

KIA ORA FROM KYRAN

Naumai e te whānau o te kura Kahurangi,

It has been truly wonderful to return to Kahurangi and be welcomed back so warmly by you all. I can't say enough how grateful I am for the much-needed opportunity to pause and step back from the responsibilities that come with my role as Principal of Kahurangi School.

Many of you have asked what I got up to during my time away, and I've enjoyed sharing those moments with you personally. For those who are curious or haven't yet had the chance to ask, I thought I'd take a moment to share a little of my sabbatical journey with you.

My time away felt like it happened in three parts. In the first seven weeks, I did something of a rare luxury—I stayed home and indulged in a bit of "doing nothing." I intentionally avoided making a must-do list of jobs and tasks and instead allowed myself to rest. My days were filled with sleeping in, taking long winter walks with Lolly (my furbaby), and doing puzzles while listening to audiobooks. Over this time, I became engrossed in The Jaipur Trilogy by Alka Joshi, beginning with The Henna Artist. If you're ever after a good series to lose yourself in, I highly recommend it!

The second part of my sabbatical took me to Europe for the very first time. I travelled to Spain, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom, visiting many of the iconic landmarks that come to mind when you think of these countries. Two highlights were going on an e-bike tour around Paris and visiting Amy in Edinburgh, whom many of you will remember from her time teaching here at Kahurangi.



Finally, I headed to Finland, where I joined 18 fellow New Zealand principals to learn more about the Finnish education system. Finland is often recognised as having one of the top education systems in the world, and it was fascinating to see first-hand their approach to teaching and learning. We visited several schools, spoke with principals and teachers, observed their classrooms in action, and attended lectures where their 'Finnish way of doing things' was explained. I returned with fresh ideas and perspectives and felt reassured by the many ways we approach teaching and learning at Kahurangi.

Returning to Kahurangi, I'm pleased to say I feel refreshed and re-energised. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with those of you I've yet to see and to continue working together to support our tamariki in being the best they can be.

Ngā mihi nui, Kyran Smith

Important Dates

Wed 4 Dec

Year 8 Leaver's Dinner

A special celebration for our year 8s and their whānau to mark the end of their time at Kahurangi

Thurs 12 Dec

Final Assembly

6:30-8pm

This year we are holding it at St Patricks College in Kilbirnie

Tues 17 Dec

Last day of school

12:30pm finish

Keep informed - See the full list of key dates on the last page.

Tēnā koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

A warm Kahurangi welcome to the 7 new students who have started with us. We hope you are making friends, enjoying your learning and finding us all helpful and friendly. We are looking forward to getting to know you more!

Otis has turned 5 and he and his whānau are new to Kahurangi.

Laurel is 5 too and joins her older sister Zinnia.

Harvey is also 5 and is Larson's brother.

Heidi is now 5 and we welcome her family and her to our kura.

Welcome back to Kahurangi **Tailoto!**

Opeta moved here from Samoa and joins one of our senior classes.

Alvin and his family have moved here from Denmark.

It is SUN HAT season

We're really pleased to see that nearly all of our tamariki are wearing sunhats at break times! Occasionally, a few forget theirs at home. When that happens, they're directed to play under our canopy or in the shaded area behind our senior classes near the front of the school.

Whānau, if you have any old or spare sunhats at home, we'd be grateful if you could send them our way. These would be used as spare hats for those keen to play but without a hat on the day. Ngā mihi!



Celebrating recent Successes of our past and current pupils



Seralina Seumanufagai has been named Head Prefect (Head Girl) at Wellington East Girls' College for 2025. This prestigious role is awarded to students who excel academically, uphold school values, and demonstrate outstanding leadership. During her time at Kahurangi, Seralina was recognised and acknowledged for displaying many of these qualities, and we're delighted to see her continue to

Leo Powdrell received three honour awards at Rongotai's Prize Giving Community Service, Performing Arts, and Cultural Awards for his achievements in Kapa Haka, the Duke of Edinburgh programme, and Performing Arts.

Grace Foliga was announced as the winner of the Under 16 Girls' Player of the Year at the 2024 Wellington Rugby Community Awards.

Four Kahurangi School pupils—**Jack, Rāwiri, Jade,** and **Toa**—recently represented Wellington in the Under 14 Regional Tournament. Jack and Rāwiri played for the Boys A team (Wellington Gold), achieving 3rd place in the A Grade. Jade competed in the Girls B team (Wellington Black), finishing 4th in B Grade. Toa participated in one of the development teams. A fantastic opportunity for these taura (students) to represent Wellington and showcase their skills.

School photos

To view the pictures there is an on-line ordering system. The school office will be advised of a password for the gallery when the proofs are ready to view in about two weeks. You will be sent information about how you can purchase photos at this time.



