

# KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI

THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW ISSUE 5 WEEK 5, TERM 1 2024 ~

RĀHINA 26 HUI-TANGURU ~ MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY



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

This week:

**Tuesday 27 February** - Tupu Island Bay Marine Centre Visit, Year 4 Visiting Discovery Garden, Māia Parent Helper for Camp Evening 5 pm to 6 pm

**Friday 1 March** - Whanake Swimming

Kia ora koutou,

### SAVE THE DATE: KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL PICNIC – Friday 22nd March 4.30-7pm

**Staffing** - This week we say farewell to Liz Brown, who has been a part-time teacher here for the last 6 years. Liz has run our English Language Learners programme for the previous 3 or so years, working closely with teachers, families, and ākonga to improve the English language for many of our students. We wish Liz all the best for her next steps, and we thank you for all you have done for the students of Kelburn. Rachel Smith starts this role on Monday.

**Whanake school hui** - thank you for joining us for school hui last Friday. The tamaraki of Whanake did an excellent job, confidently sharing their mahi with us all. The next school hui is Friday, week 7 and is run by Whānui.

**Tupu adventures** - tomorrow, the Tupu Ara head to the Island Bay Marine Centre.

**Whanake adventures** - as part of Local Food Week tomorrow, some of our Y4 students are taking up an invitation to harvest and plant vegetables at the community garden at the Botanical Gardens.

**Māia** - will be briefing their camp parent helpers tomorrow at 5pm on the Waimanaki Camp at Riversdale which takes place next week.

**Interesting Facts - Attendance** - This is an area of national concern with regular student attendance at schools dropping across the country as we continue to respond to the impact of the Covid pandemic. Regular attendance is recognised as at least 90% attendance (average attendance 9 out of every 10 days). Student attendance at school is crucial to take advantage of the sequential flow of the organisation of learning. MOE analysis shows that every day has a cumulative impact on a child's learning - 'Every Day Matters'

In term 4 of last year at Kelburn, our average attendance each day was 93% each day (e.g. on average 7% - between 10-20 students were not at school each day). For Kelburn, though, as per student, in term 3, 55% of our students were present for the 90% metric, while in term 4, this shifted to 75.7%, which was a significant improvement. The T3 and T4 data show the impact of winter colds and bugs. For term 4 - 80% of absenteeism was recorded as sick or as justified (appointments, etc) while 20% of absenteeism was parent-assisted truancy (holidays during term time).

**Parking in Kowhai Road and Boundary Road** - we have had several complaints from our neighbours about cars parking across their driveways. Please do not park on the yellow lines at the bottom of Kowhai Road, leading to private garages and in front of the garages on Boundary Road.

**Road Patrol** - please support our road patrol volunteers, who are playing an important role in the safety of our tamariki. Some parents have been crossing when the arm has been pulled in, but before the road, patrollers have given the all-clear. Please role model the right thing to do to our tamariki.

**Trapping in the gully** - Under the leadership of one of our parents, Tania, we have reestablished trapping in the gully. We have done a lot of work in the gully over the last two years, removing invasive weeds and replanting - we want to restore it to a native sanctuary for our flora and fauna.

**Why is trapping important** - For 85 million years, Aotearoa was geologically isolated making our native species incredibly unique but equally as vulnerable. Since predators such as rats, stoats and possums were introduced to Aotearoa, some of our native species have been pushed to the brink of extinction. An estimated 68,000 native birds are killed by introduced predators every night across the motu. By eliminating these predators from our whenua (land), we give our manu (birds), invertebrates (such as wētā), and lizards (including skinks and geckos) a fighting chance to survive.

**What's happening in our Gully** - To help encourage native species, a small number of traps have been set up in the lower part of the gully. The traps have been set up in tunnels to keep passing children, manu and cats safe. The traps are only safe and humane if they have been set correctly. If you see a trap, please do not touch it. Please reinforce this message with your tamariki at home. If you'd like to learn more, please get in touch with the eco club, and we can have a closer look together. Link to more info: <https://www.pfw.org.nz/our-project/>

**Staff-only days** - we have four staff-only days this year, including two MOE days to process the Curriculum Refresh. For this term, our staff-only day is **Thursday, 28th March, which is the day before Good Friday**. For this day, the 10 schools in our local Kahui Ako will be working together as we continue to grow the alignment between the main primary schools that feed into Wellington College and Wellington Girls College.

