



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term Three - 3 August 2023

## Kaharoa School Board Update

Kia Ora Koutou,

WOW, we are now over halfway through the year, and what a busy year it has been! In my household this term we will be busy raising baby animals for Ag Day. Though it can be a lot of work, it comes with a lot of learning opportunities that I am grateful my children are exposed to. There are lots of ways your child can get involved in the Ag Day experience too.

It has certainly been a busy year for the Kaharoa School Board. The Board has had a few changes within our team in recent months that I would like to acknowledge. Firstly the departure of Daniel Gartshore, who left earlier this year due to a move out of the region. Daniel brought with him a valuable set of skills and we warmly thank him for his time on the Board. With that, we are very excited to welcome Julie Southall to the team. Julie brings with her a tremendous amount of knowledge and skill that will add immeasurably to our processes and decision making. As well as that Julie has a beautiful heart and our tamariki and Kaharoa whānau will really benefit from her role on the Board.

Speaking of processes, the Board is currently in the process of changing the way we manage our policy portfolios. Until now we have managed them independently, regularly auditing and updating as well as creating new policies as needed. We are currently in the process of moving the management of our policies to an online system called SchoolDocs. For the Board this will create a more streamlined and practical way of managing the vast amount of policies we are responsible for. For our Kaharoa Community it will create an easy pathway to accessing policy that may impact you and your tamariki.

Later in the year the Board will embark on another round of strategic planning. As part of this process we will be sending out questionnaires to our school community, your voice is important in ensuring that we are creating a school vision and goals that reflect those of our community. Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire when it comes out later this year.

*Nga mihi nui, Sarah Paterson. Presiding Member - Kaharoa School Board*



## Spotlight On Vaping

Schools across our region are encouraging families to talk to their children about vaping. These products are easily accessible and young people need to know the key facts and risks.

- Explain that vaping is potentially less harmful than smoking, but only for smokers who want to quit.
- Vaping is not for non-smokers, especially children and young people.
- Explain that some vapes contain nicotine and that nicotine is a highly addictive substance which is very hard to stop once you've started.
- Vaping can also have an adverse effect on their physical activity and sports, and their overall health and wellness. Sourced from: <https://vapingfacts.health.nz/vapefree-schools/supporting-parents.html>

At Kaharoa School, like other schools in our area - finding a student vaping at school is cause for concern and likely to be responded to as a health issue initially with a strong warning. Repeated vaping at school is a harmful and dangerous example and may invoke more serious disciplinary action likely to be a stand down which is reported to the Board and MOE and may lead to suspension.

**Note: trading, sharing with others, or selling vapes to students puts others at immediate risk and will invoke immediate serious disciplinary action likely to be a stand down or suspension.**

Any questions please seek support from the senior leadership team.

*Lynden Cook, Ryan Porteous, Tania Yorke*

## Notices:

### Mindplus at Kaharoa

Kaharoa School will be hosting Mindplus for a small group of neurodiverse students from across a number of local schools. The programme is for gifted students, not for curriculum extension. It is a specialised programme that develops their thinking and conceptual skills; allows them to dive into passion areas; and helps build the social and emotional skills they need to thrive.

If you think your child may be a candidate for this, please get in touch with our learning support coordinator, Astrid [astridr@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:astridr@kaharoa.school.nz) to discuss further.

### Save the Date!

**Sports Prizegiving and Volunteers Morning Tea** - Tuesday, 5 December. All coaches, managers, BBQ helpers, Friends of the PTA, PTA, and other volunteers are invited to a thank you morning tea which will be held after our Sports Prizegiving.

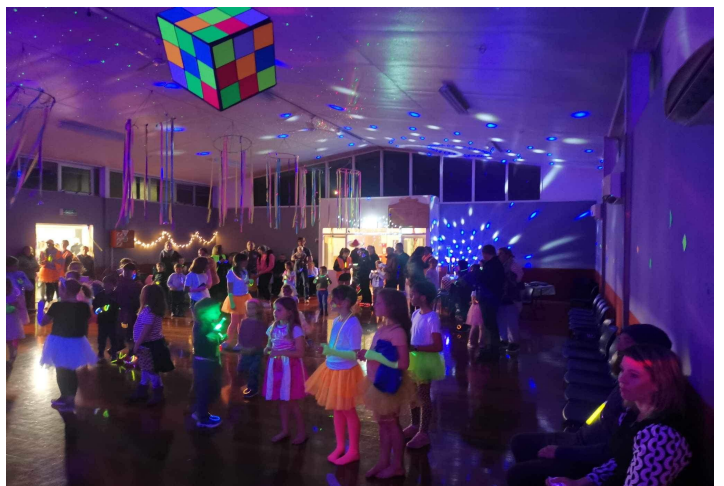
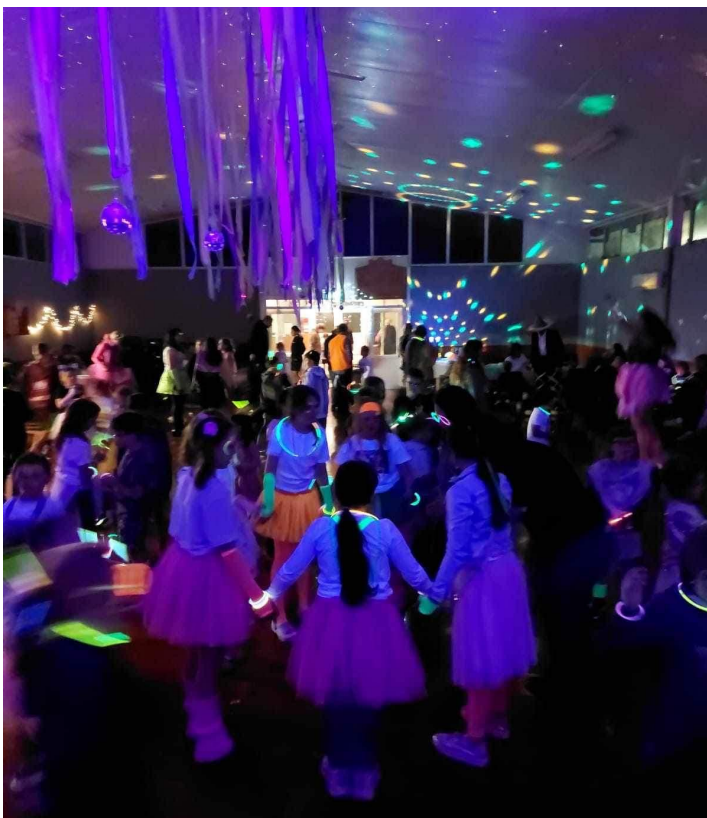
### Ag Day 2023 - Friday 13 October