2025 Term Dates

Term 1	3 February - 11 April	10 weeks
Term 2	28 April - 27 June	9 weeks
Term 3	14 July - 19 September	10 weeks
Term 4	6 October - 17 December	11 weeks

Holidays

- Thursday 6 February: Waitangi Day
- Friday 28 March: Teacher Only Day (Curriculum Day)
- Friday 16 May: Teacher Only Day (Curriculum Day)
- Monday 2 June: King's Birthday
- Friday 20 June: Matariki
- Wednesday 30 July: Teacher Only Day
- Monday 27 October: Labour Day



Lost scooter

One of our students lost their much loved scooter and I'm really hoping that someone may have mistakingly taken it home thinking it was theirs or even found it.



Kyran is offering a delicious reward to anyone who finds it!

School Life...



Specialist cricket sessions



We are grateful to Wellington Cricket for leading cricket sessions with all of our junior classes. Having lessons with experienced players and coaches ignites real excitement among the children, sparking their interest and giving them a chance to try a sport they may not yet be familiar with.



Kahurangi Whānau



Disco 2024

8th November 5:30 - 7:30pm

LET'S MAKE THIS DISCO AMAZING!

Our annual disco is taking place next week!

We are seeking volunteers to help with:

- Setting up the night before on Thursday
- Helping serve food at the disco
- Baking food we can sell on the night

Special events are only possible with the donation of time from our Kahurangi whānau & friends!

Please contact Preston for more info about getting involved.
kahurangifriends@gmail.com

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

This is a parent led event rather than a school led one which means children are the responsibility of their own parents at this event. Parents are requested to stay on school grounds for the disco.

School Athletics Day – A Winning Success!



Participating in our School Athletics Day offers so much more than just a chance to compete. It's an opportunity for our tamariki to build confidence, resilience, and a sense of accomplishment as they take on challenges, cheer on friends, and strive to do their best. Learning to both win and lose in a safe, supportive environment is important too. They gain skills in handling victory with humility and managing disappointment gracefully – important life lessons that strengthen their hauora (wellbeing). Athletics Day also fosters a stronger Kahurangi community, with whānau joining us to help out and celebrate each child's effort. It's truly a day of fun, growth, and togetherness for everyone involved.



Events like our Athletics Day run smoothly thanks to thorough organisation and support. A big thank you to our organising team – EmmaT, Nick, Maddie, Anika, Anna, Natalie, EmmaB and Sarah along with the remaining staff for leading the events. Special thanks to our wonderful whānau helpers who generously gave up the chance to see their own tamariki compete in every event to lend a hand. Your support is truly appreciated, and we don't take it for granted – ngā mihi!



Athletics Results

LONG JUMP			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 3	Innis	Liam	Lachy
	Nell	Ava	Ruby
Year 4	Lyon	Māia	Lennox
	Kora	Faye	Zahra
Year 5	Mohit	Rusty	Neyon
	Anya	Grace	Magnolia
Year 6	Ollie	Finn	Mataio
	Maya	Bear	Sophia
Year 7	Rāwiri	Maxwell	Tun Soe
	Sophia H	Rayan	Johanna
Year 8	Leif	Cyrus	Ini
	Sacha	Saffron	Sasha

HIGH JUMP			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 4	Lyon	Tyla	Māia
	Aria	Kora	Ashden
Year 5	Mohit	Miles	Rusty
	Grace	Magnolia	Anya
Year 6	Finn	Hirini	Jack
	Bear	Sophia	Maya
Year 7	Rāwiri	Caleb	Maxwell
	Nialisa	Sophia	Teuila
Year 8	Cyrus	Manhar	Roman
	Sacha	Hazel	Saffron

QUOITS/DISCUS			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 3	Charlie	Zeke	Elijah
	Ava	Amina	Phoebe
Year 4	Lyon	Caleb	Henry
	Zahra	Māia	Sia
Year 5	Ollie P	Larson	Connor
	Emily	Magnolia	Sophie
Year 6	Mataio	Jack	Hirini
	Fatai	Laite	Pounamu
Year 7	Rāwiri	Caleb	Maxwell
	Johanna	Teuila	Rayan
Year 8	Cyrus	Clyde	Pavel
	Jade	Saffron	Pauna

VORTEX			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 3	Charlie	Zeke	Ne'emias
	Zara	Merita	Jana
Year 4	Lyon	Mohulamu	Jacob
	Ashden	Zahra	Faye
Year 5	Ollie P	Neyon	Aiden
	Anya	Hayley	Marsha
Year 6	Jack	Mataio	Jakey
	Pounamu	Lili	Laite
Year 7	Rāwiri	Maxwell	Haroun
	Sophia	Jaslyn	Teuila
Year 8	Cyrus	Pavel	Khorus
	Izzy	Oriana	Sasha

