# KAHAROA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Term 4 - 29 October 2025

### Beyond the Classroom: Rural Learning Opportunities

At Kaharoa School, we are proud to offer a learning environment where academic rigour meets authentic, hands-on experiences. Our vision is to grow students who are skilled in reading, writing, and maths, alongside attributes such as resilience, creativity, and environmental engagement. Our graduate profile describes learners who are thoughtful problem solvers, active participants in their communities, and who show integrity and leadership. These qualities are developed through both classroom learning and the wider experiences that shape our kura.

A key part of this vision is nurturing our students as *kaitiaki* - guardians of our environment. Our learners are regularly involved in caring for our school spaces, supporting local conservation efforts, and engaging with sustainable practices. They develop an understanding that being a *kaitiaki* means acting with responsibility and care (*manaaki*) - protecting the environment for those who will come after.

Our recent **Ag Day and Group Day** provided fantastic opportunities for students to showcase the effort they put into raising and presenting their animals and plants. These events continue to build confidence, encourage responsibility, and connect our tamariki with the rhythms and realities of rural life.

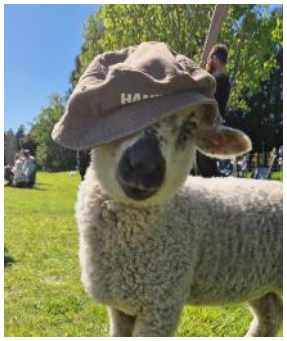
We were also excited to launch our very first **Trees for Survival** planting day this term. This is a new initiative at Kaharoa and one that fits beautifully with our environmental focus. The programme sees students propagate native plants at school from seedlings, learning how to care for them over time. Once matured, these are planted on local sites to support erosion control and waterway health. Students gain hands-on experience with propagation, potting, maintenance, and planting, while learning about ecological restoration, sustainability, and teamwork. We look forward to continuing our involvement with this nationwide programme in the years ahead.

Another initiative developing well is our **food forest nests**. Each nest includes a mix of trees and food-producing plants such as feijoas, berries, and herbs. These spaces foster curiosity, care, and a connection to nature.

Our ongoing partnership with the **Kaharoa Kōkako Trust** provides further opportunities for our students to show leadership (*rangatira*) and guardianship (*kaitiaki*) in real-world contexts. From pest control and bait station monitoring to supporting track maintenance and learning about biodiversity, these experiences reinforce our school values in action.

Speaking of pest control, our recent **Kaharoa Cull** offered a unique and purposeful opportunity for students and whānau to contribute to local pest management efforts. With the support of the wider community, this event supported environmental goals while developing outdoor skills and reinforcing teamwork and responsibility.

These learning opportunities go hand in hand with our focus on academic progress in reading, writing, and maths. We know that our students thrive when they are engaged in meaningful learning that reflects who they are, where they are, and the world they are growing into. At Kaharoa, we aim to develop capable, confident learners with a strong sense of identity and place. *Tā Mātou Pai Ake – Our Best Always.*



## School Notices:

### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

The Ag Day sausage sizzle and bake sale was a huge success. We made just over $1000, with money going towards the Legacy and Tipuna projects.

Thank you to Hellers for donating the sausages, our community for donating the bread and Miro and Matai whānau (plus a few extra families) for providing the baking. Thank you also Annadel Delacruz and Daniela Carter for giving up their time to support the senior students with the bake sale and sausage sizzle.

### 📸 Sports Team Photos - Tuesday, 4 November

Thank you to Kylie Day for taking our sports team photos again this year. If your child has played a sport for Kaharoa this year, please ensure they have their full sports uniform with them for the photos on Tuesday next week, 4 November. Those who have returned their uniform will be lent one on the day.

### Year 7/8 - Please note changes to Manual dates

**Tomorrow, 30 October** - no Manual due to Senior Prizegiving at Western Heights High School.

**Tuesday, 11 November** - catch-up manual session in the usual format. Students will attend Manual on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

**27 November** - last manual session of the year.

## What's on?

**30 October**

**No Manual for year 7/8's**
Due to senior prizegiving at WHHS

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🏃 **Kaharoa School Long Distance Run**
*(after lunch)*

**31 October**

**Kaharoa Athletics Day**
*(Postponement Mon, 3 Nov)*

**3 November**

**PTA Meeting, 4:30pm in Staffroom**
Any interested parents or caregivers are very welcome to attend.

**4 November**

📸 **Sports Team Photos**

**7 November**

**Stepping Up Assembly, 9am**
Parents and caregivers welcome

**11 November**

**Catch-up Manual for year 7/8s**
*(extra manual day)*

**24 November**

**Kaharoa School Board Meeting, 5:30pm**
Parents and caregivers welcome

## Recent School Emails

- **Reminders: Year 8 Graduation Prizegiving 2025** (sent 28 Oct to families of year 8 students)
- **Kaharoa Snapshot** (sent 22 Oct)
- **Athletics Day - Friday, 31 October 2025** (sent 20 Oct)
- **Congratulations to Matua Ryan - Principal of Ngākuru School from 2026** (sent 20 Oct)

### 2025 Kahawrite - orders close 5 November

If you would like to order a Kahawrite magazine this year, please complete the google form below **before 5 November.**

Kahawrite 2025 Order Form

Be part of our **KickStart Breakfast Club** by donating surplus fruit, canned fruit, bread for toast, spreads, Milo and other nourishing breakfast items to add to our breakfasts, contributing to a full puku (tummy) and warm hearts.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for your generosity!

## 2025 Group Day

Last Friday, twenty of our students and their pets participated in the 2025 Group Day, hosted by Reporoa School. They qualified at our own Ag Day last week and this time, they were able to compete against other rural schools. They had to display their skills in Leading and Calling as well as scoring points for Care and Attention for their animals. Well done to all our students who participated - once again you made us all very proud!

A big thank you to the parents who transported their children and their animals to the event and supported our team!

## Community/Sporting Notices:

**See the "Local Events" page on our website for opportunities being offered in our community.** Most recent additions include;

- Junior Pickleball - now available in Rotorua!
- Kaharoa Management Area Pest Control update and safety precautions

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