Ngā manaakitanga  
Andrew

## What's the latest update from the Tupu team?

As part of our Discovery Time, we created tigers in Tupu Tahi. The expression on the faces makes each tiger a real individual. We made sure that we carefully followed the instructions on adding each part and painting the whole paper. What masterpieces we have created.





Tupu Toru has been diving into our 'Superhero Me' topic by exploring what we might look like if we were superheroes. We discussed colours, shapes and expressions and put our cutting and pasting skills to use as we created our superhero versions of ourselves.

Tupu Rua loved reading our BSLA book 'One Day on Our Blue Planet: In the Rainforest.'

We were inspired by the main characters of the mother and baby spider monkey. We followed step-by-step instructions to create our own adorable spider monkeys.



What will we be up to next in the Tupu team...stay tuned to find out.

## Looking Ahead - Event Dates - Term 1, 2024

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

Week	Date	Event
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 27 February	Tupu Island Bay Marine Centre Visit from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Year 4 - Visiting Discovery Gardens Māia Camp Helper hui 5 pm to 6 pm
	Thursday 29 February	<b>No</b> Year 7 Tech
	Friday 1 March	Whanake Swimming - Tahi (Bishop) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Rua (Blair) 1pm-2.30 pm
<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday 5 March	Waimanaki Camp Maia - Tue 5th - Fri 8th March Y5/6 WZ Cricket Karori Park
	Friday 8 March	Whanake Swimming - Tahi (Bishop) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Rua (Blair) 1pm-2.30 pm
<b>Week 7</b>	Monday 11 March	Whānui Te Wharewaka Walking Tour 9am - 2pm
	Tuesday 12 March	Whanake Te Wharewaka Walking Tour 9 am - 2 pm
	Friday 15 March	School Hui - Hosted by Whanui 10:15am - 11am Whanake Swimming - Tahi (Bishop) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Rua (Blair) 1pm-2.30 pm
	Sunday 17 March	Weet-Bix TRYathlon
<b>Week 8</b>	Friday 22 March	School Hui hosted by Tupu 10:15am - 11am Whanake Swimming - Tahi (Bishop) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Rua (Blair) 1pm-2.30 pm PTA School Picnic 5pm - 7:30pm

<b>Week 9</b>	Monday 25 March	Board Meeting @ 6.30 pm
	Thursday 28 March	<b>Kahui Ako Staff Only Day</b>
	Friday 29 March	<b>Good Friday School Closed</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 1 April	<b>Easter Monday School Closed</b>
	Tuesday 2 April	<b>Easter Tuesday School closed</b>
	Wednesday 3 April	3-Way Learning Conversations/Goal Setting 3.15 pm to 6.15 pm
	Thursday 4 April	3-Way Learning Conversations/Goal Setting 3.15 pm to 6.15 pm
	Friday 4 April	Whanake Swimming - Rua (Blair) 12pm-1.30 pm, Toru (Harper) 12.30pm-2pm, Tahurangi (Bishop) 1pm-2.30 pm
<b>Week 11</b>	Tuesday 9 April	School Cross Country 9am - 2pm
	Thursday 11 April	Music Assembly 9:45am - 11am
	Friday 12 April	End of Term

## School Notices

**Parking Boundary Rd ~** Please **do not** park in front of the garages on Boundary Road. We have received complaints from neighbours who regularly have their vehicles blocked in by parents who have parked in front of their garage.

### Some reminders for school and the summer months :-

- Please ensure your child has their sunhat at school every day and that it is clearly named.
- Please name all clothing, lunchboxes, drink bottles and tupperware so we can find the owner if left outside.
- As the weather is warmer, please consider walking to school as often as possible. We know a large percentage of the school population live within 1km of the school therefore, a good brisk walk to and from school is a great way to look after the physical well-being of whānau as well as look after the environment.
- If your child is going to be away then please notify the school via the App, ring 04 4759351 or email [admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz)
- For those using the drop-off zone on Kowhai Rd please ensure you adhere to the time restrictions.

