

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI



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RĀHINA IO POUTŪTERANGI ~ MONDAY IO MARCH

Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence in preparing for lifelong learning
Kia auaha te ako a ngā ākonga me te whai i te iti kahurangi mō te akoranga tūroa

Tuesday 11 March - Māia EOTC - Matiu Island Visit

Wednesday 12 March - Māia EOTC - Fergs Rock Climbing, Kayaking

Thursday 13 March - Māia EOTC - Dowse visit and Street Art Tour; 5:30pm -New Entrant Chit Chat

Friday 14 March -10:15am - School Hui -Whānui Hosting; Māia EOTC - Magpie Lawn activities; Whanake swimming

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to Shrey D in Tupu Tahi and Luca H in Tupu Rua. We hope you had a great first day today! With this sunny weather and a fun day in the Botanical Gardens carrying out their botanical Illustrations, Māia tamariki are off to a positive start to their EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) week. Te Ara Māia has an action-packed week planned, thanks to their kaiako! Thank you to Mrs Munn for leading the team and to Miss Wilby and Mr Pearce, as they have all put extra time and planning into these exciting activities. We wish you all the best on these adventures.

See you on Friday at 10:15am for our kura hui to hear about the interesting learning Te Ara Whānui has been doing.

Movin'March - Week Rua

Thank you for encouraging your child to get active and to walk, wheel, and 'Park & Stride' to kura. WOW Passports are getting stamped! Remember, as an extra incentive, all passports go in the draw to win one of 5 x Micro Scooters and helmets. Our kura sends these off at the end of the month.

Traffic around kura is always a tricky issue, and with so many tamariki and busy whānau, we ask everyone to be aware of and support our parking requests. Thank you in advance.

Parking - Kowhai Road Quick Stop Zone - *Please do not leave your car unattended in this zone.* It is a quick drop off or pick up - tamariki need to be able to get in and out of your car unassisted. If the zone is full, you will need to exit Kowhai Road and try again or park further away and walk back to school. Do not stop on the broken yellow lines; this stops traffic flow for everyone.

Parking on Boundary Rd - Please do not park in front of the garages on Boundary Road. We have received complaints from neighbours who regularly have their vehicles blocked in by whānau parked in front of their garages. Please also be aware that we have unaccompanied tamariki walking in this area.

Student Teachers

Today, we welcomed Miss Wright and Mr Cordue to our kura for the week. They will spend their time observing across our kura and helping out in the learning spaces. We know they will enjoy working with our creative, friendly tamariki.

Staffing Update

We welcome Ruby Dickinson-Yeoman to our kura and learning assistant team this week. Ruby has experience working with tamariki through surf lifesaving and youth theatre.

Natalie has won a new administrative position at Samuel Marsden School. We will miss her care for our tamariki, her medical knowledge, and her manaaki in our office. Pop into the office and thank Natalie for her mahi in our kura. We have employed Candice Burgess while we find the right candidate for this position.

Reminders:

- **Kura Hui** - 10:15am - Whānui Hosting-
- **Cross-country - Wednesday, 26th March** (postponement date Wednesday, 2nd April) *We are still looking for whānau who can help with marshalling this event. If you are able to help, please email Sophie Bishop (sophieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz).*
- **Whānui EOTC** - Please fill in the forms sent out today; this makes planning and health and safety streamlined.
- **Health & Safety -Learning Spaces** - Please remember to sign in when popping into our learning spaces. If you are in the learning spaces after 3pm, please ensure you exit through the main entrance as the external doors are often locked. Thanks
- **PTA Whānau BBQ** - The annual School Whānau BBQ will be held on **Friday, 28th March** (4.30pm-7pm). *We rely on parent volunteers to run a successful event. Please sign up [here](#)*

