



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term Two - 15 May 2024



Full Steam Ahead!

All aboard the steam train - we are off! Term 2 looks to be jam packed with learning, events, and trips so we have put the updated fridge calendar at the end of this newsletter for you!

We are training the sports camp team in Y7/8 and School/Club teams are underway for netball, hockey, basketball, football, epro8, rugby and more.

Classes are planning their trips to the Kokako Bush with our science focus this term on sustainability.

You will notice this newsletter is longer than usual as we've ended up with 5 major PTA events on this term. We didn't plan it that way, it's just the way the timing ended up working with the wider community.

For new families, and those that have been part of the community for a while, you will appreciate that Kaharoa School only has our current excellent resources and grounds because of community support. The tennis courts, school pool, volleyball, and outdoor chess are examples of projects built with community fundraising. The MOE only give us a small budget for resources, but our excellent math resources, technology resources (Epro8, mindstorm lego, beebots, makey makeys), reading books, and library are a result of fundraising and community support.

However... our PTA which leads this fundraising is currently a small group of volunteers and need our support. We have made a number of changes this past year to reduce the work of each role in the PTA to build a sustainable team.

- Our meeting chair, treasurer, and secretary roles are set up so you have a cross over period learning alongside the previous volunteers, and then have a year supporting in that role, before passing on to another parent.
- Events are organised by event leaders and our 1-2 meetings a term are shorter and focused on the finances and overview of the year, not event organisation.
- Parents are now able to lead or be a part of organising a fundraising event without 'joining the PTA'. Just let us know which event you would like to support (pta@kaharoa.school.nz).

Our PTA has usually raised between \$20k to \$25k each year which is a significant amount of support for our students and if we don't get support from our school families, is at risk of puttering out.

PTA FIREWOOD FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY 09 JUNE 2024

WE NEED YOU!

- Can you...
- Ring up logs?
- Lend a Splitter?
- Fill a trailer?
- Feed our helpers?
- Bring the good vibes?



This has been a wonderful fundraiser for our group in the past, and therefore benefiting our kids. The funds raised from this season's firewood are going towards Maths Equipment / Maths Text Books, and The Trampoline Project!

This event will focus on ringing and splitting as the wood is green and will only be ready for winter 2025. Sales will occur in November.

We are looking for a few experts to do some pre-ringing of large logs (up to 1.2m diameter) at their convenience, before the event date.

If you are keen to help, please email samp@kaharoa.school.nz

If each family pitches in to support one PTA event over the year, we can continue to raise much needed funds!

Please take a minute to read through the PTA information on the following pages and consider how you can get involved. To the left is our upcoming firewood working bee.

Notices:

Pink Shirt Day THIS FRIDAY!

17 May is Pink Shirt Day - doing our part to eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion. Your children are invited to wear a pink top (or other brightly coloured top) and bring a gold coin to donate to the cause!

Team Totara Kokako Bush Walk

Our unit this term is: "Ko au te taiao, ko te taiao ko au: I am nature, and nature is me" (Taiao for short). As part of this learning, Team Tōtara will visit the Kōkako bush. A group of students will be helping to maintain our "adopt a track", while the other students will be looking at the ecology of our plant life. We will require parent helpers. If you are available, please let your child's teacher know.

Change to Y7&8 Sports Programme on Thursdays

In the case of wet weather, students not attending sports camp this year will come back to school at lunchtime rather than staying in town for the afternoon sports programme.

An email about this will be sent out to our Y7&8 families shortly.

Sports Camp Referee // Student Role Model

We are looking for a high school age student who is able to attend Sports Camp with our year 7-8 students on 1st -5th July this year. This student would help to referee sports on the camp and act as a role model for our students attending. The camp is free, including food and accommodation. Please let Matua Ryan know if you're interested.

Yummy School Sticker Promotion 2024

The Yummy School Sticker Promotion has begun for 2024!

