



# KAHAROA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - 25 March 2026



## Positive Thinking – Perspectives

There is a lot going on in the world at the moment, and it can be easy for both adults and children to become focused on the negatives.

At school, we are continuing to encourage students to:

- Look for the positives; Show gratitude; Step up and take opportunities; Focus on what they can control

When we adjust our perspective, we often notice the many great things happening around us—learning, friendships, opportunities, and growth.

Our tamariki take their cues from us. When we model optimism, gratitude, and a “can do” attitude, we help build resilience and strong character.

Let’s continue to support our young people to be positive, grateful, and ready to make the most of the opportunities in front of them.

## Digital Safety – Supporting Healthy Use

Digital technology is a powerful tool. We take a proactive approach to digital safety and citizenship across the school, including conversations about appropriate use, online behaviour, and managing time on devices.

A key part of this is what happens at home. We are seeing increasing amounts of time spent on devices, and this can have an impact on sleep, focus, and wellbeing.

We encourage whānau to:

- Have clear expectations around device use (what, when, and how long)
- Keep devices in shared family spaces where possible
- Monitor usage and apps regularly
- Ensure devices are not used overnight

These are not always easy conversations, but they are important. Working together, we can support our students to be digitally mindful, showing respect for themselves and others in online spaces, and developing habits that set them up well for the future.

## Carpark Safety

To ensure this space continues to be as safe as possible for all students and families:

- Please drive slowly through the carpark at all times
- Remind your children to walk around the play hub or wait for you at the waharoa - students are not allowed to walk through the carpark without an adult.
- Avoid parking in no-parking zones or blocking access ways.
- Be mindful that children can move unpredictably

Our students are learning to be aware, but they rely on adults to create a safe environment around them.



## Pool Party Wrap-up

Thank you to all those that were able to attend and support our PTA Pool Party. It was a lovely afternoon with over 60 children attending and enjoying the last of our pool before the cooler weather sets in!

We are pleased to report that we raised just over \$700 which will go towards costs of running our pool. **Special thanks to our PTA team and parent helpers for putting on another great event.**

## School Notices:

### Initial Progress Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Our initial progress reports are due to be sent home with your child(ren) on Wednesday, 25 March. These have some formatting changes and now include a focus on attendance alongside effort and initial learning progress in reading, writing, and mathematics.

Parent interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, 31 March and Wednesday, 1 April. **Information about how to book** and the **timetable adjustments** to facilitate the interviews was sent out by email to all families on 23 March.

### Caring for Our Native Seedlings 🌱

With the support of **Trees for Survival**, our kura has been nurturing 1,000 native seedlings that will be ready for planting later this year. Recently, Room Rākau spent an afternoon pruning and weeding the seedlings to help them continue to grow strong and healthy.

It was a great opportunity for our tamariki to learn about caring for the environment and the importance of native planting. A big ngā mihi to Whaea Julie and Rākau for all of your wonderful mahi!

Check out the photos to see our learners in action... (more on Facebook)



### No Manual for Year 7/8s - 30 April

There will be no Manual for our year 7/8 students on 30 April, students will instead be at school as usual to facilitate show practices.

### Winter Sports Registrations

Registrations are now open for our upcoming basketball, hockey, and netball competitions for terms two and three! On Tuesday, all families received an email with links to the registration forms. To help us confirm teams before the Easter break, we kindly ask interested students to submit their details by **Friday, 27 March 2026, 10am**.

We are always grateful for parents who step forward to coach or manage a team. Your support plays a vital role in our sports programme—and it's a wonderful way to create lasting memories with your children.

If you did not receive the registration email, please contact the school office and we'll be happy to resend it.

## What's on?

**25 March**

**Initial Progress Reports due home**

**27 March**

**Kaharoa School House Fun Run!**

1:30-2:30pm

Whānau are welcome to come along and support our runners!

**30 March**

**Whole School Assembly, 2pm**

Whānau are welcome.

**31 March to 1 April**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Please note timetable changes as per email sent 23 Mar 26.

**1 April**

**CBOP Swimming Sports**

**Thursday, 2 April**

**Last day of Term 1**

The first day of Term 2 will be Monday, 20 April.

**Friday, 3 April**

**Good Friday Holiday**

## Kaharoa School House Fun Run

WOW, we tried to do something a bit different this year doing it all online and appreciate the support from the community with the sign ups for it and sponsorship that is coming in. The fundraiser will be running for the rest of this week. It's not too late to sign up and help the school get to the mini marathon and purchase new playground equipment. A great place to share the sponsorship details for your child is on social media and family 'chats'. There are spot prizes up for grabs, prizes for earning and the chance to slime a teacher!

