

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI

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RĀHINA IO HUITĀNGURU ~ MONDAY 17 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 17 February - BoT Meeting

Thursday 20 February - School Picnic @ Days Bay

Friday 21 February - Mihi Whakatau followed by school hui hosted by Māia, Whanake Swimming

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Our learning programmes are in full swing, and tamariki enjoy being back in the routine of kura life. We had a good turnout for our Ara Whānau Information evening with some great questions, so thank you for being an engaged and interested community! Thank you to our whānau who attended our first Mihi Whakatau for the year, and thank you to James for responding on behalf of our new whānau and tamariki. Our kapa haka performed so well even though they have just returned to kura, ka mau te wehi. The rest of the hui was ably led by our Māia tamariki, who showcased their My Mind writing and art. Congratulations to our HEART award tamariki for all of their mahi pai: Theo W, Henry B, Kelvin M, Roman S, Eden R-Z, Kaia T, Moez E, Ava H, Coraline S, Simone N- ka rawe!

Our tamariki in Tupu may be the youngest in our, kura, but they are making great strides in learning. Check out what they have been learning in Tupu in the update later in our newsletter.

Stolen - Our Kura's 110-Year-Old Bell

We were heartbroken to discover that our well-loved kura bell was stolen on Tuesday night last week! The theft was captured on our recently installed security cameras, and we have passed this on to the police. This bell is from the original kura building and is more than just an object—it is a taonga, a symbol of our history, and a connection to generations of tamariki, whānau, and staff who have been part of our kura.

It is deeply upsetting to have something so significant taken from us. We are asking our community to keep an eye out and share this information with everyone to help us recover this precious piece of our kura history. RNZ ran the story on Friday; please spread the word.

Good News - Generous Donation

Our kura and the Board of Trustees want to acknowledge and say a heartfelt thank you to the kind whānau who donated \$1000, our insurance excess, to reinstate the sunshade in our junior playground. We truly appreciate your generosity towards our shade sail and kura. Please remember to encourage SunSmart behaviour from all of our tamariki.

Kura Picnic- Days Bay

We hope for fine, warm weather for our kura picnic this Thursday, the 20th. We will be travelling by bus out to Days Bay, leaving kura at 9:30am, so please come and meet us out there at 10:30am. We are limited on bus seats as tamariki will wear a seatbelt on both journeys to and from Days Bay. We will be packed up and on the bus to return by 1:30pm. Tamariki will need their lunch, drinks, hats, sunscreen, togs and a towel (if they want to splash in the

shallow area). At this stage, tamariki will only be splashing around and not swimming as we don't have the adult numbers to cover this. See you there.

Kelburn Defibrillator & Heart Foundation Campaign

Congratulations to Paddy for his dedication in raising \$3,968 to install a defibrillator in the Kelburn Community! Ka mau te wehi! Not only has Paddy been fundraising, but he has also been active in raising awareness about heart health, presenting at assemblies and helping out in the medical room. You can watch Sarah and Paddy share their heartwarming and inspiring story [here](#). Well done, Paddy; we are all so proud of you!

Performing Arts Ensembles

Our ensembles started well; Lyrica and the bands held their auditions, and senior kapa haka performed on Friday. Seeing such a good turnout for our ensembles is so positive, and we know it helps build learning power! If your child wants to try out a group, it's not too late; they can still come along and try it out.

We also have spots available with our music teachers. These paid lessons happen during kura time, and tamariki benefit from them. We offer a range of instruments, including music composition. Please check out our list of music teachers on our website and the information later in the newsletter.

Supporting a Child who is Nervous to Fail

At this time of year, tamariki are putting themselves out there by joining new groups/teams, meeting new kaiako, and tamariki; it can be a tricky time when they have to be brave and share something about themselves or take a risk in front of peers. At times, all tamariki may experience a fear of failure, leading to struggles with perfectionism and making mistakes. Here are some ideas to help normalise failure: acknowledge the situation, validate and reflect it to them, help process their busiest fear, encourage a mind shift, share a story or strategy, and offer calming tools. Remind them that mistakes and failures are valuable opportunities for growth and improvement. See later in the newsletter for a useful talking script.

Maths No Problem

As you would have heard at our Ara Whānau Information evening, our tamariki have all started using their workbooks and textbooks. I walked around and had a chat to our year 5-8 ākonga as they worked during maths lessons, and they were resounding positive about them. A few tamariki mentioned that they were finding it easy and were looking forward to the lessons getting harder! From year two up, the scope and sequence move through a similar sequence of lessons at the beginning of the year, starting with Number Knowledge, Addition & Subtraction, and then onto Multiplication & Division. As it operates on a spiral approach, the first few lessons of each chapter review knowledge from the previous year and build on understanding from there. Our kaiako have explained to their tamariki that it will get harder, and kaiako are providing additional challenges and problem-solving for tamariki who need it.