**Enrolling for Bee Healthy** - If your child missed out you are able to make an appointment directly with Bee Healthy. There's two easy ways to enrol your child with Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service:

1. Complete an [online enrolment form](#), or
2. Visit your nearest [Bee Healthy Dental Clinic](#) and complete an enrolment form.

Babies born in the Wellington Region are enrolled at birth with Bee Healthy.

If you have questions about enrolment, eligibility, or unsure if your child is enrolled with Bee Healthy, please call 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583).

If you have changed address or phone number/s and need to update your details [click here](#)

### KNS Parent Chat WhatsApp Group

The PTA has a WhatsApp group to enable all the KNS community to communicate with each other about all things KNS.

If you want to join this group, please email us on [pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz) with the following information:

- Your name



- Your phone number
- Your child's name and class

**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](mailto: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](#)



## 75 Things You Should Say to Your Child More Often



1. You matter.
2. Today is your day!
3. I'm grateful that you're in my life.
4. I love being your parent.
5. You can always come to me, no matter what.
6. I'm never too busy for you.
7. I love spending time with you.
8. You're becoming more confident.
9. You're a very good friend.
10. I love just watching you play.
11. Your best effort is enough.
12. You are important.
13. I love watching you grow.
14. Thank you for being patient.
15. I'll support you no matter what.
16. You belong here.
17. You make the world a better place.
18. I appreciate you.
19. I see you, I hear you, you matter.
20. You filled my bucket today.
21. You spread kindness everywhere!
22. You make me happy.
23. You can do anything you dream of.
24. I like you just the way you are.
25. I believe in you.
26. Just be you. That's enough.
27. Thank you, I appreciate your help.
28. I love listening to your stories.
29. You are my sunshine.
30. I'm lucky to have you in my life!
31. You can never disappoint me.
32. You are a very good friend.
33. Would you like to join us?
34. Your smile brightens my day.
35. We're so grateful to have you in our family.
36. How are you feeling?
37. Let me know if I can support you.
38. I'm thinking about you.
39. I'm sorry, I was wrong.
40. What can I do to make you feel loved?
41. I'm here for you.
42. You didn't make me mad; these are my feelings.
43. I'm always on your side.
44. I love spending time with you.
45. Can you teach me?
46. I feel so lucky to be in your life.
47. I'm proud of the person you are.
48. I love you more than all the hairs on all the bears!
49. You are beautiful to me, inside and out.
50. You can always talk to me.
51. You make my heart full of love.
52. You're one of a kind.
53. I'm grateful that you're in my life.
54. You make a difference in my life.
55. I care about you more than you can imagine.
56. I'm here for you, no matter what happens.
57. I love seeing the world through your eyes.
58. What do you want to do together?
59. I noticed how well you...
60. I respect you and your opinions.
61. We're a team, you and me.
62. You will never be in trouble with me.
63. There's only one you in the world.
64. I love your imagination!
65. I like every part of you.
66. You're an important part of this family.
67. It's exciting to watch you grow up.
68. Being your parent is my favorite part!
69. You are special to me.
70. I believe in you!
71. What does your heart say?
72. It's okay to be sad. We're all sad sometimes.
73. I know it's hard. I'm here.
74. Nothing you can do or say will make me love you less.
75. Your voice and opinion matter.



## Welcome to 2024 Scholastic Book Club

There will be 8 issues during this school year and we will be distributing leaflets for Issue 2 in March, then Issue 4 in June, Issue 6 in September, and Issue 8 in November

To order and pay online:

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

or download the **LOOP** app from the AppStore or Google play

Books will be delivered to school and given to your child

or if you mark them as **GIFT** books will be kept at the school office for you to pick up. We will email you when they are ready <https://scholastic.co.nz/media/3484/loop-gifting-parent.jpg>

If you would like to order from issues 1, 3, 5 or 7 - you can still do so using the online catalogue and LOOP or the App. Books will be delivered to school free of charge and given to your child in the same way - we are just not distributing leaflets for these issues.

