

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI



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RĀHINA 17 POUTŪTERANGI ~ MONDAY 17 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

Monday 17 March - Whānui EOTC - Petone Settlers Museum, PTA Meeting and AGM @ 7 pm

Tuesday 18 March - Whānui EOTC - Matiu Island

Wednesday 19 March - Whānui EOTC - Waimaphihi Reserve/Brooklyn Gun emplacement

Friday 21 March - Kura Closed - Staff Only Day

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to Imogen P and Jonty W in Tupu Tahi, Fuji O in Tupu Rua. We are excited for you to be a part of our learning community.

Our ara assemblies are a great way to celebrate Pūkengatanga, not only by recognising the mahi and creative learning our rangatahi have done through our H.E.A.R.T. awards but also by sharing quality work across the whole kura. What a great job Whānui did hosting our school hui on Friday! We enjoyed their entertaining 'Dog Walking Machine' writing and their creative germ posters, and it was all tied together by three engaging presenters with hilarious jokes. I know it takes a lot of confidence to read your work in front of an audience, so well done to all those who got up on stage and shared their mahi with us!

Congratulations to our H.E.A.R.T. award tamariki for all of their mahi pai: Claudia S, Lucas P, Violeta C, Fern K, Theo N, Eddie K, Miles W, Avery L. Ka mau te wehi!

If you pop into our kura office, you may notice a new face. Today, we welcome Candice to our kura. Please come and say 'kia ora' and introduce yourself.

E.O.T.C

With Māia back at kura after their exciting EOTC week, we have Whānui setting out on their EOTC adventures! Today, they will venture to the Petone Settlers Museum and beach; tomorrow, they will explore Matiu Island, and on Wednesday, they will walk through the Waimaphihi Reserve to visit the Brooklyn Gun emplacement. Thank you to Rebekah and Hugo for their mahi planning these adventures and to our supportive whānau joining in on the fun this week.

Pūkengatanga

Pūkengatanga is one of our school's key values. Pūkengatanga challenges us to pursue excellence in all our activities. We encourage our tamariki to learn purposefully, challenge themselves, and do their best. We take a strength-based approach: Our children come to kura with so much they can already do and this is the starting point for a new journey. Whatever they can do, they can do better; having a "can-do attitude" and using positive language is vital for success. We frame this approach of growth in learning capacity and knowledge with a learning language, for example, by using yet at the end of a sentence. "I can't swim a length of the pool, yet."; "I don't know my 6 timetables, yet.".

Since everyone has different strengths and learns at different rates, it is important that tamariki think of their successes and difficulties as steps in their own learning journeys. It isn't helpful to compare yourself to others in a negative way. Positive self-talk builds resilience, the resilience that makes the most of mistakes and doubts. Listening to others actively can help us adopt new perspectives and appreciate what quality work looks like. We

share aspirations and successes in various contexts, at kura and at home. All these considerations contribute to a culture of excellence. To see Pūkengatanga in action, check out our Ara updates below from Tupu and Māia. This is all linked to how and why we have our 3-Way Learning Conversations and Goal Setting.

3-way Learning Conversations and Goal Setting

Our 3-way Learning Conversations and Goal Review will be held in Week 10. These will be held across three evenings: Tuesday, 8th April from 3.20 pm to 4.50 pm, Wednesday, 9 April from 3.20 pm to 6.05 pm and Thursday, 10 April from 3.20 pm to 6.05 pm. There are some variations of times and days for some staff members, Libya Munn will hold hers earlier. We think the best way to strengthen ākongā learning power is to include the learner at the centre of these conversations as they learn to take responsibility and develop agency as learners. This dialogue is crucial to developing the triangle of ākongā, kaiako, and whānau - learners, teacher, and family. To make a booking, click on the [schoolinterview link](#), or visit the website and enter the code **z6cq**

Kura Whānau Group - all welcome!

E ngā reo, e ngā mana, tēnā koutou katoa. He mihi whānui ki a koutou e awahi nei i tenai kaupapa. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou.

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 (Kelburn Normal). They aim to foster a strong sense of community through whakawhanaungatanga: valuing and honoring each person as they are, and where they are.