Looking Ahead - Event Dates - Term 1, 2025

You can see the times and add these events to your calendar by using the KNS App

Week	Date	Event
Week 6		Māia EOTC Week
	Thursday 13 March	NE Chit Chat 5.30pm - 6.30pm
	Friday 14 March	School Hui - Whānui Hosting - 10.15 - 11am Whanake Swimming - Departing KNS - Tahi 12 pm, Toru 12.30 pm, Rua 1 pm
Week 7		Whānui EOTC Week
	Monday 17 March	PTA Meeting @ 7 pm in Tupu space followed by AGM
	Friday 21 March	Teachers Only Day
Week 8	Monday 24 March	BoT Meeting @ 6.30 pm
	Wednesday 26 March	School X Country 9 am - 1 pm
Week 8	Friday 28 March	Whanake Swimming - Departing KNS - Tahi 12 pm, Toru 12.30 pm, Rua 1 pm School Whānau BBQ more details to come (pp 4 April)

School News

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Security Cameras - Please be aware that security cameras are operating on school grounds to deter and investigate any vandalism to school property and other antisocial or illegal activity. The cameras are not operating inside school buildings and are programmed to only record activity outside of school hours.

Movin' March

Ko tā Māehe Haere he whakatairanga i ngā hua o te hīkoikoi, pānukunuku me te kake paiki ki te kura.

Movin' March celebrates the benefits of walking, scooting and biking to school.

Greater Wellington encourages kura and whānau across the region to get active to/from kura over March. Our kura participates in this every year as we encourage tamariki to walk, bike, or scoot to kura to promote increased independence, physical and mental health, decision-making, and road safety skills for tamariki - and our kura benefits from less chaos and cars on our surrounding roads. Our rangatahi can take part in the WOW (Walk or Wheel) Passport Challenge, part of a motivator to get them walking or wheeling to kura. To include all our tamariki we encourage whānau who drive to 'Park & Stride', that is to park away from kura so tamariki can walk some distance safely. More information will come from your HLT teachers.

The Winter Project is a student-led charity group run by a group of Year 11 and Year 13 students from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter clothes and deliver them to schools in the greater Wellington region. Specifically targeting families who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead. What you can do: Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. There will be a box placed in your school reception to put the items in. Thank you so much for your help

Recorder lessons at Kelburn Normal School - Kamala has a few places for recorder students to begin lessons this term. Child-centred approach with a focus on the love of playing music. If interested, please contact: kamala.bain@gmail.com

Violin Lessons, Music Composition Lessons

Tristan has some spaces available for violin students this year. He offers a fun and approachable way to learn the violin, with a strong focus on playing with no tension. The Kura orchestra is looking for some new string players as well so violin lessons with Tristan double as a fun and rewarding pathway to reading music and playing in a big ensemble.

Tristan is also offering **composition and improvisation lessons** this year for any kids already playing an instrument who are wanting to expand the creative side of their musicality. Lessons can be tailored to the particular interests/needs of your child, but generally will involve learning to listen better, explore and communicate an idea, and enjoy making up their own music!

Sunhats - A reminder: we are a sun-smart school, so all children must have a wide-brim sunhat at school each day in term one, regardless of the weather. Tamariki find it easy to have a hat that can be left at kura.

PTA News



DON'T MISS OUT ON A GOOD TIME!

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL WHĀNAU BBQ

Friday 28 March
4:30-7:00pm

BRING CASH! BRING CASH!

BAKE SALE
BURGERS
SAUSAGES
MR WHIPPY
ENTERTAINMENT

We rely on parent volunteers to run a successful event.

Please sign up here

The annual School Whānau BBQ will be held on Friday 28th March (4.30pm-7pm) on the KNS school grounds. There will be sausages, hamburgers, and a bake sale and Mr Whippy for your dessert. There will be games on the turf and much fun all around.

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Please sign up [here](#)

Calling all Bakers! We are looking for some delicious homemade baking for the bake sale. All baking can be dropped off at the school hall kitchen before or after school on Friday 28th March.

Book Club has arrived! Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home in your child's schoolbag! It's packed with hundreds of books from just \$3 to help you on your child's reading journey.