This is a great chance for our school to get new sports gear, just by eating Yummy apples and collecting stickers and bag cut-outs. Collection sheets are available on our website, just print them out, attach your stickers/cut out labels and return them to the office! [Yummy Sticker Promo](#)

Vacancies on the Kaharoa School Board

The Kaharoa School Board are looking for one or two people to join our awesome team. Due to a couple of board members moving away from Kaharoa over the past year, we have up to two seats at the board table we would like to fill. You would join the team for about a year, until the next board elections take place. To find out more information about the role of a board member or to register your interest please email presiding member Sarah Paterson sarahpa@kaharoa.school.nz

What's on?

17 May

Pink Shirt Day

20-27 May

Scrap Metal Collection

24 May

**Whole School Stepping Up Assembly, 9am
-and-
Team Totara Kokako Bush Walk, 10:45am**

Friday, 31 May

Teacher Only Day - no school today

Monday, 3 June

King's Birthday - no school today

7 June

House Sports Day

9 June

PTA Firewood Working Bee/Fundraiser

12 June

**Kaharoa School & Rural Inter-school
Cross Country (postponement 14 June)**

Recent Whole School Emails

- **Policy and Procedure Review Term** (sent 13 May)
- **Kaharoa Snapshot** (sent 8 May)
- **Medals for Cross Country - Looking for Sponsors** (sent 8 May)
- **Consultation - Health & School Discipline** (sent 29 Apr). *Community feedback requested by 28 May.*

Welcome to our New Sponsor!



Thank you and welcome to Melissa of Milly's Gardening, our newest sponsor. Milly's Gardening specialises in creating unique and cohesive garden landscape designs. They offer **garden maintenance** - involves one-off clear and clean-ups and/or regular garden work to keep your space tidy and enjoyable for you to relax in; and **Computer Aided Design** - Milly excels in the use of Sketch Up and Layout software. Transform your plans into a professional plan to produce to your client, giving you that professional advantage! See the [Milly's Gardening](#) page on our website for contact information.

Community Notices:

Keep an eye on our website for notices or opportunities being offered in our community. These will be shared on the main homepage of our website and/or the "Community News" page. Most recent additions include:

- Free 'Building Connected Whanau' seminar for parents, with Jase Williams
- Ray White Charity Garage Sale for Kaharoa School - 16 June 2024
- Scrap Metal Collection at Kaharoa School 20-27 May 2024
- Community Oral Health Service - March Update
- Maths Buddy - Online Free Trial

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If you're interested in becoming a sponsor and advertising your business here, please contact

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SPACE TO PLAY

We have a large outdoor area that invites ngā tamariki to explore.

Nau mai, haere mai. Call in and see us today!

HOURS AND FEES

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KAHAROA SCHOOL



Scrap Metal Collection

May 20th to
May 27th

Kaharoa
School
Carpark



Drop off to Kaharoa School
May 20-27th. **What is
accepted?**

Aluminum, brass, cans, car batteries,
cast iron, copper, electrical cable,
electric motors, lead, steel, stainless
steel, cars, washing machines, ovens,
fridges, freezers - metal

DO NOT DROP OFF. NOT WANTED:

Tyres, lithium-ion batteries, plastic,
wood, household waste, glass
-Registration forms will be sent home
with Kaharoa School students later in
May. You will then also be able to
download a copy from our school
website.

-There will be prizes for each category
as well as plenty of spot prizes.

-Hunting will start at 7am Friday 21st
June and will finish at 9am Sunday 23rd.
Weigh in will start 10am 23rd June at
Kaharoa School.



Garage Sale

Sun 16th June

Ngongotaha
Railway Park



-Donations will be accepted from
Monday 27th May – Friday 14 June.

-Bits and pieces can be dropped to
the Ray White branch office in
Rotorua or Ngongotaha.

-To drop off a big load, or to
arrange collection please phone
Ray White on 07 3488333

**Garage Sale Event is Sunday 16th of
June at Ngongotaha Railway Park**

PTA AGM Monday 24th June 6:30pm @ Kaharoa School

The PTA is looking for parents who are able to help with:

- Supporting a fundraising event. OR leading an existing or new fundraising event. Email pta@kaharoa.school.nz and let us know.
- Paying invoices and reconciling the accounts 1-2 times per term (treasurer, deputy treasurer).
- Chairing PTA meetings 1-2 times per term (chairperson, deputy chairperson)
- Taking notes at PTA meetings 1-2 times per term (secretary, deputy secretary).

