



Kelburn Comms – Weekly Update

TERM 4 – WEEK 6

Rāapa 12 Whiringa-ā-rangi

Wednesday 12 November 2025

This week...

Thurs 13 November	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am Talent Quest 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm
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Wed 19 November	Musical Refreshment @ 6.30 pm

Lolly Bag Sale at the Talent Quest

Student council are selling lolly bags for \$2 at the Talent Quest to help fundraise for Elliot B's new bike. Cash and eftpos available.

Talent Quest Tomorrow Afternoon! 13 November 2025

We're excited about our annual Talent Show which will take place on Thursday, November 13th!

Schedule:

- Junior Talent Show (Years 1-4): 3:30PM – 5:00PM
- Senior Talent Show (Years 5-8): 5:15PM – 6:45PM

During the break, we'll have delicious pizza slices and drinks available for just \$2.50 each.

Bring your friends and family to support our talented students! We can't wait to see you there!



A Musical Refreshment – Wednesday 19 November 6pm

Ngā Tātarakihi o Ahumairangi - Kelburn Normal has a long history of being a creative kura with excellence in the performing arts. After all, the first four words in our kura vision are..."where students learn creatively... Our Musical Refreshment performance is our annual end-of-year celebration of our ensembles held at St Andrew's on The Terrace.

This is always a memorable showcase of our ensembles, their collaboration and the exceptional skills of our music teachers. We will feature performances from the Orchestra, XyloBeats, Piccolo, Lyrica, Senior Kapa Haka, select music ensembles, and our music teachers. Our orchestra performers are asked to arrive at 5:30pm, Lyrica at 5:40pm, and all other performers at 5:45pm.

We look forward to seeing you there. We appreciate the contribution of koha for the hire of the venue. You can pay by cash on the night or by bank transfer - our bank account number is 12-3223-0190001-00 using MF as a reference.

A Huge Thank You to Our PTA

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTA for their continued support of our school. This year, they have generously donated funds towards upgrading the Gully. This is such a special space for our tamariki, and these improvements will make it an even more enjoyable place to learn and play. We truly appreciate all the time, effort, and generosity our PTA puts into supporting our school community. Thank you!



Whānui is hosting their final assembly for the year

Dear Whānau, a reminder that this week (W6) at 1:50pm, Whānui is hosting their final assembly for the year. You are invited to join and celebrate their mahi with your children.

Rogaine in the Botanical Gardens

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Who: Whanake, Whānui, & Māia

When: **Māia- 4 December, 9am - 12:30pm;**

Whanake - 9 December, 9am - 1pm;

Whānui - 9 December 12 - 3pm

Coming up in December is the ever-popular Rogaine event. This team-building, map-reading, and outdoor activity, which includes walking/jogging/running, as well as clue-finding, has been an end-of-year fixture at our kura for many years.

To run this event, we rely on adult helpers, who will lead a group of tamariki from one clue to the next. Ideally, we are looking for five to six adults per home learning team to help out. Grandparents and teenage siblings are also great helpers. We will have a mixture of teams to cater to all levels of fitness and competitiveness. If you can help, please let your child's teacher know.

Compasses will not be used. Please leave your dogs at home. Ideally we will put parents who wish to run with students who wish to run, and parents who wish to walk, with students who prefer to walk.

Pack the Bus - 2025

Pack the Bus donations can be dropped at reception. All gifts are to be unwrapped. The bus will collect the donations on Monday 24 November at 9.50am.





WELLINGTON CITY MISSION WISH LIST

TOYS

INFANTS & TODDLERS
e.g. Sensory toys, Wooden toys, Bath toys, Soft toys

TWEENS & TEENS
Clothing, Tech Gifts, Arts & Crafts, Sports Gear, Beauty Products

GENERAL
Lego, Vouchers, Family Games/Puzzles, Fidget Toys, Pretend Playsets

SOME IDEAS
Beauty Products/Body Gifts
Shower Gel packs, Perfume, Make-up packs, Hair products, Jewellery

Tech gifts
Portable speakers, Headphones, Game consoles (hand-held or family)

Sensory toys
Slime, Thinking puy, Sensory Mats (utilise different textiles), Fidget spinners, Rainmaker toys, Chew Toys (Teething toys), Reflective Balls

FOOD

Christmas cakes, Christmas desserts, Fancy crackers/biscuits, Chippies, Nuts, Chocolates, Pavlova/meringues, Relishes/chutneys

PLEASE NOTE: NO HOME BAKING OR OPENED/EXPIRED GOODS
Gifts will be distributed to families closer to Christmas, please keep in mind of anything going off during this time.

GROCERY ITEMS

Sanitary Products, Canned Food, Rice, Pasta/Pasta Sauce, Cereals, Snacks, Sweet Biscuits/Crackers, Canned Meals/Soup, Hygiene/Cleaning Products, Beverages e.g. Milo, Coffee.

OF COURSE, ANY DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED. THIS IS JUST A GUIDELINE.

Phones and Smart Watches



This is a friendly reminder that we strongly recommend that children do not bring phones or smart watches to school. These items are not allowed in the learning spaces, or to be used at all during school hours. If students need to bring these items to school, the best thing is to hand them into the office at the beginning of the day, and collect them as they leave. If the item has the ability to record sound, take photos, message, call, or access the internet, it is classed as a smart watch or phone.



