

# KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI

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RĀHINA 18 POUTŪ-TE-RANGI ~ MONDAY 18 MARCH



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

**Monday 18 March** - PTA Annual General Meeting @ 7 pm in Tupu space

**Friday 22 March** - School Hui hosted by Tupu 10:15am - 11am, Whanake Swimming, PTA School Picnic 5pm - 7:30pm

Welcome to Frank B Tupu Tahi.

As we enter week 8 of this term things are humming along at our busy little school. We have a full week this week and then weeks 9 and 10 are two short weeks - 3 days each. Remember that Thursday 28th next week is a staff-only day and we will be down at Wellington College with our Kahui Ako. Also, a reminder that on Easter Tuesday, school is closed.

At school hui on Friday, I spoke about the importance of showing **Respect, and being Respectful**, and I feel it is important for whānau to reinforce the concept of respect at home. We hear a lot via media of behaviours across the motu and in our little community at Kelburn Normal School we do have small instances where student behaviour does affect us, and the rhythm of our learning. Attention-seeking, negative, selfish, and hurtful behaviour impacts our community and as a result we are placed in the situation of being the key agents for making change. The 3 elements of respect I talked to tamariki about at hui were -

- Respecting and caring for each other - treating everyone with kindness, understanding and empathy - 'follow the golden rule'...treat others how you would like to be treated.
- Respecting our teachers / kaiako - teachers work hard to enable us to learn and grow - tamariki need to listen attentively, follow instructions, contribute to class, and be polite and appreciative.
- Respecting our property / environment - we must take care of what we have - when we do it shows we value our surroundings and the things we have to use and play with.

At Kelburn, staff consistently work and refine our behaviour management strategies and through PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning), we strive for a powerful learning environment. While we have increasing acknowledgement and increasing information to support the neurodiversity of each individual student, we don't have the luxury of excessive staffing to support this, so we work with students in large numbers at the same time. We are well-planned, well-prepared and structured in our approach so the tamariki don't have too much freedom or separate from the intent of the learning intentions. Simply put - tamariki are still learning to manage themselves and manage relationships with others, but they do need practice and support to do this. As adults we must lead this 'coaching' to impress in our children the notion of respect, and what is good and what is right. We find that everyday we work and move with other people, and so our actions do affect others and our actions do create our reputation and what we are known for. Most children manage themselves well, BUT we all get affected by those who don't. Our systems and structures start with the understanding of **respect and being respectful** for us all to do well and be able to work alongside our school values of Pūkengatanga ; Manaakitanga ; Whānaungatanga. Each week we add a small parenting guidance section in the newsletter to help - this week it is on '*what to do when your child answers back*'.

**Tikanga Maori** - Recently our tamariki excelled in 2 settings of cultural significance. At the recent Māia marae visit to Te Rangimarie in Masterton and the Whanake and Whānui walk at Te Wharewaka our tamariki were called upon to follow tikanga on the marae and at Te Wharewaka. This reflects the gains we are making through the mahi of Jason and Jeremy and our kaiako, teaching staff.

**Unsupervised Students in the Playground before 8.30 am and after 3 pm** - it is disappointing to see some of our tamariki are not being picked up at 3 pm and left unsupervised in the playground. In New Zealand, it's against the law to leave tamariki under 14 without making reasonable provision for their care and supervision. Our students' safety is important to us, and all students on school grounds before 8.30 am and after 3 pm must be supervised by an adult. There is the option of enrolling your child in the after-school care programme run by [Kelly Club](#). If you are running late due to unforeseen circumstances please let the office know, and if you are regularly running late please make alternative arrangements to ensure your child is supervised and safe.

**PTA Annual General Meeting** – tonight – 7pm Tupu Space – PTA Annual General Meeting followed by General Meeting. We would love to have you join us.

**Scholastic Book Club**—**Scholastic Book Club**—brochures will be coming home for Issue 2. Orders close Friday, 22 March. Order online at [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) or on the LOOP App. Every order earns rewards, enabling the school to order free books for the school library at no additional cost to you.

**The Annual KNS School BBQ/Picnic is this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (4.30pm-7pm) on the KNS school grounds.** There will be sausages and hamburgers and for your dessert, a bake sale and Mr Whippy. The kids loved our entertainer, Mr Wizowski, last year so much that he's making a reappearance. Of course, to help make it a successful and fun night we do ask for volunteers to come forward and help. If you're available to help during the evening, please sign up [here](#)

# What has been happening in Whānui?

## Camp

It was great to have had such an uplifting and positive camp experience. The children returned from Makahika feeling proud of themselves and closer to their peers, having overcome challenges and created lasting memories together. Through team-building activities and outdoor adventures, the students developed new skills, built resilience, and strengthened their sense of camaraderie. The camp experience was truly a transformative and rewarding experience for our students, and we are incredibly proud of their growth and achievements. It was especially heartwarming to see the way the children supported and encouraged one another.



