

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI

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RĀHINA 10 HUITĀNGURU ~ MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY



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 10 February - PTA Meeting at 7 pm in Tupu space

Wednesday 12 February - Ara Information Evening 5:30pm

Friday 14 February - Mihi Whakatau followed by school hui hosted by Māia, Whanake Swimming

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to Caiden A in Tupu Tahī

It looks as if summer has finally hit! Please keep on encouraging your tamariki to be sun smart, and some need reminding to remove their sweatshirts, too!

Our tamariki and kaiako are settling back into the rhythm and routine of learning together, which is no small job with such a collection of powerful, creative learners. In the learning spaces, teams are working on their treaties and agreements on how they will treat each other and the key factors in reciprocity. Building a cohesive social group takes time and practice involving more than 20 different social skills! We are proud of our tamariki and how they started being keen to learn and be with each other.

PTA Hui

I encourage you to attend our friendly and welcoming PTA hui tonight at 7pm in the Tupu learning space. See you there.

Ensembles Start

The new Lyrica started today with a new group. We look forward to hearing how they develop later in the term at our music assembly at the end of the term. All our ensembles are up and running, with our bands auditioning later this week too. Please encourage your child to get involved and try a new group. We are open to tamariki trying out a new ensemble in the first few weeks of the term. Check out the timetable below for changes to the days or times for some groups. Give it a go!

Ara Information Evening

We look forward to seeing you at our Ara Information evening on Wednesday at 5:30pm in the learning spaces. Each Ara: Te Ara Tupu, Te Ara Whanake, Te Ara Whānui, and Te Ara Māia, are looking forward to sharing with you their topics for the term, their new maths programmes, home learning, and interesting information about the kura day in their ara. No need to sign in; just come to the learning spaces.

Mihi Whakatau

Our first mihi whakatau is set for this Friday 14 February, followed by a school hui hosted by our school leaders, Māia. Come along if you are new so we can formally welcome you to our kura and come along to see what our Māia tamariki are up to.

Covid

With the beautiful weather and winter far from our minds, it is easy to forget that COVID-19 is still around and quickly spreads in groups. We are mindful of the latest research that highlights the effect this virus can have on people's brain health, particularly our tamariki cognition, as their brains are still developing.

At kura, we keep our learning spaces well-ventilated and utilise the outdoor spaces when possible. We would appreciate you supporting us and keeping your children at home if they have COVID-19 to reduce the risk of spreading this virus to others.

Maths No Problem!

Our new mathematics resource has arrived! Kaiako have started using these resources with tamariki, and they are all getting used to this new system and new routines. As with all change, there will be a time for everyone to adjust to using these new routines, workbooks, textbooks and learning processes. Our previous mathematics programme had many strengths, and we saw positive results from our tamariki. Still, after a review of it last year, we recognised how we could strengthen and streamline it further across the kura by embracing this new approach.

You may wonder how we choose our resources from the four different ones the Ministry presented. Our teachers went through a rigorous process of comparing and evaluating each one last term, and they decided on the Maths No Problem resource as it aligned with our current research on how tamariki learn. It encourages tamariki to discuss their ideas and explain their thinking in pairs and as a whole class, it has open problem-solving opportunities, focuses on a growth mindset, and is grounded in good theory and research. You will see changes in this approach, such as how tamariki will now be taught in year groups.

See you at our Ara Information evening this Wednesday to find out more.

Property Update

It was busy here at kura during the break; we are pleased to share some exciting updates about our school grounds!

Gully - repairs have been completed on the tyre climb, clatter bridge, incline net and deck landings in the Gully Adventure playground, ensuring a safer and more enjoyable space for our tamariki. In the next holiday period, repairs to the flying fox and scale wall will be completed. A huge thank you to our talented PTA for their generous support in funding these repairs. Your contributions help make our school a better place for everyone!

Vandalism/Cameras - In the junior playground, we replaced the turf and shade sail damaged last year. To enhance security, we have installed cameras around the school.

Painting - the external stairways and Ngaio turf wall have been freshly painted, giving them a bright and refreshed look.

We appreciate the ongoing support of our school community in maintaining and improving our spaces for everyone to enjoy!

Lost property

It was disappointing to see the lost property we had left over at the end of the year last year. I know it can be frustrating for whānau, too, particularly when it might be a new jumper that gets lost. It is important to have clothing named (K-mart has easy-to-iron labels) so it may be reunited quickly with its owner. Encourage your tamariki to look for their missing clothing when it is lost. Remember, our kura lost property is located in the link under the seats.

Thank you to our hard-working PTA, who regularly lay the lost property out on assembly days so people can locate their lost clothing.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Danielle Sanders

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 2 | Monday 10 February | PTA Meeting at 7 pm in the Tupu space |
| | Wednesday 12 February | Whanau Ara Information Evening 5:30pm - 6:30pm |

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| | Friday 14 February | Mihi Whakatau followed by school hui hosted by Māia commencing at 10 am Whanake Swimming - Departing KNS - Tahi 12 pm, Toru 12.30 pm, Rua 1 pm |
| Week 3 | Monday 17 February | Board Meeting @ 6.30 pm |
| | Thursday 20 February | School Picnic - Days Bay 9am - 3pm |
| | Friday 21 February | Whanake Swimming - Departing KNS - Tahi 12 pm, Toru 12.30 pm, Rua 1 pm |
| Week 4 | Friday 28 February | Whanake Swimming - Departing KNS - Tahi 12 pm, Toru 12.30 pm, Rua 1 pm |

School News

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

School Picnic- Days Bay - We know the summer weather has been unpredictable, but we are planning for a wonderful day out with the whole kura on Thursday 20th February to Days Bay. We would like to invite as many whānau along with us for the fun! We have booked the following Thursday, 27th in case of inclement weather.

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 first PTA meeting of 2025 is next Monday (10th February) in the Tupu Space at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 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 Mrs Katharina Vautier | Orchestra - 8.20 - 9.30am Mahler Room Mrs Katharina Vautier & Mrs 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 Mrs 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 & Mrs Smith | Kapa Haka - Yrs 5 - 8 8.30 - 9.30am - Hall Matua Henare Parata, Mrs 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 | |

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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 |
| Term 3 | Monday 14 July | Friday 19 September | Friday 29 August - Teacher Only Day |
| Term 4 | Monday 6 October | Thursday 18 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

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- ✓ Football
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- ✓ Dodgeball

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

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for ourselves and for **each other.**

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