Hui (meetings) will provide an opportunity to come together, learn, and practise te reo and tikanga— including mihi, pepeha, karakia, and waiata. No prior knowledge is needed—just enthusiasm!

Our first session in term two will focus on: Mihi mihi, and aspirations for the group, our kura, and future learning. Confirmation of dates will come in the next newsletter.

Board of Trustees (BoT) Elections

The School Trustee Elections are being held this September, and we need you to get involved.

Our school is governed by a democratically elected group called the Board of Trustees. These trustees make important decisions about our school's strategic direction and the governance of our kura.

We encourage you to consider putting yourself forward as a candidate. Being a trustee is an important and rewarding role. We need a Board that is made up of people with a wide range of skills, experience, and knowledge in various areas, including finance, governance, personnel, health and safety, communications, and property. Even without one of those backgrounds, with an enquiring mind, common sense, and a wish to see our kura thrive, you will undoubtedly be able to make a valuable contribution.

What to know more?

Check out the [School Trustee Elections website](#) or the [New Zealand School Trustees Association \(NZSTA\) website](#).

Blake Virtual Reality

As part of our senior area (years 5-8) EOTC this Thursday, tamariki get to experience the wonder of underwater Aotearoa through virtual reality!

Partnering with New Zealand Geographic, NZ-VR shares a virtual reality programme which showcases underwater sites around Aotearoa and aims to connect and inspire students to care for the ocean and environment.

NZ-VR educators will be on hand with a class-set of virtual reality headsets, delivering an engaging, inspiring, and educational one-hour session to tamariki.

Tamariki experience a number of underwater virtual reality experiences that compare and contrast pristine marine environments with degraded ones; they learn about what causes this damage, as well as what actions can be taken to show kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and protect the marine environment.

Cross Country & Fun Run Update

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

Below is an outline of events, and we welcome whānau to come along and support the tamariki. We are still looking for whānau who can come and marshall the competitive races and/or the fun run stations. Please email sophieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz if you can help.

Please note that all timings are approximate.

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

Mathematic Curriculum Days 2026

Our Staff Only Days for **2026** have been confirmed and may differ from the ones we shared earlier. Yes, we are planning 2026 already! For your forward planning for 2026 here they are.

For **2026**:

- Day 1: Friday 24 April (with ANZAC day observed on Monday 27 April) - Week 1, Term 2
- Day 2: Friday 28 August - Term 3, Week 6

Reminders:

- **PTA Hui & AGM tonight 7pm in Tupu**
- **Kura is Closed on Friday**
- **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.*
- **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](#)*

What's the latest update from the Tupu team?



In Tupu Tahī mathematics this week, we had a teddy bear picnic where we equally shared everything needed for a delicious picnic. There were plates, knives and forks, cups and bowls and even fruit and treats. We had to work with our maths buddy to problem-solve how to share not only equipment but also our thoughts and ideas to problem-solve.



Tupu Toru loved blasting off into space for our topic. We have been enjoying learning about the solar system. Here is some artwork we have created. We did Marama and Ra inspired by 'How Maui Slowed the Sun' and we also made some cool moons by using salt on PVA glue and then painting

on the craters using watered down paint.



Tupu Rua has enjoyed their pattern-making in mathematics. We have used all kinds of interesting things, from musical instruments, handprints and even magic beans. Patterns are everywhere.





What will we be up to next in the Tupu team...stay tuned to find out.

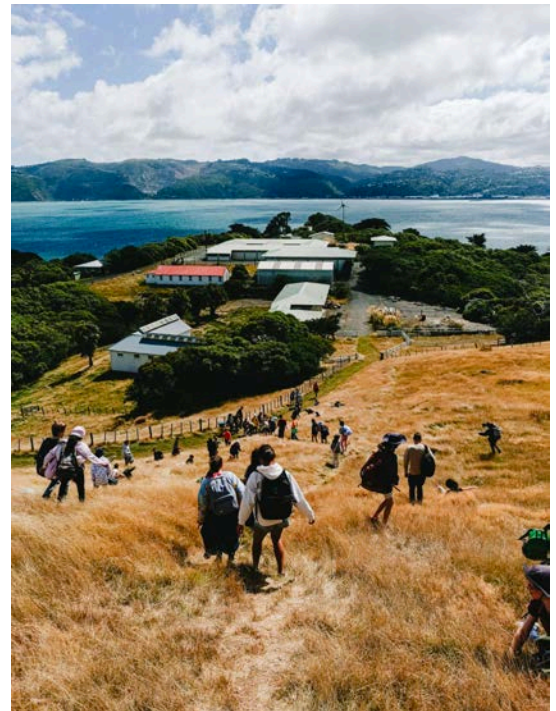
What's happening in Māia?