## Poetry

This term our ākonga have been immersing themselves in the world of poetry. They have been looking at various forms of poetry, and experimenting with language. Our multiple literacies approach offers the children opportunities to explore and learn about poetic devices like similes, metaphor, personification, and alliteration. Through drama, drawing, word games, and rich models, they gain inspiration for creating their own original pieces. It is a delight to

see their creativity, language skills and self-expression develop. We look forward to them showcasing their poems in our end of term celebration of learning.

Here are some snippets from the children's work so far:

*"I often think of my mind is like a bowling alley. When i`m in an easy lesson I get a strike. When i`m in a hard lesson I get 1 or no pins. Sometimes when I get something wrong I get a gutter ball. But to get a good strike I need to focus, focus, focus". - Claudia.H*

*"If a grey cloud starts to circle in my head, then rain will follow and a rush of tearful blue sadness comes in. But, like a rainbow after a storm, sadness doesn't stay for long" - George*

*"I sometimes wonder if someone is thinking the exact same thing as me at the exact same time. Right now my mind is a blank piece of paper, I can't think of anything at all, what so ever!" - Olive.H*

*"My mind is like a forest, my thoughts constantly get lost, but the trees are like memories" - Bastille*

*"When I don't know a question, my mind is like a tornado, because my head is going round and round and round, trying to figure out the question, but it never works" - Annabel. T*

*"What if you had lions for pets? Would you need to sleep with one eye open at night?" - Eleanor*

### **Walking Tour**

The children enjoyed a walking tour through Wellington City to visit the waterfront, Te Wharewaka o Pōneke, and Te Papa Museum. They were welcomed with a mihi whakatau and given an informative talk on traditional waka and the pūrākau for Kupe, his wife Hine-te-aparangi (who gave Aoteroa its name, meaning 'long white cloud'), and companion Ngake. We were lucky to be able to learn about the rich cultural history and legends of Maori people while exploring the ancient artefacts and stories that go with the place in which we currently live and reside. Thank you to our parent helpers who came along that day and were able to share in the experience with our tamariki. We cannot do these trips without whānau support.



### **Western Zones Cricket**

We extend our gratitude to the parents who assisted during our western zone cricket event. Many of our children eagerly anticipate this annual event. It provided them with the chance to participate in enjoyable, fair team sports against other schools in the region. It was heartwarming to observe how our students supported and respected each other, while also acknowledging and appreciating the efforts of the opponent teams. While competitive spirits emerge, they do so in a healthy way that does not overshadow the prevailing atmosphere of sportsmanship among all participants.

# What has been happening in Māia?

## Camp

Camp really helped us to set the tone for the remainder of the term. Our students thrived on the opportunity to develop independence and take on new challenges outside of the classroom. Daily camp updates to whānau showed that our students engaged in a wide range of activities designed to support team building and collaborative learning. Here are some student comments about camp:



*When I was packing for camp I was nervous to get all wet and muddy. Playing is fun, but being ick is gross. But I enjoyed just going out, getting muddy and having fun without the limitations of staying dry.*

*I am glad that I was put in an activity group with people that I wouldn't usually work with, I got to know them better and we became a great team.*

*I liked the night walk because it was so cool watching the milky way and constellations come out and seeing a dead goose in such good condition. The food was also amazing, especially on the last day the lunch was incredible. I liked the morning workouts as well*

## STEAM- Playground for a marble

Each week students are given an engineering problem involving a marble. Working in pairs they come up with the most effective solution, sharing these at the end of the lesson sequence. Pupils collect data, create accurately labelled diagrams, and problem-solve collaboratively. At the end of the term in pairs they will combine their ideas to create a course across the classroom.



## 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 8</b>	Monday 18 March	PTA Annual General Meeting @ 7 pm in Tupu space
	Friday 22 March	Wheels Days Y5-8 School Hui hosted by Tupu 10:15am - 11am Whanake Swimming - Tahi (Bishop) 12pm-1.30 pm, Rua (Blair) 12.30pm-2pm, Toru (Harper) 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 6.30 pm
	Thursday 4 April	3-Way Learning Conversations/Goal Setting 3.15 pm to 6.15 pm
	Friday 5 April	Band Concert 11 am to 11.40 am 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

**Registrations open soon for the Kelburn Normal School netball club! The club is open to all students from year 3 and up (and there's also a special tournament for year 2s).**

**The Wellington West netball season starts on 4 May and runs until 31 August, with a break for the school holidays. If your child (or children) are keen please email [jarrod.baker@gmail.com](mailto:jarrod.baker@gmail.com) with their names and the year they're in so we can gauge interest. We'll also be looking for keen parents to coach teams (and keen older siblings to referee) - if that's you, please get in touch. More information about the club can be found at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/kelburn>**

**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@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:admin@kelburnnormal.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](#)

# THE WINTER PROJECT

## WHO WE ARE:

The Winter Project is a student-led charity group run by five Year 12 students from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter woolens and deliver them to schools in the wider Wellington region who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead.



