



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term One - 5 April 2023

## 5 Year Olds Go Bush....


A group of 5 year olds were recently seen entering the track at the end of Kapukapu Rd. Inquiries into this revealed a group of keen learners from Room Kowhai at Kaharoa School had gone into the bush to explore and enjoy. They saw piwakawaka and black robins as well as interesting fungi. They stopped along the way to enjoy the trees, the quiet and to absorb the copious amounts of surrounding oxygen available to them. Practising mindfulness during one of the stops before coming to the Onaia Stream at the bottom of the track.

Parent helpers on the day were Ruth Hobart, Heelan Tompkins, Daniela Carter, Praneeth Mallawa Arachchige and Natalie Redstone. Thank you to the parents for their help and support. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you also to the Kaharoa Kokako Trust who maintain this track and keep the bush predator free. The children in Room Kowhai have made a donation of \$50 to the Kokako Trust.



**Thank you Mrs Maria Shoebridge, who writes our monthly Ngongotaha News update. An excerpt from this is included below:**

 **Fitness** - our senior team have begun regular fitness sessions. Research is clear that regular fitness enhances student learning, while also teaching vital life skills. Although this has been challenging for some (teachers included!), we are starting to see wonderful improvement in both fitness levels and overall well-being.

**BOP Swimming Sports** - congratulations to the Kaharoa students who made it through to the BOP event to be held at the Aquatic Centre TODAY!. In order to qualify, these students competed in Kaharoa School Swimming Sports, then received a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the Rural Swimming Sports.



**Camps** - our middle and senior school students enjoyed their annual camps at Lakes Ranch and Tui Ridge respectively. Thank you to the amazing parents who supported their children's classes, and to the teachers who put in a lot of extra work to make these events possible. Camps provide wonderful opportunities for children to experience activities they have often not done before, and for children to demonstrate our 8 Cornerstone Values.



**Radio at lunchtime** - our wonderful DJs are entertaining the tamariki at lunch time with some great music. Requests for songs are encouraged and it is a joy to see the children dancing in the playground as they listen to the music.

**Easter holidays** - The Kaharoa team wishes you all a very safe and happy Easter and holiday break. We have a CoL teacher-only day on Monday 24th April, ANZAC Day is the 25th and we look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday 26th April - term 2.



Please refer to the Kaharoa website for further information. [www.kaharoa.school.nz](http://www.kaharoa.school.nz)

Ngā mihi mahana - The Kaharoa Team

## Notices:

### Kaharoa Kokako Trust

Kaharoa Kokako Trust is a local community group focused on improving the ecosystem in the Kaharoa Conservation Area with a focus on kokako, long-tailed bats and rare plants. Their most recent newsletter will be emailed out with this newsletter for your interest and contains an update and opportunities for volunteering.

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## What's on?

**6 April**

**Last Day of Term 1  
Whole School Assembly 1:30pm**

**26 April**

**First Day of Term 2**

**5 May**

**Team Totara - Rotorua Mini Marathon**

### Recent Whole School Emails

- Kaharoa Snapshot (sent 29 Mar)



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### IRD Working for Families

Please find attached to the email copy of this newsletter, a flyer from the IRD regarding the various Working for Families payments which are available. See their online calculator and contact IRD if you believe you may qualify.



**Scholastic have apologised for delays** to delivery of Issue 1 (backorders) and Issue 2 orders which have been due to freight issues outside of their control. They anticipate getting orders to us in the first weeks of Term 2.

### SAVE THE DATE AND GET YOUR TICKETS for the PTA's Major 2023 Fundraiser - 80s Night!

Keep 20 May free for the PTA's major fundraiser for 2023 - 80s Night! This will be a fantastic night of fun and music including prizes for best dressed, a DJ, bar and an auction to raise money for our kura. **Be in quick to get your tickets!** If you have any product or service you are able to donate for our auction, please contact Bridget at [bridgetpta@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:bridgetpta@kaharoa.school.nz). For more details together with information about their firewood fundraiser, please see the PTA Newsletter attached to the emailed version of this newsletter

**Kaharoa team sports has got off to a great start this year.  
We hope you enjoy these photos of a couple of our teams!**



*Kaharoa Tornados Touch Team*



*Totara Team Rugby*

# PTA NEWS



APRIL 2023

As part of our major 2023 fundraising 80s night, we will be having an auction and need your support.

Can you offer us a product or service to auction?

Maybe an evening's babysitting, weekend at a bach, knife sharpening, building for a couple of hours, cake making, gift basket, products, week of meals for a family, contractor work??? Anything you can turn your hand (or your company's hand) to.

Please email your ideas or offers to Bridget at

[bridgetpta@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:bridgetpta@kaharoa.school.nz)

KAHAROA SCHOOL PTA presents:

# 80's NIGHT

Saturday 20 May 2023  
Kaharoa Hall 7pm - midnight  
Tickets \$40 from Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/80s-night-fundraiser-for-kaharoa-school-tickets-596199698347>

**\*All welcome R18 \* Prizes for best dressed**  
**\*Auction \*Bar \*DJ**

Raising money for music resources, wet day games and literacy resources.

Bus to surrounding area/CBD at midnight (if sufficient demand).  
Kaharoa School PTA encourages responsible alcohol consumption.

## PTA FIREWOOD FUNDRAISER

### WE NEED YOU!

- Can you...
- Donate wood?
- Ring up logs?
- Split wood?
- Fill a trailer?
- Deliver the wood to our customers?
- Feed our helpers?
- Bring the good vibes?



This has been a wonderful fundraiser for our group in the past, and therefore benefiting our kiddies. This year the money raised will be going towards music equipment, literacy resources and wet weather games.

We would love to continue with it if we can get enough helpers!

We have yet to firm up a date (the wood will be ready for winter 2024) so if you are keen to help, and have a preferred time to do this, or any other offers of help please email [kathysnodgrass@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:kathysnodgrass@kaharoa.school.nz)

## Kaharoa Board - Term One Summary

Kia Ora koutou, wow it's the end of term one already!

Our Board has decided to trial providing a really brief summary of Board actions at the end of each term. The goal is to keep you, our school community informed without boring you all to tears. It is important to note that the minutes of every meeting are available for you to view in the school office.

This term the Board has seen the revamping of sections of the curriculum as part of the schools implementation of its Annual Plan. The Board has signed off on some exciting things, including new property additions to the school. And, as always there have been policies and finances to review.

At the beginning of the term Kathy Snodgrass stepped down from her seconded role on the Board. Kathy's knowledge and perspective were extremely valuable to our Board and we will miss her at the board table. Thank you Kathy for the love and energy you brought to your role.

On behalf of the Board I wish our Kaharoa tamariki and whanau safety and fun during these school holidays.

Nga mihi,  
Sarah Paterson  
Presiding Member, Kaharoa School Board



## Central Kids Ngongotaha Kindergarten

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\* conditions apply

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**19 School Road**  
**Ngongotaha**

**ngongotaha@centralkids.org.nz**

**Nau mai, haere mai**  
**Call in and see us today!**

**GROWTH**

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