Kelburn Normal School Newsletter

Nga Tātarakihi o Ahumairangi Pānui

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Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence in preparing for lifelong learning
Kia auaha te ako a ngā ākonga me te whai i te iti kahurangi mō te akoranga tūroa

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to Theo N and Arie B in Tupu Brown

Welcome student teachers - as a Normal School we have a close connection to the Victoria University of Wellington. Our teachers are all associate teachers, meaning that they have advanced skills in coaching and mentoring student teachers - Kelburn has a long history of hosting student teachers and we have our first batch today for the next week. Welcome to Sophia and Zachary (Māia), Ella and Bailee (Whānui), Lucy (Whānui) and Hannah (Tupu). We do enjoy this responsibility and while we have the student teachers we have a significant advantage in reducing team ratio numbers and increasing opportunities for micro-teaching with the children.

Attendance - This is a topical political issue in the media but I'm not really sure the conversation on the airwaves really reflects back to the tricky (and extraordinary) times we have experienced in recent years. Regular attendance is recognised as between 90-100%, which can be best summarised as an average of no more than 1 day's absence a fortnight. Our latest detailed analysis covers term 4 2022 and showed that we recorded 91% of children in term 4 fitting the regular attendance profile. While this is positive it was a 4% drop from the previous year's term 4. However as a further explanation of this for Kelburn, two things clearly contributed to a slight drop in attendance and that is the persistence of Covid and overseas holidays. Covid absences require students to stay home for at least a week at a time which impacts the total of children attending 90% or better (regular attendance); and when the Border reopened, whānau could travel again and reconnect with their own whānau who live elsewhere. With 35 different nationalities, and Kelburn increasingly a multicultural school, 29% of overall absences were recorded as internal or overseas holidays in 2022. These trips were not short and again this impacted on students attending over 90%. The crucial point is twofold though…firstly children need to be at school - they benefit hugely from the growth and the challenges that school offers. Secondly the last couple of years have been very challenging, and there are clear reasons for the metrics changing. When students are away it does disrupt their flow of learning as each day is a sequence - ideally it flows nicely into the next day. Whānaungatanga is a strategic focus of Kelburn - being interdependent in our belonging to our community. We will do everything we can to help children attend and be at school and for whānau to thrive - regular attendance and whānau relationships is part of this.

Donations - We have issued student statements last week requesting the general whānau donation and activity donations towards costs incurred through such things as extra and curricular activities. Our operational budget only goes so far, and we need extra funds to help pay the bills that fund the extras that we want our tamariki to experience. So the school relies heavily on these whānau donations to help provide for additional opportunities that enhance the children's education. A reminder that all donations to the school are eligible for tax deduction. Please talk to Loraine and Natalie in the office if you need any assistance.

Manaakitanga - our playground buddies (Y5-6) and yellow spot buddies (Y7-8) are out in the playground supporting tamariki through their playtimes. Now we are operating 2 x 40 minute breaks, we are finding our relationships during this time are working well. There is plenty of support during our break times with 3-4

adults and 7-8 children actively working amongst the children to ensure that play times are smooth, even with the challenge pf 270 children trying to work together.

Wheels day- Year 1-4 enjoyed Friday's wheels day with so many scooters and bikes coming onto our school as part of 'Movin March'. This week on Wednesday it is the turn of Whānui and Māia for wheels day.

Friday 17 March - Teacher Only Day - School closed - A reminder that we have a teacher-only day on Friday 17 March and school is closed on that day. This is a chance for our Kahui Ako - 8 schools, including Wellington College and Wellington Girls College, to come together to align our practices to ensure a smooth transition between primary and secondary school.
Kelly Club - Teacher only Day - Kelly Club are considering running a whole day programme for whanau on Teacher only day - 17 March. If you would like this cover then please complete **this survey by this Wednesday.**

Thank you for your continued support. Please get in touch with the home learning team teacher if you need any support for your child at Kelburn..

