

# 16 KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI

THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW ISSUE 39 WEEK 10, TERM 4 2024

RĀHINA 16 HAKIHEA ~ MONDAY 16 DECEMBER



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

**Monday 16 December** - Xmas hui @ 2pm  
**Tuesday 17 December** - Whānui Swimming 10am - 1pm  
**Wednesday 18 December** - **SCHOOL FINISHES AT MIDDAY**

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

As we do our short dash to Wednesday midday, which is when school finishes. One more newsletter to come out on Wednesday which will be my final newsletter at Kelburn.

This week and last the school has had a lovely hum to it as the work has drawn to an end, and we enjoyed each other's company for the last few days of 2024. Last week we had Whanake and Māia rogaie in the gardens, and the Y8 leavers celebration, the Band Concerts. Students also had a chance to connect together in next year's Home Learning Teams and meet their teacher for 2025. This week we have Tupu Christmas craft, lots of arts and crafts activities and Christmas singing, lots of 'last ofs', the Christmas and Year 8 assembly today as well as a massive tidy up. It is a significant time for many.

We joined with whānau last Thursday to celebrate our Year 8 tamariki in Māia. It was a lovely evening, and thank you Mrs Munn and the team that put the evening together and made it work for the tamariki and whānau. Through the evening, the students reflected on their many achievements at Kelburn. They are a small bunch and have packed a lot in over their 8 years. As we farewell them and other departing students at the end of their time at Kelburn, they have a lot to be proud of, as we are of them. As we reflect on our vision statement - 'At Kelburn, children learn creatively, strive for excellence, preparing for lifelong learning' - we can see the fruits of our collective goals, the resolve of teachers and support staff, and the collective and individual effort of these children. Our strong connections with the high schools, as we annually check in, we are finding Kelburn leavers are doing very well through their teenage years. When we interview the Year 10s, which we do annually, they are consistent in their praise that Kelburn has set them up well for College. So...to our departing Year 8s - thank you, and good luck!

**Departing staff** - At the end of each year, we have some staff who move on to other opportunities. We have such a good team of kaiako and kaiawhina at Kelburn, who work so hard to bring out the best in our tamariki. We thank Brooke, who has been at Kelburn for the last 3 years, for the joy that she has brought to the many tamariki that she has taught. Her sense of fun and devotion, as well as her connection to them, has been enjoyed by her tamariki. We thank Niamh and Phoebe, all the very best in their next endeavours and thank them so much for their contribution to Kelburn this year. We thank Katie, who has been working as a release teacher in Whānui, every success at her new schools for 2025. Ella, one of our learning assistants, has been accepted into the Massey University onsite Teaching Training programme and will be based at Kelburn next year. Ella will move from being a learning assistant to Miss Ayto, the teacher!

### **School Teaching Team 2025**

As we look forward to next year, we have confirmed our staffing lineup for 2025. Until a principal appointment is made, Danielle Sanders will act as principal. Joining the teaching team in 2025 are Kyra Mowbray, who joins us from the US and will join the Whanake team in Y3-4 and Tom Pearce, who joins us as a part-time teacher in Y7-8 for Libya Munn.

**ACTING / DEPUTY PRINCIPAL** - Ms Danielle Sanders  
**ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL** - Mrs Libya Munn

**Team Leader - Miss Susie Brown, Tupu Tahi - Y1**

Teacher - Miss Jodie Corcoran, Tupu Rua - Y1

Teacher - Miss Andrea Molloy, Tupu Toru - Y2

Teacher - Mrs Marianne Blair, Whanake Tahi - Y2/Y3

**Team Leader - Miss Sophie Bishop, Whanake Rua - Y3/4**

Teacher - Miss Kyra Mowbray, Whanake Toru - Y3/4

Teacher - Mr Hugo Miller, Whānui Tahi - Y5/6

**Acting Team Leader - Ms Rebekah Rasmussen, Whānui Rua - Y5/6**

Teacher - Miss Emily Wilby, Māia Tahi - Y7/8

**Team Leader - Mrs Libya Munn, Māia Rua - Y7/8**

Release Teacher - Tom Pearce, CRT Māia Rua - Y7/8

Release Teachers - Jenny Cossey, Jo Hamid

English Language Teacher - Rachel Smith (also CRT)

**School Donation and Activity Donation:-** As always, we have had a good response in 2024 from whānau, but we are still sitting below our budgeted figure for 2024, so we do need your contributions to break even. Things such as camps, swimming, for example, are not funded through our Operations Grant, and while we do acknowledge that times are tough, we really do appreciate the school donations and activity contributions as they enable us to cover the costs of the additional activities and opportunities that our tamariki have had as part of their experience at Kelburn. This year, the General School Donations have enabled us to invest in literacy and numeracy, additional teachers to keep the class sizes smaller, learning support staff, sports opportunities and extra PE equipment, keeping up the technologies which the school supplies...and much more. These tangible investments are only possible because whānau contribute to the School Donation. So, if you still need to balance up your contributions, it is much appreciated...and of course, tax-deductible!!

