

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI

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RĀHINA 2 HAKIHEA ~ MONDAY 2 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

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Tech Y7

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Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

As we enter into the last two and a bit weeks, school continues to tick over really well. Musical Refreshment was a huge success, speech finals today, and the Celebration of Learning on Wednesday - nothing slows down at all for our teaching and learning. Kaiako are ensuring that our tamariki continue to have opportunities at kura to thrive. Musical refreshment last Wednesday showed the dedication, expertise, and lovely engagement between our kaiako and our tamariki. It was a real team effort.

A Musical Refreshment - Thank you to our tamariki, kaiako, and whānau for joining together for last Wednesday's A Musical Refreshment celebration at St Andrew's on the Terrace. It is a lovely opportunity for our ensembles to enjoy the amazing acoustics of this beautiful building. Kelburn has a reputation for excellence in the arts, and I proudly feel we continue to consistently maintain an incredibly high quality as the years go by. Each ensemble changes every year as tamariki come and go, but every year, each ensemble strives collectively to be the best that they can be. Tamariki who are part of our ensembles, are doing something incredibly positive for themselves, for each other and for our kura. It is manaakitanga in action - working together to create a successful community...but also benefiting hugely individually through being part of a team!

A Musical Refreshment concert also shows the wonderful group of specialist music teachers and our teaching staff working with tamariki at Kelburn. Most of them were on stage, with their students, or for our massed item and many shared their talents with us to show our tamariki where they can get to through perseverance, practice, and ambition. We are very lucky to have such talented people working at our kura.

Speech Finals - Today, we held our Māia and Whānui speech finals. The annual speech competition is an important tradition of the Kelburn learning kaupapa and after a process of elimination where each student prepared and delivered a speech to their peers, eight finalists were chosen for the finals. Alex Oliver from Wellington Girls College generously offered her time to judge and had the enviable task of splitting a cluster of fantastic speeches into placings.

Congratulations to -

Māia	1st - Fiona L	2nd - Ethan W	3rd - Nina B
Whānui	1st - Zoe S	2nd - Louie W	3rd - Greer Y

Celebration of Learning - Whānau are invited to our kura for this Wednesday, 4th of December to our Celebration of Learning. Tamariki have collected their work from recent times, ready to share with whānau at the final Celebration of Learning for the year. This goes from 3pm until 5pm.

School hui this Friday - Whanake ara hosting this Friday's school hui which starts at 10am; please note the earlier start time. Our younger ensembles, Tui Choir, XyloFun, and Junior Kapa Haka will perform at this school hui.

Rogaines - This Thursday 5th, Whānui will set out for their Rogaine, leaving kura at 12pm and returning by 3pm. Next Tuesday, December 10th, Whanake (9:30am - 1pm) and then Māia (12pm-3pm) will head to the Botanical Gardens for their annual Rogaine. This team-building, map reading, walking/jogging/running and clue-finding event has been an end-of-year fixture at Kelburn for many years now and is always popular with tamariki. We will need whānau support so please email your child's teacher.

End of Year Reports - Tamariki end-of-year reports will be available online and will be issued at the end of week 9. The report summarises the children's general progress and achievement in key aspects of the curriculum and includes a set of comments that are both reflective of what they can do as well as being future-focussed by identifying what they need to work on in the key curriculums of English and maths and a general comment summarises their Key Competencies for learning. Your child's 2025 home learning team will also be included.

Student Council Ice Block Fundraiser - The Student Council has voted to support Paddy's wonderful fundraising efforts for a defibrillator for the Kelburn Community, but the \$3,965 goal is still far away. Can you help Paddy reach his goal? We will hold an ice block fundraiser on Friday, 13 December. Please [fill in the Google form here](#) to order your child's ice block and pay \$2.50 into the school's bank account. Please complete the order form by Friday, 6 December. Thank you.

Next year enrolments 2025 - If you have tamariki or siblings turning five next year, please let us know or complete the [enrolment form](#) on our website so we can plan for their arrival. If your whānau is moving and your child may be attending another school, please let us know too...it helps us plan our organisation for 2025.