We are excited to start preparations for Ag Day 2023! Now is the time to start having a conversation with your children about how they want to be involved.

We are looking for volunteers to help with extra organisation ahead of the day as well as adult helpers for the day itself with parking, assisting judges, and the food stall. Please see the email sent to all families on 30 June with more information and email [agday@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:agday@kaharoa.school.nz) if you are able to help.

### PTA Glow Disco

A big thank you from the PTA to all the children who attended the school disco last month. There were some excellent dance moves on show and some fantastic glowing costumes! An equally big thanks to all the parents and caregivers who also supported the disco by bringing their children, and allowing the purchase of the goodies on sale and helping out where needed. We hope you all enjoyed the evening as much as we did bringing it to you. See more photos of the night on the Kaharoa School Facebook page!



## What's on?

**8 August**

**Kaharoa School Open Day for Prospective Students & Whānau**

**10 August**

**Kaharoa School Enrolment Information Evening**

**15 August**

**Western Heights High School  
Orientation Visit (Year 8s)**

**21-22 August**

**Tarimano Marae Visit**

**25 August**

**Daffodil Day (Cancer Society)**

### Recent Whole School Emails

- **Board Update from our Presiding Member, Sarah Paterson** (sent 28 July)
- **Kaharoa Snapshot** (sent 25 July)



## Keen on Motorsport?

Watch the action and support Kaharoa School! The PTA has been asked by TARGA NZ if we could supply 8 adult marshalls for the car rally on Kaharoa, Penny, Te Waerenga roads section, on Wednesday 25 October. It is from 12.55-5.25pm. If we can provide 8 marshalls, the school gets \$500. Are you able to help?

Email [bridgetpta@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:bridgetpta@kaharoa.school.nz)

## High School Open Evenings for our Year 8s and their families

(other enrolment events being offered can be seen by following the link to our website):

**Western Heights High School** - 5:30pm, Tuesday 15 August

**Rotorua Boys High School** - 5:30pm, Wednesday 16 August

**Rotorua Lakes High School** - 4pm or 6pm, Thursday 24 August (RLHS also offers 'Open to View Guided Tours' by appointment on 9 August, see our website for details).

**Rotorua Girls' High School** - 5:30pm, Thursday 14 September

## KCA Invites you to their Friday Night Catch-up - 4 August

Kaharoa Community Association are continuing this great initiative - Friday night drinks and an opportunity to relax after a busy week and catch up with the neighbours. Kaharoa Hall, from 5.30pm until the last person leaves. Bring your own favourite tippie. Nibbles, tea and coffee will be provided. Toys, games and basketballs in the hall for the kids and the heaters will be on!

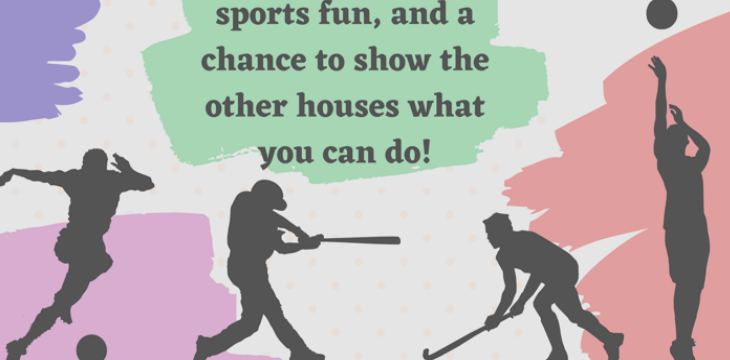
Get excited for...

# House Day!!

Soccer, baseball, hockey, and netball, all given a unique makeover to give you maximim points!

House day is on the 8th of September and is planned by the house captains, the points each house earns will be displayed on the abacus - and could mean the difference between winning or losing at the end of the year!

A day of winter sports fun, and a chance to show the other houses what you can do!



Keep an eye on our website for community opportunities being offered. These will be shared either on the main homepage or the "Community News" page.

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