These roles will have significant support until the end of 2024 when our current secretary, and treasurer hand things over.

We anticipate involvement in the PTA for two years. e.g. Deputy secretary for 2024, then secretary for 2025, and then handing on to another member the following year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

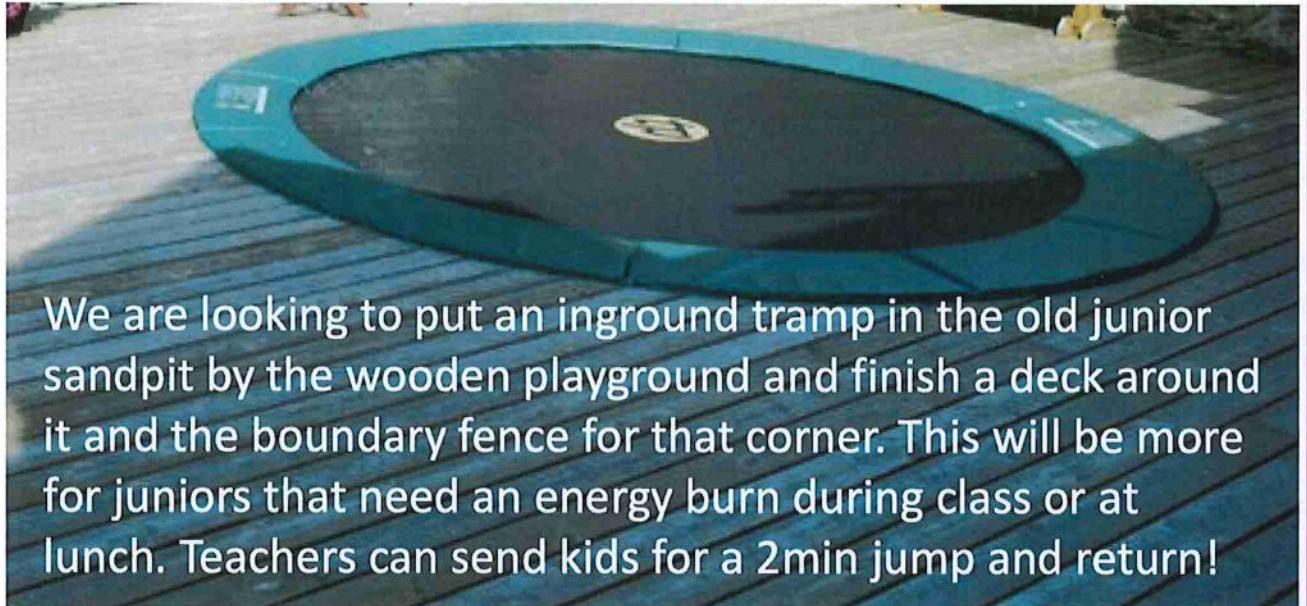


GET INVOLVED!

PTA Tramp Project



Get excited students and whānau... the PTA are looking to invest in a Trampoline Project for 2024. We are in the fundraising stage at the moment... putting 10% of all funds raised aside for this major project along with our support to the school for 2024.



We are looking to put an in-ground tramp in the old junior sandpit by the wooden playground and finish a deck around it and the boundary fence for that corner. This will be more for juniors that need an energy burn during class or at lunch. Teachers can send kids for a 2min jump and return!



Secondly, we are looking at a springless trampoline to go above ground in the play hub grass area. This area has a security camera pointed at it already and has lots of eyes on it. This tramp would be suitable for 2-3 seniors at a time, or 3-4 juniors - or 1 at a time for big bounces. The school will develop rules for minimising risk.

Thank you for supporting the PTA fundraising. A summary of 2024 events is included on the next page.

Email pta@kaharoa.school.nz to get involved.