Ngā manaakitanga,
Andrew

Looking Ahead - Event Dates - Term 1

You can see the times and add these events to your calendar by using the KNS App

Week	Date	Event
Week 6	Wednesday 8 March	Wheels Day Y5-8
	Thursday 9 March	Whanake Swimming- W-Bishop @ 9.15/W-Harper @ 9.30/W-Blair @ 10.00am
	Friday 10 March	Whole School Assembly 10:15am - 11:00am hosted by Māia
Week 7	Thursday 16 March	Whanake Swimming- W-Bishop @ 9.15/W-Harper @ 9.30/W-Blair @ 10.00am
	Friday 17 March	SCHOOL CLOSED - Kāhui Ako Teacher only Day
Week 8	Tuesday, March 21	WZ Cricket 9:00am – 1:30pm
	Wednesday 22 March	Whole School X-Country 9:00am - 12:30pm (PP 4 April)
	Thursday 23 March	Whanake Swimming- W-Bishop @ 9.15/W-Harper @ 9.30/W-Blair @ 10.00am
	Friday 24 March	School Assembly - Tupu host 10:15 - 11:00 am PTA - School - Whānau Picnic 4:30 - 6:30pm
Week 9	Monday 27 March	Board meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm
	Wednesday 29 March	3-way Learning Conversations - Goal Setting 3:15 - 6:00pm
	Thursday 30 March	Whanake Swimming- W-Bishop @ 9.15/W-Harper @ 9.30/W-Blair @ 10.00am 3-way Learning Conversations - Goal Setting 3:15pm - 6:15pm
Week 10	Thursday 6 April	School Assembly - Whanake host 10:15 am - 11:00 am

School Term Dates 2023

Term	Start Date	End Date	Teacher Only Day

Term 1	Wednesday 1 February	Thursday 6 April	**Friday 17 March - Kāhui Ako ToD**
Term 2	Wednesday 26 April	Friday 30 June	**Monday 24 April - (TOD - Curriculum)** **Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day** **Friday 2 June - (Kāhui Ako ToD)** **Monday 5 June - King's Birthday**
Term 3	Monday 17 July	Thursday 21 September	**Friday 22 September - (Teacher Only day - Curriculum)**
Term 4	Monday 9 October	Wednesday 20 December	**Monday 23 October - Labour Day** **Tuesday 24 October - Teacher only day**

School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Xylofun - Katharina 8.30 - 9.30am Mahler Room (*Ys 4, 5 & 6)*	**Orchestra** - Katharina & Rachel 8.30 - 9.30am Mahler Room	**Piccolo** - Anna Sedcole 8.30 - 9.30am Mahler Room *(Yrs 4, 5, 6, & 7)*	**Lyrica** - Nicola Holt 8.30am-9.30 am Mahler Room *Years 5 - 8*	**Kapa Haka** - Miss Murdoch & Henare Parata 8.30 - 9.30am Hall *Years 5 - 8*
Kapa Haka - Miss Bishop & Jeremy *Years 1 - 4* 1.30 - 2pm Hall		**Tui Choir** - Ms Laing 8:50am *Years 2 & 3* Hall		**Little Xylofun** 8.30 - 9.00 am KatharinaMahler Room
		Chess Club - Alistair Button 12.40 - 1.20pm Māia		

School Notices

Let's Get Movin' in March! - We always engage in Movin' March. While the weather is good, we emphasise walking or wheeling to school. It certainly helps our congested parking around the school when tamariki walk and wheel to school, and get some exercise as well. If you travel from outside Kelburn, then don't forget the Park and Stride concept, which is parking away from school and enabling tamariki to walk or wheel from there. For classes in Y1-6, we will have the Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge program to celebrate walking or wheeling to school; once they have filled these, they can return them to school to enter into the prize draw. Remember, students don't have to complete their passports to go in the draw to win a $400 MYRIDE voucher at the end of March!

Winter Project 2023

The Winter Project is back again for 2023 and collecting items to help those in need this Winter. The Winter Project is a student-led charity group run by five Y11s and mentored by 5 Y13s from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter woollens and deliver them to schools in the wider Wellington region that are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead. We're looking for preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes! Thank you so much for your help! condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes! Thank you so much for your help!

Parent-help for our library 📕 📖 📗 📘 📙 📚

1. Do you like fixing things? Do you love books? Are you a detailed person? We would love your help to repair our library books so our tamariki will have many more times of reading them. Preferably to come into school on a Friday, though we are happy to discuss details.

2. Help from parents/caregivers significantly speeds up the process of getting our new library books ready for our tamariki to read. If you have some experience in durasealing books, we have kits to go out to parents/caregivers to duraseal new books at home in your own time. There are approximately 15 - 20 books in each '*home kit*'.
For either tasks please email library@kelburnnormal.school.nz if you can help. Thank you from your KNS whare pukapuka team.