EOTC WEEK!

This week, we have been enjoying our Education Outside the Classroom activities. Team building, rock climbing, botany, sport, Matiu Island, art gallery visits, and lots of opportunities for reflective discussion and team building. EOTC is an opportunity to explore learning in a range of contexts and reinforce the message that learning can happen anywhere, anytime!

On our trip to Matiu Island we saw dolphins, seals, a tree weta, and many native birds. Zoë, the DOC ranger, generously volunteered her time to speak to us about the fascinating history of the island. She answered many pātai about rats, seeds, quarantine, and gun placements. We are so fortunate to have these wonderful opportunities right on our doorstep.

We would like to acknowledge our many parent volunteers who supported these activities, we simply cannot do these things without your help. We know that parents are busy people, and we are grateful for the time and energy you put into supporting the mahi we do at kura.



Te Reo Māori

Matua Jason has been discussing with Māia the history of the flags that have been increasingly visible in recent years: Te Whakaminenga o nga Hapu o Nu Tireni (also known as Te Kara) and the more recent Tino Rangatiratanga flag. Te Kara was the flag that represented the northern rangatira who went on to sign He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni, the Declaration of Independence of the United Tribes of New Zealand, which took place five years prior to the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Matua Jason shared his experience of being at Waitangi in 1990 when the Tino Rangatiratanga flag was unveiled.

Māia have also been consolidating their kupu Māori (vocabulary) by creating games. We have looked at things like board games, flash cards, memory games and matching games as ways to practice vocabulary, and students are working to create their own games that they and others can use.



Science

Do plants grow better when you play them music by Drake? Do seeds germinate if they have been burnt or crushed? Will a protein shake make plants stronger? If these are the questions that have been keeping you awake at night, you will be relieved to know that our students are researching the answers. Ellie and Mikayla were excited to note that one of their bean seeds had germinated despite being cut in half. A cacophony of pop songs is currently being played to reluctant seeds, we will keep you posted on our results.



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 7		Whānui EOTC Week
	Monday 17 March	Whānui EOTC Settlers Museum PTA Meeting @ 7 pm in Tupu space followed by AGM
	Tuesday 18 March	Whānui EOTC Matiu Island
	Wednesday 19 March	Whānui EOTC Waimaphihi Reserve/Brooklyn Gun emplacement
	Thursday 20 March	Blake NZVR Yrs5-8
	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
	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)
Week 9	Tuesday 1 April	Māia Tech Session WZ 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	3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting from 3.15 to 4.45 pm
	Wednesday 9 April	3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting from 3.15 to 6:05 pm
	Thursday 10 April	3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting from 3.15 to 6.05 pm

School News

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.

Library Appeal

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

This is also our annual appeal for help with our new library books. Help from parents/caregivers significantly speeds up the process of getting books ready for our children to read. We have a small but brilliant team of parents who have been helping us, though many hands make light work. We have kits to go out to parents/caregivers 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 could help and for any other library related questions. Thank you from your KNS library team.

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 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

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 and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lyrica - 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!

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 Wednesday 3.05pm-4.05pm
 For years 0-4! Runs for 8 weeks
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Sessions start Weds 12 Feb 2025.
 Contact: adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz

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 TUES 15, WEDS 16, THURS 17 APRIL
 TUES 22, WEDS 23, THURS 24 APRIL
9.30AM-12.30PM

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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 Karori. 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

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WHAT WE NEED:

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 somewhere around the school/community centre/library to put your items in. Thank you for your help!

Male mentors needed

in Hutt Valley, Wellington & Porirua



Being a Big Brother is one of the most rewarding and enjoyable things you will ever do. It's simple too. Just spend one hour, once a week, during school or after school or in the weekend doing activities you already like to do.



You don't have to change your life to change theirs.

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