Kura and Whānau Barbeque- PTA

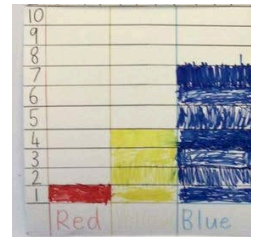
Please mark our annual Whānau Barbeque in your diaries, Friday 28 March 5pm. You, too, can join in the fun of contributing, our hard-working PTA will be asking for willing volunteers very soon, so keep an eye out for our newsletters.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Danielle Sanders

What's the latest update from the Tupu team?



Tupu Rua enjoyed collecting statistics about different topics, including what the most popular colour is in our class, and who has the most and the least letters in their name. We did this by colouring a bar chart and making a tally.



We also enjoyed celebrating the Chinese/Lunar New Year by drawing and making snakes. This was s-s-s-so much fun.



In Tupu there is nothing better than starting our day off with fitness. So many ways to get all the connectors connecting. Tupu Tahī is always up for new ways to move our bodies.



Tupu Tahī has enjoyed painting their adventures in the holidays. There are so many interesting adventures.



Tupu Toru has set to work decorating our space with our self-portraits and these colourful Kandinsky-inspired circles.



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

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 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 - Tahī 12 pm, Toru 12.30 pm, Rua 1 pm

Week 4	Friday 28 February	School Hui - Whanake Hosting - 10.15 - 11am Whanake Swimming - Departing KNS - Tahi 12 pm, Toru 12.30 pm, Rua 1 pm
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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

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!

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

Kia ora Year 8 whānau,
For the last 6 years the PTA have helped coordinate the order and purchase of the Year 8 KNS hoodie. It's been really popular and the children love wearing it during their final year at KNS.
It's a navy hoodie, with the KNS logo on the front and on the back the Year 8 children's names are listed in class order and they can personalise their hoodie with their name at the bottom.
We are asking for a parent of a Year 8 student to volunteer to organise the correspondence, orders, and work with the company to order the hoodies. We have most of this set up in template's from previous years..... we just need an awesome parent to coordinate and manage this for us.
Let me know if you're keen and I can help get you started.
Please email pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz if you are able to help.
Anneke
PTA Co-Chair

Kelburn Normal house shirts for sale



The PTA is organising another run of micromesh school t-shirts. Great for cross-country and house events.

Available in Kelburn's house colours:

Rata (red)
Ngaio (green)
Rimu (blue)
Kowhai (yellow)

Sizes 4-16

Price: \$23 each

**Orders close Friday 21
February**



How to order:

- 1) Fill out your child's details on the [google form here](#)
- 2) Arrange payment of \$23 to the following account with your child's name and room as reference (eg Tupu Tahu)

Account name: **Kelburn Normal School PTA**

Account number: **12-3140-0240253-00**

If you are unsure of your child's House, it is listed in the Etap school app under "My Child - other details"



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 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	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

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

Sessions start Weds 12 Feb 2025.

Contact: adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz



How to Help a Child Who Is Nervous to Fail



Important Note: Before talking to your child, check in with yourself. If you feel dysregulated, take deep breaths. It's okay to focus on yourself first. Your state impacts your child more than your words.

✦ Acknowledge the Situation

"I noticed that something about tomorrow's test feels big for you. Do you want to talk about it?"

✦ Validate and Reflect

"You're feeling nervous about the multiplication problems? I can understand that. Those were never my favorite either."

✦ Help Process Their Biggest Fear

"Hmm, I wonder what would happen if you did fail the test. What do you think?"

✦ Encourage a Mind Shift

"I understand, sometimes when we struggle at something, it feels like it will be hard forever. But with practice and effort, we can learn to get better. Remember how hard it was when you first started riding a bike? Now you're zipping up and down our street all of the time!"



Help your child identify the things that are within their control. What could help them feel more prepared for the test? What could they try doing today?

✦ Share a Story and a Strategy

"Do you want to hear what I used to do when I was nervous about failing or making a mistake?"

"Sometimes it helps to talk to our nervous thoughts when they show up. For example, I'll say, 'Nervous thoughts, I hear you, I know you are worried, but I'll be okay.'"

✦ Offer Calming Tools

"I still remember when you were first learning to read. Remember how hard it was? But you kept practicing and slowly you learned and now look at the books you can read! Do you see how that can relate to learning these math problems?"



Remember: Children who fear failure may struggle with perfectionism and making mistakes. You can help them by normalizing failure and mistakes, even in your life. Remind them that failure and mistakes are how we grow and get better.