Recorder lessons at Kelburn Normal School
Kamala has a few places for recorder students to begin lessons this term. Child-centred approach with a focus on the love of playing music. If interested, please contact: kamala.bain@gmail.com.

Drum Lessons at Kelburn Normal School
John has spaces for tamariki wanting to learn the drums. If interested, please contact John Rae contact@johnrae.biz

Sun Safety - The weather has been so lovely all summer and hopefully it will continue. Just a couple of reminders for the year -

- Please apply sunscreen before school, maybe pack some in the bag
- We are a few hats short today so please all children must wear a wide brimmed sun hat
- Our water fountains are running well and so a water bottle is essential

Masks - Tamariki are welcome to wear a mask at school if they wish to and it makes them feel safe.

School App - Contact Details
Please check your contact details on the school app to ensure we have the correct details. If changes are needed please email these to admin@kelburnormal.school.nz
Teacher Messages - a sort option has been added to the teacher messages section on the school app so parents can easily search for the latest message in date order.
Downloading the app - for those needing assistance with downloading the app please check the app login video on our website for parents

EzLunch Menu - Subway Wednesday / Pizza Thursday / Sushi Friday **Click here for the Menu**

Are you and your whānau protected from measles?
With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa.
Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.
The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.
You will be protected against measles if you:
• had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
• had measles before
• were born before 1 Jan 1969.
If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.
As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas these holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.
More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:
Measles vaccination – Ministry of Health

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These will cost $10 and you can find the design options @Colourfulclaycreations on Instagram :)

Kelly Club - Check us out on Facebook - Click Here

For enrolments and enquiries, contact the Supervisor on 021 744636 or kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz

Community Notices

PNP Club & College Sport Wellington MTB Championships (XCO - Downhill - Criterium)
The club championships and College Sport Wellington championships are run early in the school year. The date & venue for 2023 has been set as Sun 19 March 2023 at Waiu Trail Park, Wainuiomata. Full details and links to entries can be found on the Event Page.

Yeah! Girls is back for 2023!
Yeah! Girls is a fun and inclusive 6 week after school cricket programme for girls years 6 –10. Each week girls will participate in exciting activities and modified cricket games that encourage sports participation, skill development, teamwork and friendly competition. All equipment is provided, no experience is necessary, and sessions are free!

The Karori Yeah! Girls Hub will start on Tuesday, 14 February at Karori Normal School Turf, and will run every Tuesday until 21 March.
To register: https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/ae5844
For more information, please visit the Yeah! Girls website: https://play.nzc.nz/playyeah-girls

Kia ora,

Wellington Symphonic Bands is thrilled to invite students and beginner players to our Youth Band. This ensemble is intended to help young players experience playing as part of a large wind group for the first time and help them to develop musically in a fun, social environment. We're primarily aiming for students of Year 6-10, but everyone who would benefit from the experience is welcome!

Rehearsals will be held during term time from 5-6pm on Wednesdays in the Wellington College library, beginning on March 1. Our Musical Director is David Codd, who comes to us with tertiary degrees in Classical Piano and French horn as well as a wealth of conducting experience, jokes and icebreakers.