Did you know that every purchase you make on Book Club earns our school 15% of the order value in Scholastic Rewards? We use these to purchase more books and educational resources for the school. It all helps!

Orders close for Issue 2 on Sunday 29th March

To order and pay online:

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

Books will be delivered to school and given to your child.

Any queries please contact bookclub@kelburnnormal.school.nz



School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lyrca - Yrs 5 - 8 8.30 - 9.30 am Mahler Room Mrs Anna Sedcole & Mrs Munn	Xylobeats - (Ys 4,5,6) 8.30 - 9.30am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier	Orchestra - 8.20 - 9.30am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier & Ms Smith	Piccolo - (Yrs 4, 5, 6, 7) 8.30 - 9.30am Mahler Room Mrs Anna Sedcole & Mr Miller	Little Xylofun (Ys 2 & 3) 8.30 - 9.00am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier
	Code Club - 1.10 - 1.40pm Te Whare Toi Miss Bishop/Miss Sanders	Chess Club - 1.10 - 1.40pm Māia space Mr Miller	Tūi Choir - (Years 2 & 3) 2 - 2:30pm Hall Miss Wilby & Ms Smith	Kapa Haka - Yrs 5 - 8 8.30 - 9.30am - Hall Matua Henare Parata, Ms Smith & Ms Rasmussen
	Junior Kapa Haka - Y1-4 1.40 - 2.10pm Hall Mr Jeremy Desmond & Mrs Blair		Eco Club - 1.10-1.40pm Tupu space Miss Molloy & Mrs Blair	

School Term Dates 2025

Term	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher Only Days
Term 1	Monday 3 February	Friday 11 April	Thursday 6 February - Waitangi Day Friday 21 March - Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day
Term 2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June	Monday 2 June - King's Birthday Friday 20 June Matariki Friday 27 June Teacher Only Day (Maths Curriculum PLD)
Term 3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September	Friday 22 August Teacher Only Day (Maths Curriculum PLD) Friday 29 August - 3-way Learning Conversations and Goal Review
Term 4	Monday 6 October	Wednesday 17 December	Monday 27 October - Labour Day

Kelly Club - Check us out on Facebook - [Click Here](#)

For enrolments and enquiries, contact the Supervisor on 021 744636 or kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz

Kelly Club Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment.

Kelburn to Enrol go to www.kellyclub.co.nz

Kelly Club - Changes to Childcare Assistance - check if you qualify!

More families will now qualify for Childcare Assistance and the rate will increase for those already qualified, which means you may be eligible for assistance to send your child to Kelly Club. Please follow this link to find out more:

[Child Subsidies](#)

SUMMER SPORTS SPECTACULAR!

TERM 1 2025

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL

Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm

For years 0-4! Runs for 8 weeks

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!

www.kellysports.co.nz

Sessions start Weds 12 Feb 2025.

Contact: adminwgtm@kellysports.co.nz

- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Ultimate Frisbee
- ✓ Dodgeball

Community Notices - [click the link](#) to view previous school notices

THE WINTER PROJECT

WHO WE ARE:
The Winter Project is a student-led charity group of year 11 and year 13 students from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Kāwhiri. We collect second-hand winter woollens and deliver them to schools in the wider Wellington region who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead.

CONTACT US

FACEBOOK
The Winter Project

INSTAGRAM
@_thewinterproject

EMAIL
winterprojectwgtm@gmail.com

WHAT WE NEED:
Please bring any pretworn, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. There will be a box placed somewhere around the school/community centre/library to put your items in. Thank you for your help!

HOW TO ACCEPT A COMPLIMENT

DON'T BRUSH IT OFF



- ✗ Lowers Your Self-Esteem
- ✗ Creates Awkwardness
- ✗ You Miss a Chance to Grow

INSTEAD, ACCEPT IT AND SAY "THANK YOU!"



- ✓ Builds your confidence
- ✓ Improves Your Mood
- ✓ Builds Stronger Relationships

✓ TRY IT!

Next time you receive a compliment, accept it and say "thank you!"