



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term Four - 6th December 2023

REMINDER for TOMORROW:

Bring some food, togs and your family for a picnic dinner and free sausage sizzle from **5pm Thursday 7th of December**. Head to your classroom for a Student-Led Conference, and if you've been in a sports team, stay for Sports Prizegiving 6:45-8pm.

What: Student-Led Conferences, Sports Prizegiving, BBQ/Pool/Games

When: Thursday 7th December, 2023

Times: Student-Led Conferences: 3:10pm - 4:10pm & 5:10pm - 6:30pm; Sports Prizegiving: 6:45pm - 8pm; Free BBQ/Pool/Games: 5:00pm - 6:30pm



Legacy

As the year draws to a close, we look back on our successes of 2023. Having my first more 'normal' year as the principal has been a great success for me - no covid lockdowns, no staffing crisis, no leaking pipes. The PTA tells me lightheartedly that I am no longer the 'new principal' at Kaharoa... I can upgrade to just 'principal'. With a more stable year, we have been able to build into the quality of our educational opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom. Our overall student results show significant progress in student learning and we will report back to the Board on the 18th of December on our 2023 annual plan goals achieved, and next steps for 2024.

Below you will see the legacy project outcome from our year 8 students of 2023. The students fundraised, made a plan, and got a local artist Tony Pope onboard to make our house birds into bold outlines that could be painted on the court. We had our first house assembly on the court, to tally up the points and house winner for Term 4. Well done seniors of 2023, you have left a legacy at Kaharoa to be proud of.



Mā te huruhuru, ka rere te manu

Adorn the bird with feathers so it can fly

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Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro nōnā te ngahere

Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga nōnā te ao

The bird that consumes the miro berry owns the forest

The bird that consumes knowledge owns the world

Notices:

We look forward to meeting with you tomorrow night, 7 December, at our Student-Led Conferences and Sports Prizegiving

Student-Led Conferences 3:10-4:10pm & 5:10-6:30pm: Visit your child's classroom and they will share their learning with you and you can have a chance to check in with the teacher too.

BBQ, Pool and Games from 5pm: please come and join us for a free sausage, a swim in the pool or some games. Feel free to bring your picnic dinner too.

Sports Prizegiving 6:45-8pm: coaches, managers and parents are invited to attend our Sports Prizegiving held in the evening.

Tomorrow is the last week for Pita Pit lunches

Tomorrow, 7 December, will be the last week for Pita Pit lunches. We look forward to restarting orders when our Year 7/8s begin manual in the new year.

Free nit treatment

Ngongotaha Pharmacy have advised that anyone who needs nit treatment and/or plastic nit combs can get them free of charge from them.

Congratulations Madison!

Congratulations to Madison Southall who has received the Civic Arts scholarship for excellence as top junior Trinity College London Speech & Drama student in Rotorua 2023. Madison is waiting to hear about the next steps, but she will be awarded a certificate at a presentation to the board of the Trinity awards, as well as being awarded a monetary amount.



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We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1. So go ahead and beat the back to school rush!

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Road Work Notice

Please find attached notification from Higgins of road works to be undertaken along SH36 between Kahraoa Road and Te Waerenga Road (see the purple area marked on the map). The works are due to commence 6 December and be completed by 20 December, 8am-5pm workdays. There will be lane closures and temporary stop/go traffic management during work hours and minor delays are expected.

What's on?

TOMORROW, 7 December

- Year 7/8's last Manual visit
- Student Led Conferences
- Sports Prizegiving

11 December

End-of-year reports go home

12 December

Year 8 Prizegiving and Graduation

13 December

Class Welcome for 2024

14 December

Last day of Term 4 for students (full day)

Recent Whole School Emails

- Stationery Orders for 2024 (sent 29 Nov)
- Kahraoa Snapshot (sent 29 Nov)

2024 Term 1 Kaharoa School Dates

Please find below the 2024 school dates. Easter is within Term 1 including holidays on Friday, Monday, and Tuesday as mandated by the MOE. The MOE has also provided schools with 2 additional teacher only days in 2024 for teachers to work through changes to the NZ curriculum in addition to our regular teacher only days. Teacher-only days are non-school days for students and teachers meet for professional development, but these days are made up at the start or end of the year so that no learning time is lost. Each school will have a similar but different term and year outline within the MOE guidelines.

Goal Setting + Whānau Picnic 2024

More information will be sent home in December. We are planning an opportunity to come in with your child to meet their teacher and share with them one goal you and your child have for Term 1. Year 8's this will be your first day of school with a focus on leadership development and planning activities you will lead with the Y6/7 and whole school later in the week (such as tabloids, and a house event).

Service To Community

With Waitangi on Tuesday 6th of February - we anticipate a number of families will take a long long weekend and may not be at school on Monday 5th of February. We will use this opportunity to keep the school open, and get students together in groups to engage in community service projects which is in line with our school mission 'Learning, Values, Community'. We will need parent volunteers to support this. Examples include gardening around the school, a trip down to the lake front to pick up litter, caring for our Kokako Trust 'adopt-a-track', and local jobs sent to us via community members.

Term 1 (11 weeks)

START:

Y8 Wednesday 31 January

Y1-7 Thursday 1 February

LAST DAY:

Thursday 11th April

TERM HOLIDAYS:

Friday 12th April until

Sunday 28th April

Note Anzac day 25th April in holidays

Monday 29th January - Auckland Anniversary Holiday

Tuesday 30th January - Office open, school closed

Wed 31st Jan- School open - **Goal Setting + Whānau Picnic + Year 8's first day**

Thurs 1st Feb - School open - Y1-8 students attend school (**Year 1-7 first day**)

Friday 2nd February - School open - Year 1-8 students attend school

Monday 5th of February - School open - **Service to Community Day**

Tuesday 6th February - Waitangi Day Holiday

Friday 29th March - Tuesday 2nd April - Easter Holidays

Initial report home Tuesday 9th April

Thursday 11 April - Last day of Term 1

Friday 12th April - Teacher only day

Community Notices:

Keep an eye on our website for community opportunities being offered, especially now leading up to the summer holidays. These will be shared on the main homepage of our website and/or the "Community News" page. Most recent additions include; **Free Rotorua Christmas Festival, Hoopstars Basketball Camp, and Adventure Young Explorers Camp.**

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