**Security Cameras** - Following on from the recent arson of the shade cloth and damage to the turf at Kelburn, and consistent damage at other kura, the Board has resolved to install security cameras to help keep our grounds safe and secure for all of us. With respect to student privacy, it is intended that these cameras will operate out of school hours only to ensure that our grounds are used in an appropriate way for all our community to enjoy.

**2025 Whānau/Parent Conversations** - at the beginning of next year, we will hold Whānau/Parent Conversations during our Teacher Only Day on Friday, 31 January 2025, just before school commences on Monday, 3 February. These important conversations are an opportunity for whānau to talk to their child's new teacher to share insights that would be useful for the teacher to know. Bookings for these conversations will open on Tuesday, 23 January. This will be an opportunity to drop off your child's 2025 stationery packs. Below in the newsletter is a [link](#) to the Qizzle website for ordering your 2025 stationery packs. Please have these packs delivered to your home, not the school. We look forward to connecting with you to start the year on a positive note! Keep an eye out for more details closer to the time.

**Last day of the year** - A reminder that school on Wednesday, 18 December at midday.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Andrew

## Looking Ahead - Event Dates - Term 4, 2024

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

Week	Date	Event
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 16 December	Xmas hui @ 2pm
	Tuesday 17 December	Whānui Swimming 10am - 1pm
	Wednesday 18 December	<b>School finishes at 12 noon</b>

## 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
	Friday 31 January	2025 Whānau/Parent Conversations
<b>Week 1</b>	Monday 3 February	School year commences
<b>Week 2</b>	Wednesday 12 February	School Immunisation Education Session 11 am to 12 noon
	Friday 14 February	Whanake Swimming



## School Term Dates 2025

Term	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher Only Days
Term 1	Monday 3 February	Friday 11 April	<b>Thursday 6 February - Waitangi Day</b> <b>Friday 21 March - Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day</b>
Term 2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June	<b>Monday 2 June - King's Birthday</b> <b>Friday 20 June Matariki</b>
Term 3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September	<b>Friday 29 August - Teacher Only Day</b>
Term 4	Monday 6 October	Thursday 18 December	<b>Monday 27 October - Labour Day</b> <b>Tuesday 28 October - Teacher Only Day</b>

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

For enrolments and enquiries, contact the Supervisor on 021 744636 or [kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto: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](http://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](#)



# DECEMBER 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL

**OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!**  
\*Conditions apply

WEEK 1	<p>Mon 16 December</p> <p><b>SCHOOL DAY</b></p>	<p>Tues 17 December</p> <p><b>SCHOOL DAY</b></p>	<p>Wed 18 December</p>  <p><b>CHRISTMAS DISCO FROM 12PM</b> Get ready to sparkle and groove! Our Christmas Disco is here, bringing festive beats and holiday cheer. Join us from 12 pm for a festive afternoon of fun!</p>	<p>Thurs 19 December</p>  <p><b>H2GO!</b> The water's waiting - splash into an adventure at H2GO! It's going to be a wet &amp; wild day of fun so let's soak up the good times!</p>	<p>Fri 20 December</p>  <p><b>SANTA'S COMING!</b> Ho, ho, ho, Santa's on his way! Get ready for a jolly good time as we countdown the arrival of Christmas! Will you be on the nice list?</p>
	WEEK 2	<p>Mon 23 December</p> <p><b>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</b></p> <p>2 more sleeps 'til Christmas.</p>	<p>Tues 24 December</p> <p><b>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</b></p> <p>1 more sleep.</p>	<p>Wed 25 December</p> <p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b></p> <p>Merry Christmas from Kelly Club!</p>	<p>Thurs 26 December</p> <p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b></p> <p><b>BOXING DAY</b></p> <p>Boxing Day!</p>

Pricing:  
**FULL WEEK:** \$280 (8am-6pm)  
**FULL DAY:** \$60 (8am-6pm)  
**HALF DAY:** \$40 (8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm)  
**SCHOOL DAY:** \$48 (8:45am-3:15pm)  
**EVENT DAY:** Extra \$15-\$20

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## Community Notices

These are provided as a service to the community and do not necessarily reflect the policies and practices of the school.

[Click link to view](#)

# Defibrillator for our community!

SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND  
DONATE NOW ON GIVEALITTLE!




## PRINT-FREE ACTIVITIES

**Would You Rather...?**

A Family Game For Dinnertime

**Overview:**

Instead of getting children to talk by asking, "How was your day?" try using this activity to spark insightful conversations around the dinner table!

**Items needed:**

- A list of prompts if you'd like, but it's not necessary. Families can also make up questions on the spot.

**What to do:**

1. Take turns asking "would you rather" questions at the table. Go around in the circle and make sure everyone has a chance to answer the same question.
2. Allow opportunities for everyone to explain their answers with their reasoning. This part is super important - it allows everyone to learn more about how other family members think, what matters to them, and their likes/dislikes.
  - Keep the conversation judgment-free and light-hearted so everyone feels safe sharing their opinions.
3. their opinions.

**Would you rather?**

- ... spend the day exploring the city or playing in the ocean?
- ... give a gift or receive a gift?
- ... travel to a rainforest or a desert?
- ... be able to fly or be able to be invisible?
- ... have one true friend or ten not-the-best-friends?
- ... play in the sand or the dirt?
- ... spend time reading or drawing?
- ... be super smart or super strong?