

Kaharoa Community Newsletter – May 2026

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At Kaharoa School we aim to 'empower students to take ownership, make impactful decisions, and create lasting legacies' through our school values: Manaaki/Care - Ako/Learning - Rangatira/Leadership - Kaitiaki/Guardian. Our new graphic featured to the left here emphasises these values and the importance of stepping up with a can do attitude in a school where everyone belongs.

OWNERSHIP



School Show: We are so proud of all our students with our recent production "Shine Together". The plot covered themes that link to our school values such as:

- *Everyone matters*
- *We all shine in different ways*
- *Growth comes from effort, encouragement & learning*
- *We shine brightest together, not alone*

Classes each performed an item along with the choir, band, Kapa Haka, & Matariki drama group.

Regional Council Environmental Enhancement Fund Project Completed!

We are delighted with the finished results of of this project with support from Council, Treeline Native Nursery, and Speedy Signs. You are invited to stroll through the new walk at any time outside of school hours to enjoy the tree grove and learn a little about local history of the community, school, and Te Arawa waka arriving in NZ. The walk starts near the large carpark and wraps around behind the school via the board walk.



ENROLLING NOW: We have **space for new students** in the primary school (Y1-6). We will have space across the school in 2027 for students of all ages (Y1-8). For more information or to book a school tour, please find the purple "Enrolment Info/EOI" button on our school website www.kaharoa.school.nz or ph 07 332 3444.

Where is Kaharoa School?
We are 13min from Ngongotaha -
up Tauranga Direct Road past
Kaharoa Kennels & turn right
near Treeline Native Nursery.

This community newsletter is a partnership initiative between Kaharoa School, Kaharoa School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Kaharoa Community Association (KCA), and the Kaharoa Kokako Trust (KKT) with newsletters distributed twice a year. Please find enclosed four updates, one from each partnership organisation.

Kaharoa Community Association

Events & activities coming up in Kaharoa...

CONNECT WITH KAHAROA

KCA

KAHAROA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

About us...

The KCA is driven by a small local group who wish to help build community connections by creating opportunities for you to meet your neighbours.

We also look after the Kaharoa Hall bookings and maintenance. Our team has organised a total upgrade of the facilities at the hall recently. Last month we added a new comprehensive First Aid kit kindly donated by transport company T.W. Moore Ltd. This is your hall and available for you to use. It has been used for weddings, funerals, children birthday parties, education days, industry and church meetings. It is also used for regular classes like Yoga and Pilates/Barres. Our only restrictions are 18th & 21st birthdays for folk not known in the community. Contacts below.

We encourage you to register as a member and pay a small annual family membership of \$20.00 (Jan-Dec) Payable to Kaharoa Community & Hall Society Incorporated Westpac 03 1545 0010860 00 using your surname and road as reference and code. Your financial membership helps us provide activities and meet the requirements of being an Incorporated Society.

Local Information: KCA, 'Kapukapu Road' and 'Hamurana Noticeboard' all have facebook pages which help with information about living in Kaharoa. KCA has also started a new trade directory page where local businesses can advertise their services. Info and link are on the KCA facebook page.

Neighbourhood Support: KCA supports Neighbourhood Watch/Emergency Management. If you are not part of your road group let one of the contacts below know and we will put you in touch with your co-ordinator. We are also on the hunt for additional coordinators for parts of our community not covered. If you are keen to help please let us know.



Kaharoa Community Social Nights



KCA hosts a regular community social night on the first Friday of the month at the hall from 5.30pm. Everyone, including children, are welcome. Our next social night will be on Friday 1st May. We intend running a fun quiz session, following a short AGM to report to our community on last year's activities and finances. We would love some more volunteers to join our committee and help inject some new ideas for events. Our 5th June social night will have a mid-winter Christmas theme.

Community AED Unit

A reminder that there is an AED unit located in the yellow box within the bus shelter adjacent to the road at the very front of the school. You will find the key in a red box adjacent. Familiarise yourself with its placement when passing so you know where it is should you ever need to use it.

Looking for Event Organisers and Inspiration...

- > Is there anyone in the district interested in running cooking nights, product promotion, cocktail making, music performances, craft nights etc. One off nights of fun at the hall. KCA will help with organisation.
- > KCA would like to revamp the outdoor area in front of the storage shed to improve our entertainment spaces. If you have any ideas/pictures please get in touch.

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KAHAROA KŌKAKO TRUST

In the Kaharoa Conservation area, at the end of Kapukapu Road, our Trustees, volunteers and contractors carry out a wide range of actions to sustain and improve the forest ecosystem. These include;

- two pest control operations per year (usually targeting ship rats and possums),
- all-year-round trapping (for stoats and possums)
- planting (for kōkako food, and to improve forest regeneration)
- ungulate control (e.g. deer and goats)
- monitoring of pests (to see how much we have to do, or how successful we have been), and
- monitoring of the flora & fauna to ensure ongoing population recovery (e.g. pekapeka/bats, forest birds, kōkako, ruru, and some plants)

But we also do weed control which is my theme for this newsletter.