The actual fun run is on **Friday, 27 March at 1:30 - 2:30 pm**. Students are encouraged to dress in house colours and are likely to get wet so will need a change of clothes. It is going to be a fun afternoon!

### Hot Chips - Tuck Shop Pop Up

Last year we had a very successful hot chip day so the House Captains thought they would bring it back on the Fun Run day. Orders and cash payments will be taken on Friday morning before school. \$4 for a bag of chips, \$2 for a juice or a \$5 combo of both hot chips and a juice.

### Win a School Sport Shirt Voucher!

On 27 March, students that have raised over \$75 will receive a \$18 voucher towards their next yellow Kaharoa Sports Shirt.



## THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Over the term we have had three sausage sizzles and two bake sales that have raised over \$2000 collectively for various projects in the school including the school show and the legacy project.

A huge thank you goes out to the parents of Kōwhai, Kauri, Matai, Miro and Rangiuira who have supplied the delicious baking over the 2 bake sales. If you haven't got your containers back, check with your child's teacher as there is a stack of unnamed containers in the junior space.

Another huge thank you also goes out to Tahlia Dredge who helped set up the first bake sale and Nerida Evans and Corriisa Anderson who helped with the second one. Thanks also to Annadel Cox who cooked the BBQ at the Rural Schools Swimming Sports. Your time is greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank Four Square Ngongotaha for your sponsorship with some of the BBQ food.



### << Welcome and thank you to our newest sponsor - Springfield Spouting & Roofing!

There is nothing more frustrating than dripping, leaking or broken spouting or gutter.

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Phone or email to obtain an obligation free quote.

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## Community Notices:

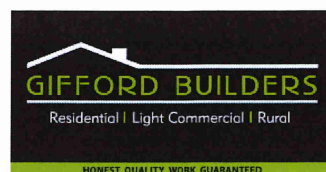
See the "Local Events" page on our website for opportunities being offered in our community. This might be one-off events, after-school activities, sports, or clubs and groups meeting. Most recent additions include;

- [Game Ready Netball sessions](#) for year 7/8s (see the advert below);
- [Free swimming clinics](#) for CBOP Swimming Sports competitors on 25 & 28 March.

## Please Support Our Sponsors

Click the logos below for more information about our sponsors.

If you're interested in becoming a sponsor and advertising your business here, please contact [sarah@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:sarah@kaharoa.school.nz)



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## - Term 2, 2026 -

**Monday, 20 April - First day of Term 1**  
(11 week term)

- Friday, 24 April** School ANZAC Ceremony
- Monday, 27 April** ANZAC Day observed - no school today.
- Wednesday, 29 April** PTA Meeting, 4:30-5:30pm  
*Parents and caregivers welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the staffroom.*
- Thursday, 30 April** No Manual for Year 7/8s today  
*Students will attend Kaharoa as usual to facilitate show practices.*
- Friday, 1 May** Rotorua Mini Marathon  
*All students planned to attend this 2km run event and will travel via bus from school.*
- 4-7 May** School Show "Shine Together"  
*Monday, 4 May - Dress Rehearsal during school day.*  
*Tuesday, 5 May - Matinee performance 11am. Normal school hours.*  
*First evening performance 6:30-8:30pm (students required back at school by 6pm).*  
*Wednesday, 6 May - Students may have a late start, 10am.*  
*Final evening performance 6:30-8:30pm (students required back at school by 6pm).*  
*Thursday, 7 May - Year 0-6 students may have a late start, 10am.*  
*Year 7/8s have Manual so need to be here at usual time.*
- Monday, 11 May** Kaharoa School Board Meeting, 5:30pm  
*Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.*
- Friday, 15 May** Pink Shirt Day  
*Wear a pink (or other brightly coloured) shirt and bring a gold coin donation for the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand.*
- Monday, 1 June** King's Birthday holiday - no school today.
- Friday, 5 June** Kaharoa School and Rural Cross Country  
*Held at Kaharoa School // Postponement date Monday, 8 June.*
- Monday, 8 June** Kaharoa School Board Meeting, 5:30pm  
*Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.*
- Thursday, 11 June** Positive Puberty Plus Parent Zoom Meeting, 6pm
- Wednesday, 17 June** Positive Puberty Plus programme (senior students)
- Wednesday, 24 June** Mid-year reports due home
- 1-2 July** Parent Teacher Interviews

**Thursday, 2 July - Last day of Term 2**

*Friday, 3 July is a Teacher Only Day.*

*The first day of Term 3 is Monday, 20 July.*