



KAHAROA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - 4 March 2026



Arts in Action – Dance & Drama at Kaharoa

At Kaharoa School, the Arts are a vital part of our curriculum. Our strategic direction values diverse artistic opportunities, and our graduate profile celebrates creative, confident, collaborative learners. Dance and drama bring this vision to life.

Through dance and drama our students learn to:

- Express identity and culture
- Work collaboratively and include others
- Show courage and confidence
- Develop resilience and a growth mindset

Performing requires students to step up, take risks, practise until it improves, support one another, and keep going even when it feels uncomfortable. That is real learning. That is making your M.A.R.K.

Shine Together – 2026 Kaharoa School Production

This year's production, Shine Together, celebrates the idea that:

- Everyone matters
- We all shine in different ways
- Growth comes from effort and encouragement
- We shine brightest together

The story follows a small group of students who discover an old "rocket" behind the school shed. What starts as fun launches them into space, where Starguides lead them through constellations representing the powerful learning themes above.

At the heart of the show is a special retelling of the story of Matariki, followed by performances from our Kapa Haka group. The choir will perform two songs, and all going well a school band will play one of these with the choir. Every class will perform an item.

Key rehearsal dates are 28th, 29th, 30th of April. Key performance dates are 4th, 5th, 6th of May.

We are looking forward to watching our tamariki grow in confidence, teamwork, creativity and resilience over the coming months. Thank you in advance for your support — rehearsals, costumes, attendance, and encouragement at home all make a difference.

Let's help our students shine — and make their M.A.R.K.



Tarawera Ultra Trail 2026 - what an incredible experience again this year!

A huge thank you to our amazing aid station crew — we truly couldn't have done it without you. Your time, effort, and unwavering support made all the difference.

To the wonderful Kaharoa School parents who made soups, pasta bakes and baking to fuel our athletes and crew — thank you! The athletes were so grateful, and we've heard we had the best aid station with the best food!

To all the kids who came along, you were outstanding. You should be incredibly proud of the job you did.

Special thanks to our Year 7/8 students for the awesome posters — they brought so much energy and encouragement to the day.

We can't wait to do it all again with you next year!

School Notices:

Rural Inter-school Swimming Sports

We are hosting the Rural School Swimming Sports this Friday, 6 March. Qualifying swimmers from our school swimming sports will be competing in this event. This is also a great opportunity to have a **BBQ & bake sale fundraiser** with our school BBQ.

Bake Sale: Over the year we plan to ask different classes if they are able to contribute baking for fundraising. We are asking the students from **Miro** and **Rangiura** to bring baking for this fundraiser. **Please send some baking along in named containers on Friday, cut up ready to sell.** All proceeds from the Bake Sale and BBQ are going towards our school show next term and the Year 8 Legacy Project. Thank you very much for your support!



Pool Party, THIS FRIDAY, 6 March @ 4:30pm -

Come along and enjoy a fun family evening.

Don't worry about the cooler weather, the pool is heated!

Please bring cash to pay on your arrival at the pool party, for entry and your pre-ordered food.

If you haven't pre-ordered food, be in quick - we have extended the cut-off time to midday Thursday, 5th March. Or you are welcome to bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy. See our poster on the back of the newsletter!

SCHOLASTIC Book Club Issue #2 due tomorrow

Book Club Issue #2 was given out last week and orders are due tomorrow, 5 March. Orders can be made online using a credit card via LOOP or by cash payment with your paper order form (on the back of the catalogue) to the office. For every order placed, Scholastic gives back 15% to our school to purchase books and resources via its Scholastic Rewards program.

Teacher Only Day Monday, 9 March - No school for students. This non-school day means Kaharoa School is open one extra day in December to finish off the year.

Initial Progress Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

We will send home our initial progress reports for Term 1. These have some formatting changes and now include a focus on attendance alongside effort and initial learning progress in reading, writing, and mathematics. These written reports are planned to be sent home with your child on the 25th of March.

Parent interviews are scheduled for Tuesday the 31st of March, and Wednesday 1st of April. More information about how to book will be emailed home in a few weeks.



<< Welcome and thank you to our newest sponsor -

Willow Creek Engineering!

Brian and his team at Willow Creek Engineering specialize in rural engineering. We understand the significance of your agricultural machinery and cow shed operations and the crucial role it plays in your day-to-day business.

