



KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI
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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

This week...

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Principal's Intro

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to Leonard Y and Skylar J in Tupu Tahī. We hope you are enjoying your first week at our kura.

I have enjoyed seeing tamariki rocking their crazy socks today; a fantastic response from our community; thanks!

Thank you to the whānau who are supporting our PTA and have offered to help out, the barbeque is all set for this **Friday from 4:30pm**. There will be a bake sale, drinks, barbeque dinner and, of course, the much-loved races! Come along and join in the fun.

After such wild weather last week, we plan for Whānui EOTC adventures to go ahead this week on Tuesday (Matiu Island Trip) and Thursday (Brooklyn Gun Emplacement Walk). Thank you to whānau for being flexible and rescheduling their availability to help out.

With the Kura Cross Country taking place on Wednesday, we have a full week of activities! Thank you to whānau who are helping out with this, we appreciate your support. Just a reminder about the cafe at Karori Park: if you purchase treats for your child, please only do so for your child alone, as this can be tricky for tamariki who miss out. Thanks for your support with this. One of the perks of being in Te Ara Māia is not only the extra responsibilities, but Māia tamariki will also be allowed to bring their money and visit the cafe once in small controlled groups.

Candice is making positive changes in our office with our new look newsletter! We hope you enjoy our new format.

Kāhui Ako Day - Professor Russell Bishop

Thank you for supporting our kura with our Staff Only Day on Friday, we were lucky to have this time to meet as a Kāhui Ako and to have a presentation from Professor Russell Bishop. Professor Russell was an Emeritus Professor of Māori Education in the Faculty of Education at the University of Waikato and is well known for directing the development of Te Kotahitanga, a large New Zealand Ministry of Education-funded research and professional development project. This project demonstrated how kaiako and other kura leaders could improve the educational achievement of Māori tamariki in mainstream classrooms by implementing a culturally responsive pedagogy of relations.

Professor Russell's research aligns closely with the relational approach we take here at our kura: Learning as interaction; teachers create learning cultures with their tamariki where relationships and reciprocity are foregrounded, along with the multiple literacies to support them.

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School Hui

This Friday at 10:15am, we will be showcasing the learning from **Te Ara Tupu**, come and see their mahi up on the stage: small feet but big steps!

Next week, we will hold our first Music Sharing Assembly for 2025! **Thursday, 3rd April, at 2pm**. These assemblies are a great opportunity for our ensembles to perform to an audience and share their mahi. Come along to see performances from the Orchestra, Piccolo, Xylobeats, Tui, and Lyrica.

Learning Support in Whānui

The home learning teams have increased in size compared to last year in Whānui, and after discussions with whānau and the Board of Trustees (BoT), we have put in an additional learning assistant to support learning in the team. I want to acknowledge the positive mahi of Rebekah and Hugo with their teams. We are making this change to support their good work. We thank the BoT for their proactive support.

The BoT asked me to mention how much it relies on whānau donations when considering requests for additional support in the classroom. Making your donation gives the BoT the ability to fund these types of requests to support the tamariki and teachers beyond what the government baseline funding allows. Thank you to those who have been able to make a donation this year; it really does make a difference to what the school can offer.

Starlight Counselling Services

Skylight Trust is an organisation based in the Wellington region offering short-term counselling services for tamariki and rangatahi (aged 5-18 years), and their whānau. Their kaupapa aims to support those who have experienced or are experiencing grief, loss, bereavement, or trauma.

Counselling can improve young people's mental health and wellbeing. They offer young people a non-judgemental and supportive environment to express themselves. Contact: 0800 299 100
www.skylight.org.nz

Kura Whānau Group

Amy, one of our whānau, had a great idea to start a Kura Whānau group for all who are interested in learning about and supporting tikanga, matauranga, me te reo Māori at Ngā Tātarakihi o Ahumairangi Kura. Our first session in term two will focus on: Mihi mihi, and aspirations for the group, our kura, and future learning. The date has been decided on **Wednesday 30th April 5:30pm -7pm**.

Ngā manaakitanga
Danielle Sanders

Cross Country & Fun Run Update

Our whole kura Cross Country and Fun Run is this Wednesday (March 26th) at Karori Park. This event encourages tamariki to challenge themselves, build stamina and enjoy being active.

Below is an approximate outline of events, and we welcome whānau to come along and support the tamariki.

Competitive races:

These races are optional for tamariki in years 4-8. The top 6 places for each year level and gender will qualify for the Western Zone competition. Your child will know if they have signed up for this race.

- 9.30am: Year 7/8 race starts (2.2km)
- 9.45am: Year 5/6 race starts (1.6km)
- 10am: Year 4 race starts (1.2km)

Fun run:

All tamariki will be participating in our fun run event. This consists of a circuit with fun obstacles, activities, and an optional water slide! Tamariki will have approximately 15 minutes on the course with their ara, to complete as many laps as they choose.

