



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term Four - 25 October 2023



Fourth Quarter - finishing well

The real test for an athlete is the final quarter of the game. We have shared with our seniors, especially our year 8's, that this is their chance for one final stepping up. This is their time to shine, and to leave a legacy! In the fourth quarter muscles are aching, fatigue is setting in but there are still goals to strive for, and a team that needs every member to work to be their Best Always!!!

The Kaharoa team, both staff and students, are striving to be their best in the fourth quarter. Students are setting goals and focusing their efforts. Seniors are looking at their reputation and legacy and opportunities to invest in tuakana teina in our end of year events and activities. Seniors eagerly await one last chance to beat the teachers in staff vs student sport competition.

One project I am excited about is the painting of our four house birds on the basketball court. Our prefects have led this project, consulting with their peers, and a local artist to sketch a design able to be painted. We will soon see a hive of activity as students measure out the grid in chalk, ready to have the large sized birds scaled up and painted in house colours.

2024 School Structure Information

We are considering our 2024 class organisation and strive to be transparent and approachable. We understand that changing classrooms, like any change, is unsettling. Having reviewed the number of students likely to be at Kaharoa School in each year group for 2024, and our staff funding entitlement from the Ministry of Education, please find below our draft 2024 class structure. Note: If the number of students or enrolments in each age group has a substantial change between now and the start of next year, this plan would be adjusted to manage class sizes. You will receive a further letter about this in the coming weeks with more detail for your child.

2024 School Staffing Structure

Principal: Mr Lynden Cook; **Deputy Principals:** Matua Ryan (Porteous) and Mrs Tania Yorke

Primary Team - Ngā Ākonga Leader of Learning - Tania Yorke

Kauri- NewEntrant & Year1
Mrs Nicky King Room 1

Kōwhai - Year 1 & Year 2
Mrs Leanne Hale Room 2

Matai - Year 3 & Year 4
Whaea Lisa (Fell) Room 3

Rimu - Year 4 & 5
Mrs Tania Yorke Room 4

*Note: 2024 Year 4's with birthdates between 1/1/16 and 31/3/16 will be in Matai.
Year 4's with birthdates 2015 will be in Rimu.*

Senior Team - Team Tōtara Leader of Learning - Matua Ryan (Porteous)

Tōtara Rangiuira
Year 6 & 7
Mrs Maria Shoebridge
Room 6

Tōtara Whakairo
Year 7 & 8
Miss Shinade Picard
Room 8

Tōtara Rākau
Year 7 & 8
Matua Ryan (Porteous) and
Whaea Denise (Coker)
Room 7

Notices:

Congratulations to Kobe-Leigh and Kiara

Kobe-Leigh and Kiara are part of a Quadrille team from Ngongotaha and Mokoia branches of Rotorua Districts Pony Club. They were recently awarded 1st place in the U14 Rotorua District Quadrille competition and will now represent the Rotorua District Pony Clubs at the Bay of Plenty Pony Club Dressage Champs in Taupo on 19 November.

Quadrille is a freestyle musical pattern which develops rider's teamwork and riding accuracy, and most of all it's great fun! These riders helped make up the routine themselves.

A huge congratulations and all the very best to the team!



Kaharoa Shoot Out

One hour of dribbling, shooting and scoring helped our players fulfil various challenges set by their sponsors. A huge thank you goes to all families, friends and other supporters who helped our players raise the amazing amount of \$1,646. The funds will go towards new basketballs and uniforms. Special thanks go to the wonderful Julea Dalley, one of our basketball coaches, who had the idea and got the fundraiser underway.



Well done Kelsey!

In the school holidays, Kelsey's cheerleading team, the Bay Twisters, competed in the Cheer Factor competition in Hamilton for two days. They achieved second place overall for their routine titled 'Ice'. Congratulations Kelsey and team!

What's on?

26 October

Year 5/6 Sports Exchange

Our Year 5 and 6 students will join with Ngongotaha Primary School students for an afternoon of team sports.

27 October

Stepping Up Assembly, 9am

Parents and caregivers are welcome.

30 October

Board Meeting, 5:30pm

Parents and caregivers are welcome.

1 November

Hearing and Vision Testing

Public Health Nurses will attend Kaharoa to do hearing and vision testing for Year 7's.

3 November

Wheels Day

Students can bring their bike, scooter or skates/skateboard. Helmets and appropriate shoes required.

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Gumboot Friday

Bring a gold coin donation to raise money for delivering immediate, free counselling to young Kiwis in need.

8 November

Athletics Day

Qualifiers will have the option of competing at the CBOP Competition on 29 November.

13 November

Teacher Only Day - No School Today

14 November

Fluoride application

For students with parental permission.

15 November

Sports Team Photos

18 November

Hamurana Flyer

Recent Whole School Emails

- Kaharoa Snapshot (sent 18 Oct)

Hell Pizza Reading Challenge

The deadline for redeeming completed 2023 pizza wheels is 31 January 2024, so there's still time for students to complete their wheels and claim their pizza rewards for reading! Get completed wheels signed off by teachers or Mrs Noel.

Firewood for Sale

Get ready for next winter - click the link below to put in your firewood order! The PTA is selling gum. Pre-sale only, available for pick up 5 November. This will be a drive-through service, byo trailer. First in, first served! \$140/cubic metre.

[Firewood Order Form](#)

Homestay Families Wanted - Kaitao Intermediate

Kaitao Intermediate are looking for English speaking families willing to host an intermediate aged international student (predominantly Chinese). See the attached advert for more information.

Community Notices:

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

- [Junior Tennis at Rotorua Tennis Club](#)
- [Kaharoa Tennis Club](#)
- [CALMing Box - A mindfulness course for kids and their grownups!](#)
- [Futsal for Girls](#)
- [Free Cricket for Yr 7/8 Juniors with Geyser City Cricket](#)
- [Athletics Season is Starting!](#)
- [After School Painting, Drawing and Mosaic Classes](#)
- [Learn to play Badminton!](#)

Athletics Season is Starting!

Want to learn new skills, get outdoors, and have fun? The skills you learn in athletics are the perfect foundation for almost any sport. Every student can give athletics a go. Our local athletics club, [Lake City Athletic Club](#), is welcoming new members now. There's a place for everyone on the track or in the field, no matter your age or ability.

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