## CONTACT US



### FACEBOOK

**The Winter Project**

### INSTAGRAM

**@\_thewinterproject**

### EMAIL

**winterprojectwgtn@gmail.com**

## WHAT WE NEED:

Please bring any 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. There will be a box placed somewhere around the school to put your items in. Thank you for your help!

# Things to Say When Your Child Talks Back

When confronted with rude behavior from your child, it's important to see beyond the surface. Challenging behavior is often how children communicate their big feelings related to stress, anxiety, family dynamics, or a simple need for attention.

The key is not to take it personally but to approach it with patience and empathy.

## Instead of:

"Stop talking like that, you're being rude!"

## Try:

"I understand that you don't agree with me. But it's not okay to talk like that. *"Can you please say what you want to say in a more respectful way?"*

## Instead of:

"Don't you dare use that tone with me!"

## Try:

"Okay, we're both feeling a little frustrated right now. *Let's both take some time to calm down* and then we can try again in a few minutes."

## Instead of:

"I would never ask someone that way!"

## Try:

"It sounds like you need my help. I know there is another way you can ask for that. I would be happy to help you. *How else could you ask?"*

## Instead of:

"I'm not listening when you are talking like that!"

## Try:

"I want to hear what you think and I expect you to say it in a respectful way. *"Can you please say it differently?"*

## Instead of:

"Go to your room and calm down!"

## Try:

"I would like to continue our conversation when we're both calm. I will be in the kitchen so please come when you're ready."

## Instead of:

"I don't have time for this attitude!"

## Try:

"It's okay to be upset with what I just said. *We still need to speak calmly in order to continue our conversation.*"

## All behavior is communication.

When our child acts rudely, try to understand what's really behind it. Stress, anxiety, family dynamics, and the need for attention can cause challenging behavior.



## School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Xylo Beats</b> - (Ys 4,5, 6) 8.30 - 9.30am Katharina Mahler Room	<b>Orchestra</b> - 8.30 - 9.30am Katharina & Rachel Mahler Room	<b>Piccolo</b> - (Yrs 4, 5, 6, 7) 8.30 - 9.30am Anna Sedcole Mahler Room	<b>Lyrice</b> - Yrs 5 - 8 8.30am-9.30 am Anna Sedcole Mahler Room	<b>Kapa Haka</b> - Yrs 5 - 8 Henare 8.30 - 9.30am Hall
<b>Kapa Haka</b> - Y1-4 1.30 - 2pm Miss Bishop & Jeremy Hall	<b>Code Club</b> - 1.10 - 1.40 Miss Sanders Māia space	<b>Tui Choir</b> - 8:50am Years 2 & 3 Ms Wilby Hall		<b>Xylofun</b> 8.30 - 9.00 am Katharina Mahler Room
<b>Eco Club</b> - Miss Molloy 1.10-1.40 Tupu space		<b>Chess Club</b> - Alistair Button 12.40 - 1.20pm Māia		

## School Term Dates 2024

Term	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher Only Days
Term 1	Wednesday 31 January	Friday 12 April	<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>
Term 2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July	<b>Friday 31 May - Teacher Only Day</b> <b>Monday 3 June - King's Birthday</b> <b>Friday 28 June - Matariki</b>
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\\_mwJJA/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EgHRGbeAEvTHYilaBHp7uauZzw_mwJJA/view)

### **Kelly Club - Check us out on Facebook - [Click Here](#)**

For enrolments and enquiries, contact the Supervisor on 021 744636 or [kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:kelburnnormal@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)



**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  
 adminwgtm@kellysports.co.nz

**PTA News**

**AKOTECH CodeCamps April School Holidays - EARLY DISCOUNTS**  
 Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have **Literati Lab** just for girls  
 Venues: Queen Margaret College, Thorndon  
 Dates: 15th - 18th & 22nd - 26th April  
 Book Now at [www.akotech.nz](http://www.akotech.nz) **EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 22nd March Siblings Save 6%**

**Northland St. Anne's Autumn Fair**  
 The Northland St. Anne's Autumn Fair will be held in the Church Hall (corner Northland and Randwick Roads), 9.30am – 1.00pm on Saturday 23 March. Food stalls will include a deli featuring home-made cakes, jams and marmalade, waffles, morning teas and barbequed sausages. There will also be children's clothes and toys, crafts, plants and books stalls, Any fair contributions can be left at the back of the Church.