Here is the link to the online catalogue for issue 1 of 2024:

<https://scholastic.co.nz/media/7198/nzbc124-final-web.pdf>

**The closing date is the 20<sup>th</sup> of February**

Leaflets for issue 2 will be distributed in early March.

If you have any questions please e-mail [bookclub@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:bookclub@kelburnnormal.school.nz) or message Andrea Bergstrom or Tania MacKay



## School Term Dates 2024

Term	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher Only Days
Term 1	Wednesday 31 January	Friday 12 April	<p><b>Tuesday 6 February - Waitangi Day</b>  <b>Thursday 28 March - Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day</b>  <b>Friday 29 March - Easter Friday</b>  <b>Monday 1 April - Easter Monday</b>  <b>Tuesday 2 April - Easter Tuesday</b></p>
Term 2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July	<p><b>Friday 31 May - Teacher Only Day</b>  <b>Monday 3 June - King's Birthday</b>  <b>Friday 28 June - Matariki</b></p>

Term 3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September	<b>Friday 30 August - Teacher Only Day</b>
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Wednesday 18 December	<b>Monday 28 October - Labour Day</b> <b>Tuesday 29 October - Teacher Only Day</b>

**Kelly Club - Changes to Childcare Assistance - check if you qualify!**

More families will now qualify for Childcare Assistance and the rate will increase for those already qualified, which means you may be eligible for assistance to send your child to Kelly Club. Please follow this link to find out more: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EgHRGbeAEvTHYilaBHp7uauZzw\\_mwIJA/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EgHRGbeAEvTHYilaBHp7uauZzw_mwIJA/view)

**Kelly Club - Check us out on Facebook - Click Here**

For enrolments and enquiries, contact the Supervisor on 021 744636 or [kelnburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:kelnburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz)  
 Kelly Club Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment.  
 Kelburn to Enrol go to [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

**KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 – BACK TO SCHOOL SPORTS!!**

Kelly Sports is back for Term 1 with our fun and exciting classes!. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go.

We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.  
 Back to School Sports (Years 0-4) – Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm – The sports we will focus on this term are: *Athletics, Ultimate Frisbee, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball.*

It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Your child will learn the basic fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time! Sessions start on Weds 14 Feb 2024 and runs for 8 weeks.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz).

KELLY CLUB		TERM 1 2024	Weekly Theme Planner
		29 Jan - 12 April	Kelly Club Kelburn
Wk 0 29 Jan	DIY Extravaganza!		We're getting crafty this week as we come up with all the best crafts to take home with us!
Wk 1 5 Feb	Year of the Dragon!		Chinese New Year is a time for families to reflect and connect. Let's do it at Kelly Club.
Wk 2 12 Feb	Dungeon Masters		Adventure Awaits! Join us as we journey through the land of dragons and find the hidden secrets.
Wk 3 19 Feb	KC Top Chef		We're cooking up a storm as we take to the kitchen to create masterpiece!
Wk 4 26 Feb	Staff Choice		The staff have got you covered with a week filled with their favourite activities.
Wk 5 4 Mar	Last World Explorers		We're visiting the past as we experience the coolest history week yet!
Wk 6 11 Mar	International Sports		Sports is played all over the world! Let's bring some of it to Kelly Club!
Wk 7 18 Mar	Ooey Goey		It's going to get messy this week as we explore all things ooey & goey!
Wk 8 25 Mar	Egg-stra Special Easter		Get creative and celebrate Easter the Kelly Club way!
Wk 9 1 April	Book Worms		Let's be transported into the magical world of our favourite books!
Wk 10 8 April	Kids Choice		It's up to you what we do at Kelly Club this week.

