



## Kia ora e te whānau,

As we wrap up our first week back, I want to take a moment to acknowledge how well our tamariki (children) have settled in. Earlier this week, I shared how happy and settled they were on their first day, and I'm pleased to say that this has continued throughout the week. Kaiako (teachers) and kaimahi (staff) have all commented on the positive start, with tamariki quickly finding their rhythm, reconnecting with friends and embracing their learning.

### Focus for the First Month

The first few weeks of school are all about laying the foundation for a successful year. Our focus is on building strong relationships, reinforcing our school values and expectations, and ensuring every child feels a sense of belonging. Kaiako are working closely with tamariki to establish routines, foster positive learning behaviours and create an environment where they feel supported and engaged.

### Meet the Teacher Conversations

We invite you to book a 'Meet the Teacher' conversation—a perfect opportunity for you to have some one-on-one time with your child's kaiako.

Along with hearing how they have settled into class our kaiako would love to hear from you. These early conversations help us gain valuable insights about your child, ensuring that our kaiako can make the best use of this information to support your tamariki in their learning.

#### How to Book

- ☑ Log in to the Hero app. If you haven't downloaded it yet, see over the page for instructions on how to get started.
- ☑ Click the 'School Booking' icon on the home page
- ☑ Click 'Manage bookings'
- ☑ Choose a time slot from the available green slots
- ☑ Click 'Confirm'

If you have any difficulties or need assistance, our office staff will be happy to help.



### First Newsletter Coming Next Week

Our first full school newsletter will be sent out next Friday, but I wanted to touch base beforehand to ensure you have some key dates marked in your calendars. The Teacher Only Days were shared last year, but I want to refresh your memory—especially for our new whānau who have recently joined our kura (school). Additionally, I'd like to highlight the upcoming Meet the Teacher Conversations, so you don't miss the opportunity to connect with your child's kaiako.

### Key Dates to Remember

- ✳ Meet the Teacher Conversations - **Wednesday 19 February** - School finishes at 12:30pm
- ✳ Meet the Teacher Conversations - **Thursday 20 February** - School finishes at the normal time of 3pm
- ✳ Teacher Only Day - **Wednesday 26 February** - No school for the children
- ✳ Teacher Only Day - **Thursday 27 February** - No school for the children

We understand having two consecutive Teacher Only Days is a change for our kura (and you) and this will undoubtedly cause some extra planning, however, the upside is that we won't have one in Term 2.

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## Sunhats – A Must for Term 1

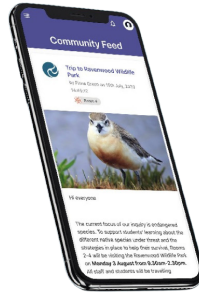
It's been lovely to see the sun shining this week, and with our New Zealand sun, we know how important it is to stay protected. A reminder that all tamariki must wear a sunhat every day during Term 1 (and Term 4), even when it doesn't feel particularly hot. Please make sure your child has a named sunhat at school each day.

## Stay Up to Date – Download the Hero App!

Keeping up with school information is easier than ever with the Hero app. If you haven't already, we encourage you to download it to stay connected.

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It's important that you log in using the email address you provided when enrolling your child—this is the same email where you receive school communications. If you haven't received any emails from us, it likely means we don't have your correct email on file. If this is the case, please contact our school office as soon as possible at office@kahurangi.school.nz or 04 388 6386 so we can update your details.

Thank you, whānau, for all your support in helping our tamariki have a fantastic first week. If we haven't had the chance to catch up with you in person yet, we look forward to doing so in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyran Smith  
Tumuaki (Principal)