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

Tumuaki Mr Bird's Farewell - After eight fantastic years at the helm of the Kelburn Normal team, Andrew, our dedicated tumuaki, has decided to lift his oars and step out of the waka and join a new club. We warmly invite you to join us at our farewell hui so that we can honour Andrew Bird's contribution to our kura. This farewell assembly will be held on Friday, 13 December at 10 am and will be followed by a morning tea in the hall. Come along and personally thank Andrew for his invaluable mahi in our kura. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

What has been happening in Whanake?

As part of our 'Native Bird and Bush' science unit, we have been learning about biosecurity in New Zealand. Whanake Tahi used our observational skills to study the intricacies of different bugs closely. To find out more about the different types of insects found in our school garden, we set pitfall traps around the school. We then classified the bugs we caught, looking carefully to make sure they weren't invasive species.



In Whanake Rua, we have used our inquiry topic of manu, but in artistic form. We practiced sketching a New Zealand bird of choice, and then drew our final copy. We divided the manu into sections and painted each one differently in bright colours. The next step was to add in different patterns, and then paint the background in a complementary colour. Can you guess the birds we have painted?



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
Week 8	Monday 2 December	Y8s vrs staff Netball @ 1pm, BoT meeting @ 6.30 pm
	Tuesday 3 December	Gardasil Y7 second dose, Ara Transition activity 1.45 pm - 2.50 pm Whānui Swimming 10am - 1pm
	Wednesday 4 December	WGC Drama Presentation, Celebration of Learning 3pm - 5pm

	Thursday 5 December	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart @ 9.30am for 10am lesson, Rua depart at 10am for 10.30am lesson, Toru depart at 10.30am for 11am lesson, Wha depart at 11am for 11.30am lesson Whānui Rogaine 9am - 12:30pm Tech Year:7 12:15pm - 3pm
	Friday 6 December	School hui @ 10 am hosted by Whanake - Junior kapa haka Tech Year:8 12:15pm - 3pm
Week 9	Tuesday 10 December	Whanake Rogaine - 9.30am - 12.30pm, Whānui Swimming 10am - 1pm, Māia Rogaine 12pm - 3pm
	Wednesday 11 December	Band concert @ 1 pm
	Thursday 12 December	Y8 Leavers Celebration
	Friday 13 December	Andrew Bird's farewell hui at 10 am
	Sunday 15 December	Carol Service at St Michael's (Lyrica) @ 5pm - 6 pm
Week 10	Monday 16 December	Xmas hui @ 2pm
	Tuesday 17 December	Whānui Swimming 10am - 1pm
	Wednesday 18 December	School finishes at 12 noon

It's great that your child is doing road patrol in 2025. Can you help them out?

We are seeking **parent helpers** to supervise the 2025 student road patrollers.

Road patrol duty is:

- 30 minutes
- once a week
- before **or** after school

Join the **friendly team** of parent volunteers who assist in keeping our children safe. (cover is available if a volunteer has another commitment during their normal shift)

This is a great way to **be seen** helping the school community, and saves the school money!

Please text Claire on 021 537 567 if you are able to help.

P.S. Orange really suits you :)

VOLUNTEER



JOIN THE TEAM



PTA News

Yummy Stickers

Thank you to everyone who submitted "Yummy" stickers/cutouts. This year we submitted 3316 stickers/cutouts. The Yummy Fruit Company have advised that we have \$455 to spend on sports gear. Keep munching those "Yummy" apples and collecting the stickers/cutouts for next year. You can find the Sticker Collection Sheet [here](#)

School Notices - [click the link to view previous school notices](#)

The Kelburn Normal School Netball Club is having an end-of-year celebration on Sunday 8 December from 2pm - 4pm. Everyone who was involved with the club this year is welcome to attend - for more information or to RSVP visit <https://forms.gle/GshDjVK87UgD394S9> or email kelburnnetball@gmail.com



Our public health registered nurses are coming to your school in the week starting 02 December 2024 to provide immunisation for the Year 7 (and in some cases year 8) tamariki who have returned their immunisation form giving consent.