Every farm and cow shed is different! We customize to suit, so whether you need repairs and maintenance on your cow shed, or need your Fert Spreader, Tractor Bucket or Feed-out Wagon repaired - give us a call and we can get you back up and running at 110%.

We are fully mobile to complete on-site work and offer a pick up/drop off service - we know how busy farmers are! See Willow Creek Engineering's page on our website for more information, or contact Brian on 021851855 or email them at info@willowcreekengineering.co.nz

What's on?

6 March

Rural Inter-school Swimming Sports
with a fundraising BBQ & Bake Sale.

- and -

PTA Pool Party, 4:30pm

9 March

Teacher Only Day

13 March

**Dental Team visiting for
Fluoride Application**

For students with parental consent.

23 March

**Kaharoa School Board Meeting,
5:30pm**

Parents and caregivers welcome to attend.

25 March

Initial Progress Reports due home

31 March to 1 April

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday, 2 April

Last day of Term 1

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

Partner with Trees for Survival and Kaharoa School

Demonstrate your commitment to our community and local environment by supporting the delivery of the Trees for Survival programme to a growing number of schools across Aotearoa New Zealand.

By partnering with us you are part of a legacy, supporting school communities to grow, nurture and plant native trees.

Be part of the action and help restore native forests and waterways.

Contact us to find out how you can be involved

www.tfsnz.org.nz/partners



<< Partner with Trees for Survival & Kaharoa School

- we have been working with Trees for Survival since early 2025. With their support, we have been provided with native trees to grow and then plant around the school. Students have been involved in a couple of plant work days here at school and there is great learning happening - about plant care and being invested in our school environment. Is this something you are interested in, or passionate about? Trees for Survival are looking for people interested in partnering with us. See their poster (left) for contact details.

Community Notices:

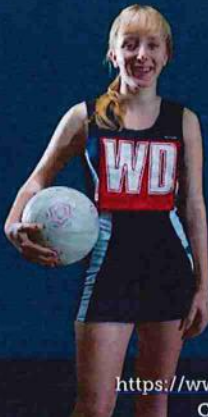
See the "Local Events" page on our website for opportunities being offered in our community. This might be one-off events, after-school activities, sports, or clubs and groups meeting. Most recent additions include;

- [Game Ready Netball sessions](#) for year 7/8s (see the advert below);
- [Lakelands Cricket Muster](#) for Years 7, 8 & 9s;
- [Free swimming clinics](#) for CBOP Swimming Sports competitors on 25 & 28 March;
- [Rotorua Musical Theatre's "The Prom"](#) - get your tickets, last show is 7 March;
- [Kahukura Junior Rugby Club](#) registrations are open;
- [After school art classes](#) for students aged 6-17, with Janet Keen.

Notice of Road Closure - SH 36 Hood Street to Taiui Street

A road rebuild is taking place from Monday, 9 March to Friday 17 April (6 weeks). Alternating lane closures will be in place from Mon 9am to Fri 2:30pm.

Northbound traffic will have continuous access with a reduced speed, while southbound traffic will be detoured at Wikaraka Street for the duration. No weekend work. No right turn from Hall Road or Taiui Street. Temporary speed restrictions will remain in place until the road is swept and line marking reinstated. **Please drive with care and expect moderate delays and plan for additional travel time accordingly.**

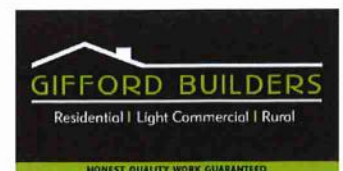


Year 7/8
Game Ready Netball
Wednesdays 5.30-7pm
4 weeks - short, fun way to reset, refresh and get back into netball!
25th March, 1st April, 8th April, 15th April
Nail your warmup with Sam Winders, lock in and secure your ball skills, own your feet and move with purpose.
<https://www.sporthy.co.nz/viewform/486861> **\$5**
Coaches are welcome too!

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FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026

KAHAROA SCHOOL

POOL PARTY

4:30PM - 6:30PM

\$5 ENTRY PER CHILD - CASH ONLY

(CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

POOL TOYS AND GAMES INCLUDED

\$\$\$ AMERICAN HOTDOGS

PIZZA - SWEETS - JUICIES & MOOSIES

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

SCAN FOR KAHAROA PTA POOL PARTY ORDER FORM

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