SHOT PUT			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 3	Khyro	Winter	Ne'emias
	Merita	Zara	Heaven
Year 4	Lachlan	Basil	Māia
	Ashden	Māia	Delilah
Year 5	Moe	Elliot	Juan
	Marsha	Ariana	Anya
Year 6	Mataio	SeQuini	Ollie J
	Pounamu	Lili	Larmora
Year 7	Maxwell	Caleb	Rāwiri
	Sophia	Teuila	Telesia
Year 8	Cyrus	Clyde	Ini
	Pauna	Sasha	Saffron

SPRINTS			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 3	Innis	Zeke	Charlie
	Penina	Ruby	Nell
Year 4	Lyon	Caleb	Lachlan
	Kora	Māia	Sia
Year 5	Rusty	Ollie	Aiden
	Anya	Jennifer	Magnolia
Year 6	Hirini	Ollie	Nelson
	Maya	Sophia	Lili
Year 7	Rāwiri	Tun Soe	Maxwell
	Sophia	Nialisa	Teuila
Year 8	Cyrus	Leif	Ini
	Saffron	Jade	Sasha

What's coming up

Tuesday 5 November

Kahurangi Board Meeting

7pm

Friday 8 November

School Assembly

Friday 15 November

**Wellington High School
visiting our Year 8s**

Tuesday 19 November

Inter Zone Athletics

For Y4-8 children who
placed at the Eastern Zone
Athletics Competition

Friday 26 November

Regional Athletics

For Y4-8 children who
placed at the Inter Zone
Athletics Competition

Tuesday 3 December

Kahurangi Board Meeting

7pm

Wednesday 4 December

**Year 8 Leaver's Dinner
Celebration**

An evening event for our
Y8s and their whānau.
Information about this is
being sent home next week.

Thursday 12 December

Final Assembly

6:30-8pm

Friday 13 December

**Student reports are sent
home**

Tuesday 17 December

Last school day of 2024

School finishes at 12:30pm



▶ News from the Community ✖ ▶ ●

Happening today!

To celebrate the completion of eight new homes on Strathmore Avenue, we welcome the community to come and check out the new homes before whānau move in.

There will be a blessing by local iwi, followed by a viewing, kai and fun activities for our tamariki. It's a great opportunity to catch up with neighbours and the local team.

Please feel free to share this invitation with your friends, whānau and colleagues so we can get the word out to the Strathmore community.

If you have any questions please contact **0800 801 601** and ask to be transferred to **Josh Clark**, Senior Stakeholder Manager.



When:

Friday 1 November



Time:

3.30pm – 5.30pm

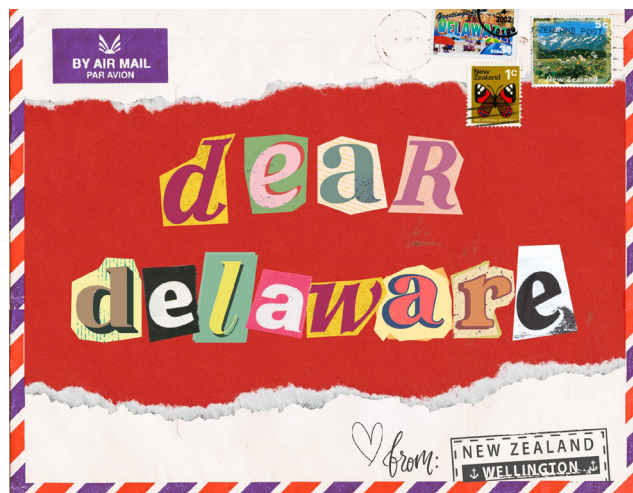


Where:

18 Strathmore Avenue,
Strathmore Park

**Nau mai, haere mai.
We look forward to seeing you there.**

**Building brighter futures
for Wellington**



Sign up to our pen pal programme

Write, share and connect with a similar participant 14,000 kms away in Delaware, USA! We'll take care of the international postage. Open to all ages. Register at the library (online registrations are available for ages 15+).



I recommend entering this as every year some of our children are selected. Maybe this creates an opportunity for your child to be involved in a sporting club or take lessons such as diving, swimming lessons or gymnastics that usually wouldn't be possible?
Regards, Kyran

Ray White

Lance Williams
Real Estate Team

LANCE WILLIAMS' \$250 PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

And so it continues...

Lance Williams, your local Real Estate Agent will be celebrating the season of giving by continuing his initiative of gifting a \$250 sports scholarship for every house he has sold during 2024.

This year...

Lance and his team have sold **15** houses so far this year and counting. This means that at least **15** lucky kids will be gifted **\$250 each** to go towards the sport that they love.

How to apply:

Parents all you need to do is tell us how a scholarship would help your child. Send Lance an email at - L.williams@raywhite.com by **Friday 8th November at 5:00pm** - Easy!

