



KAHAROA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - 19 February 2025



A Focus on 2025 Goals

We are often talking with our students about setting and pursuing goals. This directs our efforts towards a target and we can measure progress as we work together towards our graduate profile aspirations:

Graduate Profile Statement: *Empowering students to take ownership, make impactful decisions, and create lasting legacies. Students are literate, numerate, critical thinkers, creative, agentic learners with a growth mindset, and environmentally engaged. They are active participants in the arts, sport, fitness and hauora, technology, and science. They are resilient, reflective and adaptive problem solvers*

As a school, we also set goals to help us continue to develop and improve. As we move into 2025, Kaharoa School is committed to continuous improvement in key areas that enhance learning, wellbeing, and opportunities for all students. Below are our key focus areas for the year ahead:

1. Strengthening Student Learning

Ensuring a challenging and responsive curriculum, with a strong focus on English (literacy), Mathematics, Science & Technology, and Health by:

- Adopting the new English and mathematics curriculum and continuing to use what we have researched about the most effective ways to approach teaching and learning. Here is one example: Spaced Retrieval Practice... a log time a go we just called this 'revision' but the science of learning is proving how important it is to revisit new learning to keep it fresh and help the encoding of memories from short-term into long-term memory storage!
- Ngati Whakaue is supporting schools financially to have Maths Whizz log in for students to practice their mathematics. We are also strengthening our basic facts practice and testing to ensure these building blocks are being learned and retained.

2. Supporting Wellbeing and Inclusion

Creating a positive and inclusive school culture where all students feel they belong and are able to focus on their learning by:

- Strengthening support for neurodiverse students, advocating for further resources and ensuring resources are being used effectively.
- Implementing well-being surveys to guide improvements in student support.
- Embedding our approach to behaviour management, with a focus on positive and restorative practices.

3. Expanding Learning Opportunities

Providing a diverse range of learning experiences that connect students to the rural environment, arts, and physical activity by:

- Enhancing science and environmental education through hands-on experiences.
- Sustaining cultural and Te Reo Māori integration into everyday school life.
- Strengthening student leadership opportunities, empowering students to contribute and take on responsibilities.

4. Measure the impact of teaching on student learning

Use our student assessments to inform further teaching and learning decisions.

- Monitoring the progress of students regularly in key areas such as reading fluency, basic facts, and development of writing skills.
- Identify students who are not making anticipated progress and investigate possible causes and supports that can be implemented.
- Our goal is that 80% of students are either meeting expectations for their level or have made 4 terms or more of progress over the year. These results in 2024 were: 74% in maths, 73% in writing, and in reading, significant improvements have been made with an overall increase of 12% to 62% of students meeting expectations for their level.

Our goal is to provide an enriching, supportive, and forward-thinking learning environment for all our students. Thank you for your continued support in making Kaharoa School a great place to learn and grow!

Notices:

Swimming Sports - THIS FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

Details were sent out by email on 10 February. Parents and caregivers are invited to come and support the students and enjoy the day. Please note prizegivings will be held on the day.

Lunchonline (Pita Pit)

Lunch orders are now open via [Lunchonline](#) for Thursday lunch. You will need to set up an account and load credit before ordering. More information about how to do this was sent in our email to all families on 11 February.

Kaharoa Kokako Trust (KKT) is looking for helpers for a work morning this Saturday, 22 February

KKT are looking for helpers to assist in the removal of a bad patch of jasmine in the Kokako block. If you are keen to help this Saturday, 22 February, they are meeting at the end of Kaharoa Road. Parking is tight, so if you know someone going, please share a ride. 9am start at the road access to the block which is about 12km from the Kaharoa Road turn off from the Tauranga Direct Road. We will supply gloves, the normal hi-viz vests and a brew to sustain you. If you can help, please email Graeme at gdy@outlook.co.nz, or phone 0274527168 to assist with catering.

What's on?

21 February

Kaharoa School Swimming Sports

28 February, 9am

Whole School Assembly

Parents and Caregivers are welcome

7 March

Rural Interschool Swimming Sports

10-14 March

Team Totara Camp (Maketu)

Recent School Emails

- Kaharoa Snapshot (sent 12 Feb)
- Kaharoa School parent portal login (sent 11 Feb)
- Kaharoa School Swimming Sports - Friday, 21 February 2025 (sent 10 Feb)



Well done to Kyra for volunteering at Cubs

In Term 4 2024, Kyra helped out with Cubs by running part of the night's activities.

Kyra was helpful, going out of her way to make sure she attended every week, wore correct uniform, and was prepared to run her activity. She helped the cubs get more badges by sharing her knowledge. She has always been good with younger children and enjoyed the experience.

Well done Kyra, it is very commendable that you gave up your time to help in our community.

Madison has her first TV appearance!

Madison Southall, an ex-Kaharoa student, had her first screening on Shortland Street as patient Isla Goodwell, earlier this month. She has a feature role on the show lasting around six weeks.

Maddison is a very talented actress with a bright future ahead of her, a huge congratulations Madison and best of luck for your future acting career!



Our Celebration Wall in the office

You are very welcome to come in and have a look at our Celebration Wall in the office, to read about our students' achievements in and outside of school. Please feel free to send details of your child's celebrations to your child's teacher (with a photo!), so that we can add them to our wall.

🌟 Spotlight on our new sponsor - Thank you to [Midlands Ground Spread!](#)



Midlands Ground Spread offers exceptional ground spread services to the Central Plateau region. Riley and the highly experienced team run a modern, well-maintained fleet, and adhere to the highest standards of operation. They service farms right across the Central Plateau from Rangitaiki to Tokoroa and out to the Western Bays from depots in Rotorua, Broadlands, Taupo and Whakamaru. For all your spreading needs, please contact **Riley (021318240 riley@midlandsgroundspread.co.nz)**, who will happily come out and discuss your ground spread needs.

If you are interested in learning more about optimising nutrient applications, enhancing soil health and maximising pasture growth, keep an eye out on our website as they are offering a [seminar "Unleash the Power of Lime"](#), date TBC.

Community Notices:

See the "[Community News](#)" page on our website for opportunities being offered in our community. Most recent additions include;

- [Yoga with Jenny Lux](#) in the Kokako Centre, Monday evenings,
- [Lakes Football Club](#) - registrations are open for the upcoming football season,
- [Free Entry for Océankids events at Legend of the Lake](#) on 29 March,
- [Swimming lessons](#) now available at Mamaku School,
- [Argyle House Open Day](#) at Hamilton Boys High School's boarding hostel on 13 March,
- [Waikato Diocesan School for Girls](#) is having their Open Day on 21 March.

SCHOOL GALAS!

Westbrook School will hold their annual gala on Thursday, 27 March this year. Watch this space for details about other school galas coming up soon.

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