Some weeds we just attempt to control (e.g. blackberry) but some we are trying to eradicate (e.g. barberry, jasmine, climbing spindle berry, African club moss). But all of these have source plants outside the conservation land, so we are constantly battling new plants, from seeds brought in, mostly by blackbirds, but also by native species like kereru and kōkako, or streams, or wind.

We think we need a Kaharoa wide campaign to eliminate some of these and we would suggest starting with Taiwan cherry (<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/prunus-campanulata/>). We see it cropping up along roadsides and in the small reserve on the corner of Kaharoa and Tauranga Direct Road as examples, and regularly are having to cut and paste it to remove small saplings within the conservation area. Yes, they do attract Tui when in flower, and kereru when fruiting, but there are many other species (including a host of native ones) that will do the same without becoming an invasive weed. Some councils are even attempting eradication (e.g. Nelson, and Auckland) but it is widely recognized as undesirable across Aotearoa. Let's start improving the whole of Kaharoa by eliminating this weed species for a start.



Photo credits : New Zealand Plant Conservation Network – I really recommend this site for understanding or recognizing weed species.

And a heads-up. Our Trust will be starting our Autumn ship rat control using Pindone in May. Look out for the warning signage if you intend visiting for a walk but we will be also sending notifications to neighbours etc. as is required in these operations.

Facebook, Instagram or website (www.kokako.org.nz) or Email kaharoakokako@gmail.com.

Harcourts

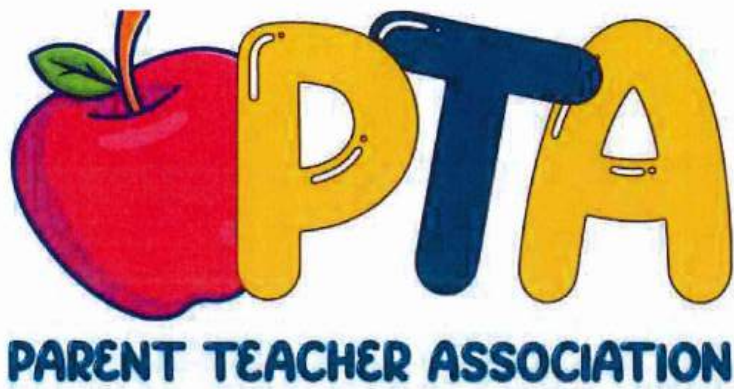
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The Kaharoa School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is an organisation of teachers and parents connected with Kaharoa School. The PTA helps provide an important support network to the Kaharoa School community. This is achieved through fundraising to provide extra material resources and involvement in the organisation of social and educational activities.



Thank you to our organisers and volunteers who worked at the Millar Road aid station supporting participants in the **Tarawera Ultra Trail** earlier this year. A very special thanks to Fran Bulpin, Alicia Tissink, Sarah Paterson & our Kaharoa students who took the time to support this local event.



Kaharoa School PTA Calves Update - We are delighted to let you know that the calves are sold! Thank you to BFC Contracting for purchasing them for \$5000. A very special thank you to Karen Barradell, Ruth Hobart & Michaela Paterson for their organisation with the calves.

The **Kaharoa Cull** is back for 2026 and will take place on 26-28 June. If you would like to be the first to hear the details, please register your interest by emailing Michaela at michaela.p.pta@kaharoa.school.nz. Not a hunter? Come along to Kaharoa School on Sunday 28th June for the weigh-in/count up where there will also be food, games and activities for the kids!



We wish to say a big thank you to Kawarau Engineering who have donated \$1000 towards prizes for our upcoming Kaharoa Cull. Your continued support is very much valued & appreciated.



Thank you to everyone who came along to the **Pool Party** in term 1 - there was a great turn out with approx 80 children and over \$700 raised. Thank you to all our PTA members and parents that helped with the organisation of the event.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our **school pool** is heated and this enables Kaharoa students and our community to use the pool for a longer and making it more comfortable for our swimmers throughout the season. The PTA sees this as a valuable resource in that all students at Kaharoa School are able to access the pool daily and learn valuable swimming experience, water confidence and safety skills. We therefore have a focus on supporting the school with the increased heating and running costs. We want to say a *big thank you* to the families who have made donations so far to the pool heating costs.

If you would like to help us with this and make a donation, payments can be made to:
Kaharoa School PTA 12-3155-0189139-00



Contact us to find out more, or to volunteer for one of our events.

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