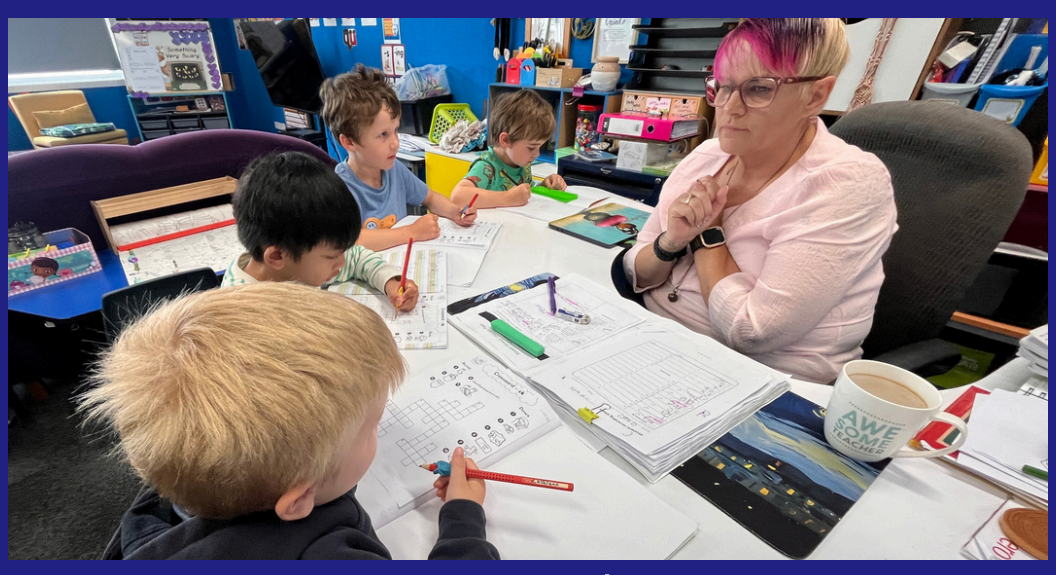
10 photos · 10 moments · All taken at 10am on Wednesday 25 November 2026



Room 1: Antonyms and Synonyms



Room 1: Sound check- Double consonants



Room 2: Phonics



Room 3: Reading



Room 4: Geometry: Shape



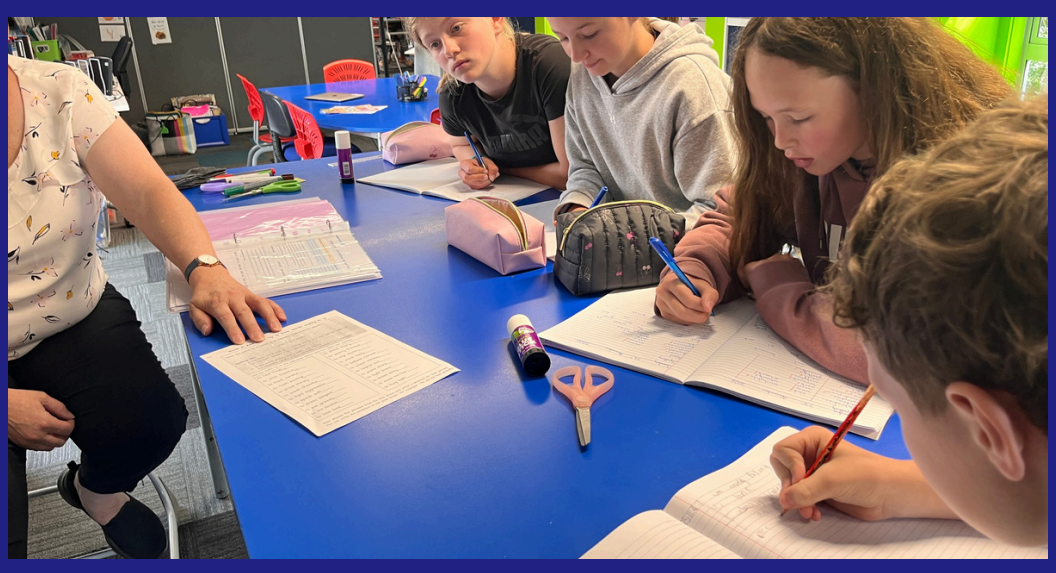
Room 4: Geometry: Angles



Room 5: PE and Fitness



Room 6: Maths – Multiplication



Room 6: Writing adverbial phrases



Room 7: Preparing for the next activity

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Communication platforms:
Hero. Our main method of communication. How to set up is on our website. Contact Richard for any problems.
Our website **www.kairanga.school.nz** has loads of information including a handy A-Z
SeeSaw is for sharing student work and messages between home and school.
Our **facebook** page has lots of photos and information about events.

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