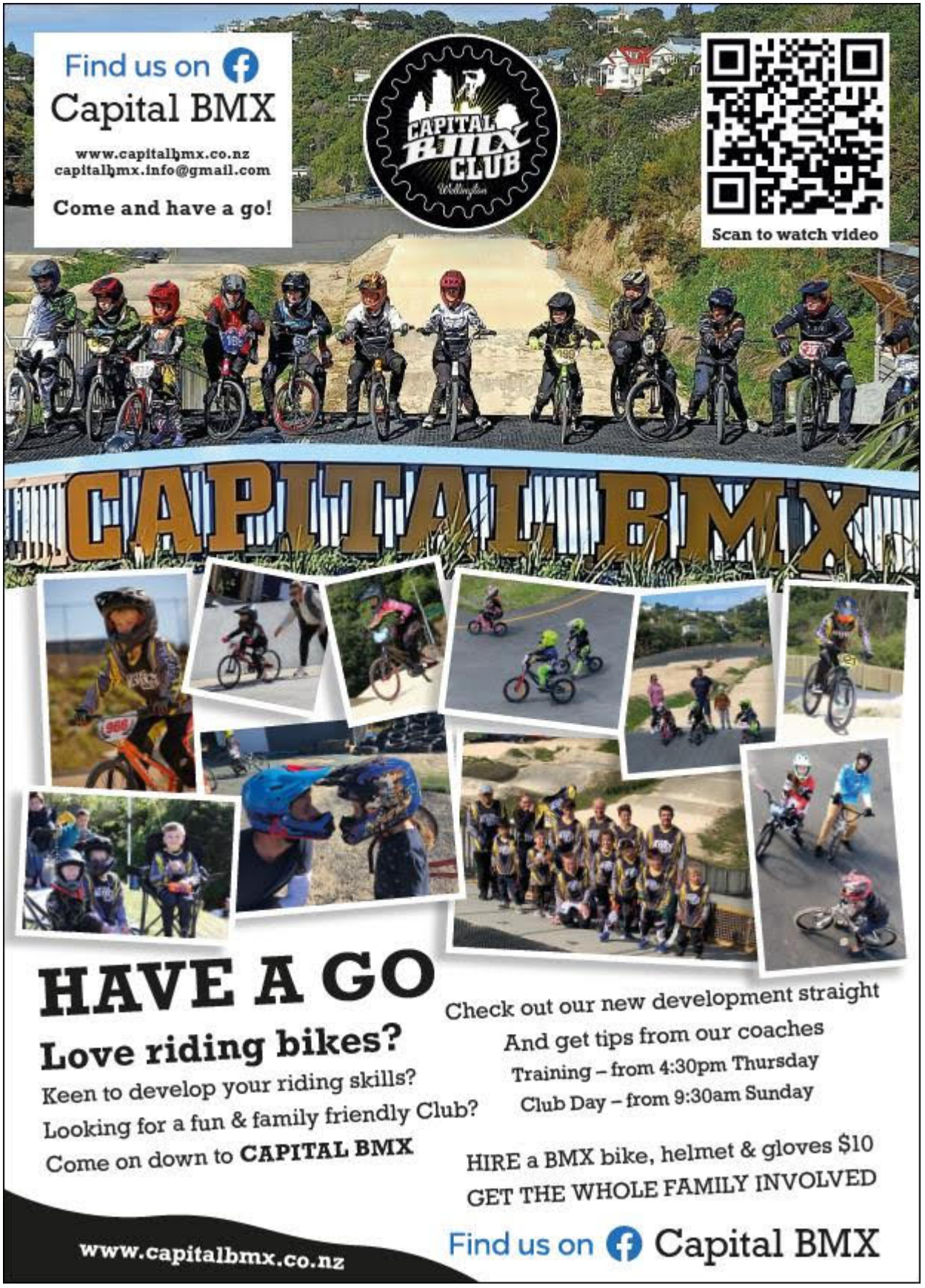
First rehearsal is FREE and the band is very low cost. It is not-for-profit and we are running it to help the community. Please email wellingtonsymphonicbands@gmail.com to find out more and to let us know you are coming.

If you can't make the first week, you can still join at any time.

Drama Club - We run fun weekly drama classes to help your child express themselves creatively as well as learning some valuable performance skills along the way. Our drama classes work alongside the Trinity College London syllabus. Classes are based in Karori. Email admin@dramaclub.co.nz or check out our website - www.dramaclub.co.nz to trial a couple of our classes to see if they are a fit for your child.
Currently spaces available:
Year 1-3 classes - Wednesday 3.20pm - 4.00pm
Year 3-4 classes - Wednesday 4.00pm - 4.40pm

Girls Got Game After School Programme
Where: Evans Bay Intermediate School
Dates: Wednesdays, Feb 22nd - Mar 29th
Times: Years 3-5: 3:30pm-4:15pm
Years 6-8: 4:15pm-5:00pm
Cost: $30
Register Here: https://www.capitalbasketball.org/girls-got-game-sign-up
Email me at renee@capital.basketball for any further information

PADA is a small NGO charity located in Johnsonville. We provide education and training for healthcare providers supporting parents experiencing anxiety or depression due to pregnancy, childbirth, and early parenting.
Our current Fundraiser has taken on the role of General Manager which is why now this position has become vacant.
Here is the link to the position advertisement. https://pada.nz/turanga-watea-vacancies/
Thanks so much for your time, and appreciate the opportunity to connect with your members.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