**TERM 1**  
**SPRING INTO SPORTS**  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY, 3:05pm - 4:05pm  
**BOOKINGS STILL OPEN!**

- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Ultimate Frisbee
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Turbo Touch

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT **KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**  
 Contact Information [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz)



## Community Notices

**Karori West Normal Schools** annual fair is on Saturday 16th March 2024 from 11am - 2pm. PLEASE NOTE: this year there will be NO white elephant or clothes. But there will be kids books, toys, crafts and lots of delicious food and loads of fun activities and sideshows. So come along, grab a deal, have a turn on the inflatable axe throwing, inflatable slide or angry birds game. Sit and enjoy a treat from our cafe and cakes stall then lunch from our international foodcourt. Should be a fun day, hope to see you there. Don't forget your keep cup and shopping bag.

### Crofton Downs Literacy Centre

Read Right, Write Well: After school tuition with an expert Is your child having problems reading? Is writing a struggle for your child? Enrol your child for after school literacy tuition, taught in Wellington's northern suburbs by a highly qualified and experienced specialist. With a PhD in English, and over thirty years working in education, Viv has taught every level from five-year-olds, to secondary school students, to teacher trainees, to post graduate university students. Sessions are one-to-one, and include a range of approaches that address skills, and the child's needs and interests, and remedial or extension reading, draft writing, spelling, handwriting, or children's literature. Tuition is \$30 per half hour, or \$50 per hour. The initial consultation is free.

To make an appointment, or learn more, phone 021 073 9234 or 04 4791740, or email [van.rij.vivien@gmail.com](mailto:van.rij.vivien@gmail.com)

**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, we have small classes that are grouped by age. Email Bridie - [admin@dramaclub.co.nz](mailto:admin@dramaclub.co.nz) for more information or to trial a couple of classes. Alternatively, check out our website - [www.dramaclub.co.nz](http://www.dramaclub.co.nz) for more information.

**Aikido for juniors.** Aikido is a martial art with a difference, its focus being on defence rather than attack: a non-violent, defensive art. Aikido is renowned for its benefits for self-control, co-ordination and posture, and like all martial arts promotes confidence and provides fun, fitness and friendship. We are a not-for-profit organisation teaching the art of aikido, based in Kaiwharawhara, in our 30th year. Classes for 'Aiki Kids' (around 6+ to 12 years) 5:30pm every Monday in school terms, and our 'Aiki Teens' train every Monday and Wednesday 6:30pm. First 3 lessons free, then \$80 per term, with 10% discount for families. City Dojo, 132 Hutt Rd, Kaiwharawhara, Wellington, directly above Animates pet shop. Turn up and give Aikido a try - and parents, you can join in too :-). Contact Conrad at [conrad@aikido.org.nz](mailto:conrad@aikido.org.nz) or 021 843 467, or visit [www.aikido.org.nz](http://www.aikido.org.nz).



### Does your child love to sing?

Wellington Young Voices offers a choral programme to foster a lifelong love of singing and music.

Who: Children 6–14+ years old

When: Mondays 4 – 6pm

Where: Queen Margaret College

Contact [wvychoir@gmail.com](mailto:wvychoir@gmail.com) for more information.

[www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz](http://www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz)



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## SPELD NZ's Introduction to Specific Learning Disabilities

SPELD NZ's two-day Introduction to Specific Learning Disabilities (ISLD) is an opportunity to "walk a mile in the shoes" of a person who lives day-to-day with an SLD. You will also be equipped with tools and strategies to support the struggling learner. Discovering more about SLD within an often diverse group can be an insightful experience.

This course is ideal for people with very limited or no knowledge of SLD, or those wanting to "refresh".

Participants include parents/whanau, employers and educators (eg. teachers, teacher aides, SENCO, LSC and tutors). No prior qualifications are required. A certificate is awarded to all those who fully complete this training.



**Both days run from 9am to 4pm with breaks for morning tea and a one-hour lunch.**



### Content includes:

- What is it like to have a specific learning disability?
- What is happening in the brain of these learners?
- How does this impact their learning?
- What skills are needed for success in learning?
- What accommodations and remediation work for those with SLD?
- SLD and maths
- SLD and writing
- Phonological and phonemic awareness (reading and spelling)
- How do we motivate the individual with SLD?



For more information, see [www.speld.org.nz](http://www.speld.org.nz) (Training page)  
Or contact [training@speld.org.nz](mailto:training@speld.org.nz) or call 028 2550 7415



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