



# KAHAROA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - 11 February 2026



## Welcome back to 2026

Welcome back to 2026. This year we continue to strengthen the foundations laid in 2025, with a clear focus on our **school values – MARK**. You may notice our **new thumbprint logo** starting to appear around the school over the year.



The Te Reo Māori words at the heart of our values spell **MARK**, helping make our values clear, memorable, and visible for our learners.

**M – Manaaki (Care):** Looking out for others, showing kindness, and making sure everyone belongs.

**A – Ako (Learning):** Being an active learner – knowing what to do, where resources belong, and how to make the most of learning time.

**R – Rangatira (Leadership):** Stepping up, leading self and others, and having a can-do attitude.

**K – Kaitiaki (Guardian):** Taking responsibility for our environment, resources, and each other.

A second area of focus this year is the continued refinement of curriculum, assessment, and reporting to parents. These changes reflect both national direction and our own school development work and will be explained clearly in later newsletters. One of the key developments you will see early this year is the introduction of our new mathematics resource, Maths No Problem.

## Maths No Problem (MNP) – Our new mathematics resource

This term we are beginning to use Maths No Problem (MNP) across the school. This is a Ministry of Education–endorsed resource aligned to the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum and current research into effective maths teaching and learning.

**Why MNP?** It aligns closely with MOE expectations and progression pathways; supports a mastery approach to mathematics; emphasises understanding, reasoning, and problem-solving rather than speed or memorisation; and provides clear structure and consistency across year levels while allowing teacher flexibility.

**What is it?** MNP is a structured programme where learning is broken into small, carefully sequenced steps. Lessons build strong understanding, use visual models before abstract thinking, encourage students to explain their thinking and learn from mistakes, and revisit learning to deepen understanding rather than rushing on. You may hear your child talk about solving problems together, using models or drawings, and explaining *how* they know an answer.

**Benefits for students:** Stronger number sense and problem-solving, increased confidence and positive attitudes to maths, persistence and flexible thinking, and success through understanding rather than guesswork.

As we begin using Maths No Problem, students are being encouraged to live our values in action – learning new routines, helping classmates, and taking ownership of their learning. This is about stepping up together, supporting one another, and ensuring everyone belongs as we strive for *Our Best Always – Tā Mātou Pai Ake*.

## School Notices:

Please email the office if you have made any changes to your address, email, phone and/or emergency contacts so we can update our records.

### @School App

New families to our school will have received an email on 3 February, with instructions and your User ID for downloading and accessing our @school app. Once you have accessed the app, it will enable you to; securely access personal information about your child, inform us about absences, access information about your school account (fees and charges) and access our website via a direct link. If you have any trouble with this process, please feel free to contact us.

### 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.

### School Attendance

As you will be aware, the government has made a concentrated push in the last couple of years to raise school attendance in New Zealand. As of Term 1 this year, all state and state-integrated schools are required to implement an Attendance Management Plan (AMP). These plans aim to improve student attendance by providing clear pathways to identify and address absences. Our AMP is published on our school website.

### Do you own your own business?

Would you like to sponsor Kaharoa School and have your business logo on our website and our regular newsletter? If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Sarah at sarahn@kaharoa.school.nz

### Term 1 Important Events Fridge Poster

Turn to the back of this newsletter for your Term 1 Fridge Poster! Things can change from time to time, so keep an eye on your emails and our Snapshots and newsletters for updates!

### Registrations closing TOMORROW for Netball!

We are still looking for a few more Year 1-6 netball players. If you are keen, please see the email sent 5 February to all families, for details or use this link: [Kaharoa Netball Registrations](#)

### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

The students in Rākau and Whakairo had a fabulous day at the Blue Lake last week. We would like to say a huge thank you to Annadel Delacruz, Tahlia Dredge, Michaela Patersen, Phil Wilson, Jacqui English, Keryn Young and Aimee Christie who gave up their time to come along and help out on the day.

### BBQ and Bake Sale Volunteers Wanted

This term we have two BBQ and bake sale fundraisers. We are looking for volunteers to help supervise the students at the BBQ. The first BBQ/Bake Sale is for the school swimming sports on Friday, 20 February and the second one is for Rural School Swimming Sports two weeks later on Friday, 6 March. If you are able to help at either of these events, can you please let Whaea Julie in Rākau know. Her email is julie@kaharoa.school.nz or you could just pop into the class before school to let her know. She can also answer any questions about this too.

### Do you have any spare shorts, pants or leggings for girls or boys sizes 5-14?

We are looking for spare shorts or pants in good condition for students who might need to get changed during the school day. We could also do with some girls t-shirts size 10-14. If you are able to help, please drop your donations to the office. Any surplus will be donated with our lost property. Thank you!

## What's on?

**13 February**

Rākau/Whakairo Museum Trip

**16 February**

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

Parents and caregivers are welcome.  
Meetings are held in the school staffroom.