In 2024 the PTA are holding fundraising events for the following:

- Learning Assistant time to support students in classes
- Classroom equipment and supplies
- Equipment for grounds, arts, music clubs, sport gear, science materials
- Maths Equipment and Textbooks

10% from all fundraisers is intended to go towards the PTA Trampoline Project!

2024 Event Planning

Event Name	Event Leader	Proposed Date	Target \$\$	Purpose
TUM	Michelle Marino	COMPLETED	\$1870s	School shirt subsidy Year 8 leavers dinner
Term 1 Disco	Emma Runciman	COMPLETED	\$800	Maths Equipment and Textbooks
Firewood	Kathy Snodgrass	COMPLETED	\$3500	
Term 2 Scrap Metal	Sam Paterson	May 20-27th	\$3500	Learning Assistants and Classroom Equipment
Firewood	Sam Paterson	9th June	\$4000	
Ray White Garage Sale and BBQ	Jacqui English	16th June	\$2000	
Term 2 Kaharoa Cull	Karen Barradell Michaela Paterson	23rd June	\$4000	
Term 3 Games Night	TBC		\$1000	Epro8 electronics kit
Online Auction	Kylie Bronland		\$1000	
Term 4 Disco	Ruth Hobart		\$800	
Letterbox Dress up	Alicia Tissink		\$120	Ice Blocks for sports events

Students and teachers continue to run school BBQ's, bake sales, and the tuck-shop. These fundraisers usually go towards school trips and the Year 8 legacy project.

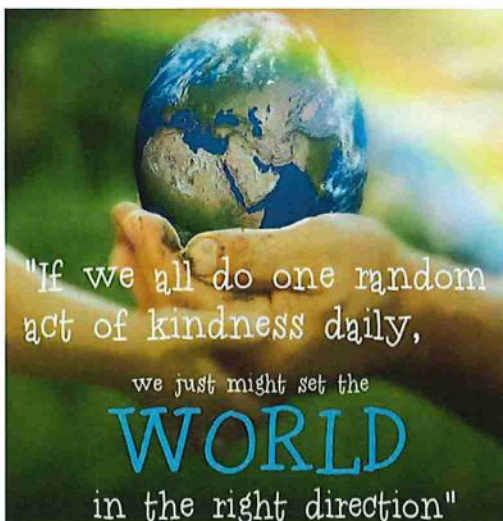
Please look out for information on how you can support these fundraising events to enable the School to continue to have quality equipment and grounds for our children.



Kaharoa School Events Fridge Poster

Term 2 2024

17 May	Pink Shirt Day - Students are encouraged to wear a pink or brightly coloured t-shirt and bring a gold coin to support the Mental Health Foundation NZ.
20-27 May	PTA Scrap Metal Collection
24 May	Whole School Stepping Up Assembly 9am - parents and caregivers are welcome.
31 May	Teacher Only Day - no school today. The MOE has scheduled two days this year for teachers to meet and work through planning to implement the new curriculum. The second day is in October.
3 June	King's Birthday Holiday - no school today.
7 June	House Sports Day - all students are encouraged to dress in their house colours for a fun block of sports games run by the House Captains.
9 June	Firewood Working Bee from 8:30am @ 247 Kaharoa Road. Chainsawing, splitting wood, stacking wood.
12 June	Kaharoa School and Rural-interschool Cross Country - postponement date is 14 June.
16 June	PTA & Ray White Charity Garage Sale
17 June	Kaharoa School Board Meeting, 5:30pm in Staffroom - parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.
21 June	Whole School Stepping Up Assembly 9am - parents and caregivers are welcome.
23 June	PTA Kaharoa Cull
25 June	BOP Cross Country Championships at Waipuna, Tauranga
28 June	Matariki Holiday - no school today.
1-5 July	Year 7/8 Sports Camp - other Y7-8 students normal school week.
3 July	Mid-year Reports
5 July	Red Nose Day - Students are invited to wear a red nose (feel free to make your own or use face paint) and bring a gold coin to donate to Cure Kids. -and- Last day of Term 2



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