



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term One - 28 March 2024



Our current focus is Stewardship / Kaitiakitanga

A kaitiaki is a guardian, and the process and practices of protecting and looking after the environment. This is an important aspect of our school which we have chosen to put in the spotlight for 2024. We have high expectations for how our students, staff, and community access and care for our resources which need to last and will be used by many students over time. We are proud of our **unique space and hard earned resources**. When we look after things they last longer, we have better tools, and we can enjoy what we have. We can't get the new stuff we hope for if we have to replace stuff we already have before the end of its expected life.

The teachers decided to start our refocus on this with a competition and so classes have been earning points for how tidy their areas are. My personal highlight was the shoes in rainbow colour order, the students that measured out the spacing of their art work display, and the sports gear all lined up in rows with logos facing outwards. We don't expect these to continue long term, but it has been a bit of fun with the competition and has raised to their attention ways we can keep our school looking fantastic.

This fortnight we are focused on: looking after our furniture, cushions, desks. Picking up our belongings - lost property is EVERYWHERE! Shoes, sweatshirts, hats, togs, goggles... Looking after our environment. Care for our trees, gardens, and picking up our rubbish - putting rubbish in the right bin.

Attendance

Another goal we are working on is student attendance. **Every day at school matters**. Learning is built in lots of little pieces over time. The MOE is setting targets for attendance and our teachers will be looking into who and why some students are regularly missing school as part of our local and MOE approach to improving attendance at school. Our approach will respect individual circumstances, such as genuine medical absences from school, while promoting the national message of every day matters. If your child's attendance is of concern we will be in touch with you leading into or at parent teacher interviews next term to find out how to support each child.

'Turning Up The Heat' on Learning

The third goal we are looking at this term is **enhancing our learning programmes** to balance opportunities for students, with quality and quantity of learning in the classroom. The MOE has introduced the 10 hours per week reading/writing and 5 hours per week maths. While these curriculum areas have always been a priority, we continue to strengthen these programmes. Teachers have conducted initial assessment and learning plans are in place for all students. We will share initial curriculum levels and feedback around student effort and approach to their learning in short summary reports at the end of this term. This will be followed up by parent teacher interviews early in Term 2. Please get in touch with your child's teacher as soon as you have any concerns or questions as we seek to continually improve and adjust our approaches in response to needs and feedback.

Kaharoa Fun Run - 11 April 2024

When: Thursday 11th April (1:30pm - 2:30pm)
Where: Kaharoa School Field
Distance: 400m per lap
Target Fundraising: \$15 per student
Sponsorship Money Due: Thursday 2nd of May

We are fundraising via a "Kaharoa Fun Run" to be able to take the whole school to the Rotorua Mini-Marathon. If each child fundraises \$15 this will cover the costs of the Rotorua Mini-Marathon (event entry, buses for transport and a small treat like an ice-block). If your child fundraises more than \$15 - the additional funds will go towards the purchase of sports gear.

Sponsorship forms were sent home Wednesday 27 March and further copies are available from the school office.



Notices:

Electives: Year 4 - 8

We are inviting our parents, caregivers, and community members who have a passion in one of the following curriculum areas; Science, Drama, Dance, Music, Visual Art, Technology, or anything else you feel may be connected to our learning, to come and run a workshop every Tuesday afternoon 1.15-2.50pm with a small group of children. This will run from week 4 through to week 8, starting Tuesday 21st May.

So, if you have a talent or skill that you would like to share with our children we would love to hear from you. Please email Tania Yorke at tania@kaharoa.school.nz with your ideas by Thursday, 4 April.

PTA Disco!

The PTA are planning towards a disco on the last day of school - Thursday 11th of April. They are seeking helpers to make this a fun event and raise money for maths equipment and text books. Please contact emmapta@kaharoa.school.nz or the generic pta email pta@kaharoa.school.nz if you are able to help that evening or preparing for the event.