**20 February**

**Kaharoa School Swimming Sports**

**25 February**

**Y7/8 Vaccinations**

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**PTA Meeting, 4:30-5:30pm**

School staffroom - everyone welcome.

**27 February**

**Whole School Assembly, 12pm**

Parents & caregivers are welcome.  
Note the start time is midday!

**6 March**

**Rural Swimming Sports**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PTA Pool Party**

**9 March**

**Teacher Only Day**

No school for students today.  
This increases our days open in December.

**13 March**

**Dental Team visiting for  
Fluoride Application**

For students with parental consent.

## PTA Calves Fundraiser & Thank You!

A big thank you to the following for their very generous donation of calves to our PTA fundraiser:

- Tawa Ridge
- Bushland Estate
- Patterson Ag
- James and Karen Barradell
- Z & R Hobart Contracting

Our calves are all doing great and there will potentially be 5 available for purchase. Details will come but if you are interested in purchasing a calf, please feel free to email Ruth at [ruthpta@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:ruthpta@kaharoa.school.nz)



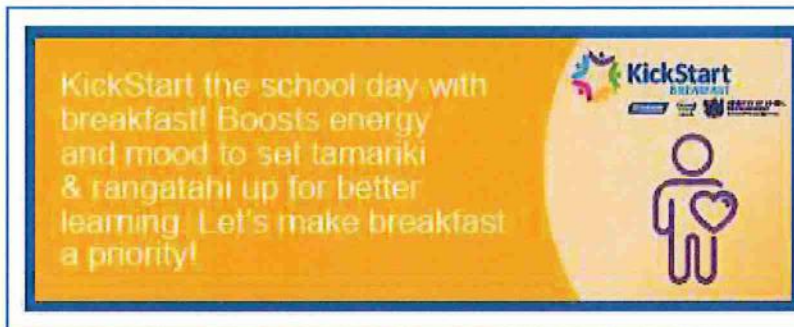
### School lunches can now be purchased (delivered to school on Thursdays)

School lunches can be purchased via Ezlunch using the myKINDO app.

If you ordered lunches last year through Lunchonline you would have received communications from them directly about how to order your lunch this year.

If you don't have a login for Kindo already, you can

download and set up an account using the Kindo app from your phone or access myKindo online at <https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login>. Follow the prompts to add Kaharoa School and your child(ren). If you have any questions, please check out the [Ezlunch website](#) or call their helpful team on 0800 EZLUNCH.



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!

## 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, or clubs and groups meeting. Most recent additions include;

- [Yoga with Jenny Lux](#) in the Kokako Centre, Monday evenings,
- Yoga with Glenys in the Kaharoa Hall, Tuesday evenings,
- After school art classes for students aged 6-17, with Janet Keen.

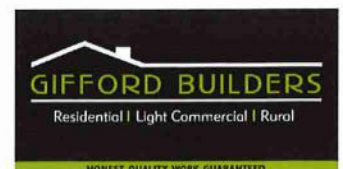
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# Kaharoa School Events Fridge Poster

## - Term 1, 2026 -

### Friday, 30 January - First day of Term 1

Year 8s start at midday. All year levels - Meet the Teacher and goal setting drop in afternoon from 2pm-5pm (all families asked to attend) followed by evening BBQ/pool.

- 2 February** First full school day
- 3 February** Wheels Day  
*Years 0-6 students are invited to bring their bike, scooters, skates, hoverboards, remote control cars, toy cars and skateboards are welcome with all the necessary safety gear, including helmet and covered footwear.*
- Year 7/8s Blue Lake Trip  
*The bus will depart and arrive back within school hours.*
- 4 February** School Triathlon  
*We will also hold a BBQ fundraiser (cash only).*
- 5 February** Year 7/8s First Manual at WHHS  
*The bus will depart and arrive back within school hours. Students require covered shoes.*
- 6 February** Waitangi Day Holiday - School is CLOSED
- 11 February** Gardasil & Boostrix Vaccination Information Session for Year 7/8s  
*Run by public health nurses who will also hand out parental consent forms the students will bring home.*
- 20 February** Kaharoa Swimming Sports  
*More information will be emailed home closer to the time.*
- 25 February** Boostrix & 1st Gardasil Vaccinations for Year 7/8s
- 6 March** Rural Swimming Sports  
*Qualifying students will compete at the rural schools competition held here at Kaharoa (postponement date 9 March).*
- \*Save the Date\*: PTA Pool Party Planned
- 9th March** Teacher Only Day - School is CLOSED
- 16-20 March** Marae Trip Planned  
*An overnight for Year 7/8s, and a whole school day trip.*
- 25 March** Initial reports due home
- 31 March-1 April** Parent Teacher Interviews
- 1 April** Autism Awareness Day  
*Wear your onesie, dressing gown or PJs and bring a gold coin in support of Autism NZ.*
- CBOP Swimming Sports  
*Qualifying students will compete at the Central BOP competition held at Rotorua Aquatic Centre.*

### Thursday, 2 April - Last day of Term 1

*Friday, 3 April is Good Friday*