- If you have changed your mind or your situation has changed please contact us at res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz, or call us on 04 587 2949
- If you have not yet consented, but want to, please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949
- If you declined the vaccines last year but you have changed your mind and you now want your year 8 child to receive the vaccine(s) please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949
- If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz, or call us on 04 587 2949

KNS Parent Chat WhatsApp Group

The PTA has a WhatsApp group to enable all the KNS community to communicate with each other about all things KNS. If you want to join this group, please email us on pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz with the following information:

- Your name
- Your phone number
- Your child's name and class

School App - Contact Details - Please check your contact details on the school app to ensure we have the correct details. If changes are needed please email these to admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz

Teacher Messages - a sort option has been added to the teacher messages section on the school app so parents can easily search for the latest message in date order.

Downloading the app - for those needing assistance with downloading the app please check the app [login video](#) on our website for parents

EzLunch Menu - Subway Wednesday / Pizza Thursday / Sushi Friday [Click here for the Menu](#)

School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Xylobeats - (Ys 4,5, 6) 8.30 - 9.30am Katharina Mahler Room	Orchestra - 8.30 - 9.30am Katharina & Rachel Mahler Room	Piccolo - (Yrs 4, 5, 6, 7) 8.30 - 9.30am Anna Sedcole Mahler Room	Lyrca - Yrs 5 - 8 8.30am-9.30 am Anna Sedcole Mahler Room	Little Xylofun (Ys 2 & 3) 8.30 - 9.00am Katharina Mahler Room
Kapa Haka - Y1-4 1.30 - 2pm Miss Bishop & Jeremy Hall	Code Club - 1.10 - 1.40pm Miss Bishop/Miss Sanders Māia space	Tui Choir - (Years 2 & 3) 8:50am Ms Wilby Hall		Kapa Haka - Yrs 5 - 8 8.30 - 9.30am Mrs Smith&Ms Rasmussen Hall
		Chess Club - 1.10 - 1.40pm Mr Miller Māia space		Eco Club - 1.10-1.40pm Miss Molloy Tupu space

School Term Dates 2024

Term	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher Only Days
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Wednesday 18 December	Monday 28 October - Labour Day Tuesday 29 October - Teacher Only Day

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 Tuesday 28 October - Teacher Only 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](#)

KELLY CLUB		TERM 4 2024	Weekly Theme Planner
		14 October - 30 December	Kelly Club Kelburn Normal
Wk 1 14 Oct	Cartoons & Comics		Step into a cartoon world full of your favourite characters.
Wk 2 21 Oct	Wheels Week		Get ready for some 'wheely good fun' at Kelly Club this week.
Wk 3 28 Oct	Scary & Spooky		All things spooky, scary and fun this Halloween!
Wk 4 4 Nov	Crafty Kids		Get creative and take home some clever creations.
Wk 5 11 Nov	Kids Choice		It's up to you what we do at Kelly Club this week.
Wk 6 18 Nov	Colourpop!		Join us at Kelly Club where vibrant hues and creative flair collide!
Wk 7 25 Nov	Staff Choice		The staff have got you covered with a week filled with their favourite activities.
Wk 8 2 Dec	Splishtastic!		Get ready to dive into a world of fun and a sea of excitement with bubbly, splashy fun!
Wk 9 9 Dec	Reward Week		This week is about celebrating you! Get ready to reap the rewards and have some fun!
Wk 10 16 Dec	Christmas is Coming!		Celebrate a sunny summer Christmas at Kelly Club.

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](#)



FEELING OVERWHELMED? HOLIDAY EDITION

START HERE

Do you need to be alone?

YES

NO

TRY THIS
Take 5 deep belly breaths. Do you feel better?



YES

Great! If you still feel a little overwhelmed, you can go here.

Yes!

Find a friend or family member

CHOOSE ONE

Move

Create

Play outside

Play music and dance
OR
Kick a ball back and forth

Make art together
OR
Bake together

Play tag

Pretend to be



Quiet activity

Movement

Put headphones and listen to calming music

Do you have lots of energy?

Practice yoga

Practice slow motion karate

Do you still feel overwhelmed?

Play with a fidget toy while you listen

Can you go outside?



Quiet activity

Movement

Lay back and watch the clouds

Build an obstacle course

Imaginary jump rope