Dental Services

We have attached a list of the schools where dental teams are currently located. If you would like to make an appointment, please call 0800 525 378. Clinics are open Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm. They will also be open during the school holidays - usually at either Rotorua Intermediate or Selwyn School dental clinics. If you have high school students (under 18 years old), information about booking dental appointments for them can be found on our website - [Community Oral Health Service](#).

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](#)

Kaharoa Community Association Friday Night Catch-ups are back on!

Come along on Friday 5th April 2024 from 5.30pm to check out our refurbished hall and to enjoy a catch up with all the neighbours. Hear how everyone's summer has gone. BYO drink, we will supply some light refreshments to nibble on and toys and activities are available for any children.

PTA \$100 per family donation request

Kaharoa School has opted into the MOE donation scheme which will be a significant saving to our families. The School will only ask for donations in 2024 for overnight camps.

In the past, school donations were used to top up the costs for running the pool for students to do swimming with their classes. To make up some of the shortfall, the PTA are aiming to raise additional money towards to costs of running the pool and are asking families to consider a \$100 per family donation to the PTA.

**Please see detailed information send via email for further information.
Donations can be made to the PTA bank account 12-3155-0189139-00**

What's on?

29 March - 2 April

Easter Weekend Holiday

School will start back on Wednesday, 3 April

3 April

Onesie Wednesday: Autism Awareness Day

Wear your onesie, oodie or dressing gown and bring a gold coin to support Autism NZ

- and -

CBOP Swimming Sports

5 April

Stepping Up Assembly and Senior Dance Celebration of Learning

9 April

Initial Reports sent home

- and -

PTA Meeting

Thursday, 11 April Last Day of Term 1

Fun Run

- and -

PTA Disco

12 April

Teacher Only Day

Recent Whole School Emails

- **Registrations are now open for winter team sports** (sent 21 Mar)
- **Kaharoa Snapshot** (sent 20 Mar)
- **Mini Marathon - 3 May 2024** (sent 20 Mar)



KAHAROA SCHOOL PTA TERM 2 FUNDRAISERS:

LOOKING TO TIDY UP AND DE-CLUTTER YOUR HOME?

Help Macaulay Metals build a mountain of scrap
for Kaharoa School

Drop off your scrap metal during the week
20-27 May 2024

@ the Kaharoa School car park

(Follow the signs and cordons and see below for what will be accepted)



MACAULAY
METALS

All proceeds going to KAHAROA SCHOOL

What is accepted?

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

What is not wanted?

Tyres, lithium ion batteries, plastic, wood, household waste, glass



**TURN YOUR UNWANTED GOODS
INTO \$\$ FOR KAHAROA SCHOOL**

DONATE TO OUR:

**RAY WHITE CHARITY GARAGE SALE
SUNDAY 16 JUNE 8AM -12 PM
NGONGOTAHA RAILWAY PARK**

Donations will be accepted from Monday 27 May – Friday 14 June.
Contact Ray White 07 348 8333 to drop off or arrange collection.

All proceeds will go toward Kaharoa School for funding of
classroom equipment and learning assistants.

Email pta@kaharoa.school.nz for any enquiries.



RayWhite



Community Notices:

Volunteers Needed - House of Science

The House of Science (HoS) develops relevant, comprehensive resource kits with all the materials needed to carry out engaging science lessons. The bilingual kits are delivered to schools using a subscription based library system. Kaharoa have enjoyed using their kits for the past 7 years. The HoS are looking for volunteers now and are keen to hear from anyone interested in supporting the awesome work they do. Please contact Karyn Hickmott, 027 337 2222 or email her at Karyn.hickmott@houseofscience.nz

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

- Waipa i-SITE's Easter Egg Hunt
- Community Oral Health Service - March update
- Scrap Metal Collection at Kaharoa School 20-27 May
- MathsBuddy are offering a free trial of their online maths tutoring programme
- Madagascar the Musical - coming to the Sir Howard Morrison Centre in the upcoming holiday
- Cats - Young Actors Edition by Lakes Performing Arts Centre
- Hoopstars Basketball Holiday Programme



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