- 10.15am: Maia Fun Run
- 10.30am: Tupu Fun Run
- 10.45am: Whānui Fun Run
- 11am: Whanake Fun Run

What has been happening in Whānui?

Masks of Many

In our arts and social science unit, we have explored the varying roles masks had across different cultural traditions, celebrations and performances. The children created their own masks, sculpting features which they then paper-mached over. They then decorated these with paint and/or Sharpie. The results were distinctive and colourful. Children wrote about their masks and how they might be used. They had fun discussing what the masks represented. This included how, when and why they were worn and how they might transform the wearer. Enjoy a few examples of our childrens' masks and the stories behind them.

The Toundre Mask is an ancient artefact that was found by the leader of Slovakia. The Toundre Mask was from the Temple of Mongolia but in the 1840's it was discovered and brought to Slovakia. This ancient artefact was used to ward off war, and till today it still does. - Ruby

This mask is used for intimidation. It weirds them out and intimidates them so much that they die. It is also bullet-proof. - Miles

My mask was made for insulting enemy tribes via the mouth so big there's no room for a brain. There are also ancient roasts inscribed on the back for the wearer to yell. - Issac

This mask was worn by the women of England in the 1800s. There was a group of ladies that had created a women's rights protest group in the year 1805. People hated them, and if they were recognised by police, they would go to prison. So, they wore a disguise, which was this colourful patterned mask. - Izzie G

The mask was passed down through generations, until a god named Trinca was told to put a spell on it so the wearer becomes invisible. He was the god of mischief. - Giancarlo

This mask is a decoration. It represents joy and helpfulness. The reason why the artist did yellow skin was because it was the colour of the sun and everyone thought the sun brings joy. - April

Ogerpons mask is a legendary mask that possesses the blood moon. It instantly knocks out pokemon. If you put it on, you can possess people's minds. - Ewan

These types of masks are known for their cracks, colours, and lack of features. They are worn when there has been no rain for a long time and water is scarce. - Willa



Artists Left to right Top row: Giancarlo, Ewan, Mile, Izzie.G
Bottom Row: Willa, April, Issac, Ruby

Library Appeal

We have recently noticed an increase in water-damaged books. Please help your child by checking that their water bottle is not leaking and, for our younger children, that those library books are returned to school in their book bags. Thank you very much for your help.

This is also our annual appeal for help with our new library books. Help from parents/whānau significantly speeds up getting books ready for tamariki to read. We have a small but brilliant team of parents helping us, though many hands make light work. We have kits to go out to parents/whānau to duraseal new books at home in your own time. There are approximately 10 - 20 books in each 'home kit'. We prefer that parents have some experience with durasealing in general.

Please email library@kelburnnormal.school.nz if and when you can help and for any other library-related questions. Thank you from your KNS library team.



Reminders

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). More details below.*

The Annual Kura Whanau BBQ

This is on Friday 28th March (4.30-7pm) on the school grounds. The PTA are selling sausages (\$2.50) and hamburgers (\$5.00) and for your dessert, a bake sale and Mr Whippy! Please drop any baking donations into the school hall kitchen before or after school on Friday 28th March. There will be games on the turf and much fun all around. We rely on parent volunteers to run a successful event. Please sign up [here](#)

We will have only ONE EFTPOS machine so CASH is preferred.

Looking Ahead

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

Week	Date	Event
Week 8	Monday 24 March	BoT Meeting @ 6.30 pm
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	Sunday 30 March	Book Club Orders Close
Week 9	Tuesday 1 April	Māia Tech SessionWZ Football PP Thursday 3 April
	Friday 4 April	Whanake Swimming - Departing KNS - Tahi 12 pm, Toru 12.30 pm, Rua 1 pm
Week 10	Tuesday 8 April	Māia Tech Session3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting from 3.20 to 4.50 pm
	Wednesday 9 April	3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting from 3.20 to 6:05 pm
	Thursday 10 April	3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting from 3.20 to 6.05 pm

Winter Netball 2025

Winter netball registrations are now open for players from years 3-8. Games are held on Saturdays during Terms 2 & 3 at Cardinal McKeefry School, with the season starting on Saturday 3 May. Registrations close on Sunday 30 March. For more information, or to register, visit <https://www.sporty.co.nz/kelburn/> or email kelburnnetball@gmail.com.

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.

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 parents who have parked in front of their garages.

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 hikoiki, 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

This 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.

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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

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.

We rely on parent volunteers to run a successful event. 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 & 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	

Term Dates

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

Community Notices



Community Notices

These are provided as a service to the community and do not necessarily reflect the policies and practices of the school - **[click the link](#)** to view school notices.

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

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: <https://kellyclub.co.nz/before-and-after-school-care>



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

- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Football
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- ✓ Dodgeball

Sessions start Weds 12 Feb 2025.
Contact: adminwgtm@kellysports.co.nz



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