Year 8s Leavers' Event

This year, our celebratory Leavers' Event will take place in the Māia space on **Thursday, 11 December** at school. The cost of hiring a venue has become prohibitive, and we have a much-admired space in which to celebrate. The recognition of students' time at Kelburn Normal School will occur at this event rather than at a whole school assembly. Students will receive certificates detailing their achievements and contributions to the school. Each student can bring two guests to the celebration; due to the nature of the event, it is not appropriate for siblings to attend, unless they are adults. We understand that families come in all sorts of configurations so if you require extra tickets, please send a request to the office so that we can accommodate you.

What to expect:

- A high tea with sweet and savoury treats.
- We will assemble from 4.30 pm, with mixing, mingling and nibbles. The event will conclude before 6.30 pm.
- A cheerful, festive atmosphere (physically and emotionally).
- Year 8 students will each receive a certificate detailing their achievements and contributions.
- Students will present recollections of their primary school years; and for the last hurrah, there will be a waiata and an item from the team.
- A few short speeches.

Things to note:

- The event is semi-formal and children are asked to wear smart attire. Some children are pretty savvy about what is appropriate, but sometimes they require more support. Shorts, T-shirts, or jandals would not be appropriate. We find many of the children do like to take the opportunity to dress up.
- This is an alcohol-free event.
- This is for year 8s only, no younger siblings are to attend.

What we need from you:

- In the near future, we will send out a form for you to complete, which will allow you to indicate the number of tickets you plan to purchase, as well as the ticket price. The cost of this event is likely to be approximately \$20 per ticket.

The children do look forward to their Leavers' Celebration. The adults find it an entertaining and somewhat poignant event.

2026 Whānui Camp – El Rancho Camp – Wed 25th – Fri 27th February 2026

Dear parents and caregivers of Year 4 and 5 children

Looking ahead to 2026, we are planning the biannual Whānui Camp. It will be at El Rancho in Waikanae. The camp's primary purpose is to set the stage for the year's learning and establish positive relationships between tamariki.

We are asking for volunteers to assist us at camp. Helpers will be required to leave school with us on Wednesday, February 25th, via bus, attend full days, stay both nights, and return to school with us on the bus on Friday, February 27th.

If you are selected to come and help us at camp, you will not be with your child. Camp is an opportunity for the children to be independent from whānau. Of course, you may have opportunities to watch some of your child's activities and see them during meal times, but helpers are primarily there to assist teachers and El Rancho staff.

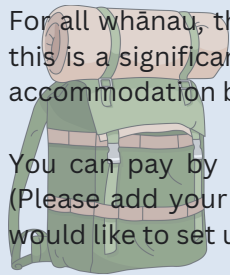
Attending the camp requires stamina and fitness. Some activities include physical activities, assisting the instructors with activities, meal preparation, and cleaning duties. Not a lot of sleep happens on the two nights we are away!

If you can volunteer for camp, please contact Rebekah Rasmussen at rebekahr@kelburnnormal.school.nz

You will also need to complete a police check.

For all whānau, the requested donation towards the cost of the camp is \$320 per child. We appreciate that this is a significant expense; however, a large part of the El Rancho experience is not just food, travel, and accommodation but also the cost of the trained staff who care for us at the camp and in activities.

You can pay by depositing money into the school bank account, using account # 12 3223 0190001 00. (Please add your child's name and camp as a reference.) You can also pay at the school office, and if you would like to set up a payment plan, please arrange this through the office.



Reminders

School Hui - to help ensure a safe transition at the end of each hui, we kindly ask whānau to either stay in the hall or exit the hall through the side exit doors by the road patrol shed. Please then wait in the playground at your regular pickup spot so all tamariki can use the link to return to the learning spaces to collect their bags and be released from their class on time. In the interests of health and safety, please keep the linkway and doors clear at all times. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Ezlunch orders - Click the [link for an updated menu](#)

Parking - Just a friendly reminder to please follow our parking guidelines during pick-up and drop-off times. If grandparents or friends are collecting your child, we kindly ask that you remind them to park legally and respect the designated parking zones and drop-off areas.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and ensuring a smooth flow of traffic around our school

Parking on 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 garages.

Security Cameras - Please be aware that security cameras are operating on school grounds to deter and investigate any vandalism to school property and other antisocial or illegal activity. The cameras are not operating inside school buildings and are programmed to only record activity outside of school hours.

It's great that your child is doing road patrol in 2026. Can you help them out?

We are seeking **parent helpers** to supervise the 2026 student road patrollers.

Road patrol duty is:

- 30 minutes
- once a week
- before **or** after school

Join the **friendly team** of parent volunteers who assist in keeping our children safe. (cover is available if a volunteer has another commitment during their normal shift)

This is a great way to **be seen** helping the school community, and saves the school money!

Please text Claire on 021 537 567 if you are able to help.

P.S. Orange really suits you :)

VOLUNTEER



JOIN THE TEAM



Scholastic Book Club

Keep an eye out in the school bag for the latest Scholastic Book Club brochure. This is the last issue of the year, making it the perfect opportunity to start your Christmas shopping early while supporting our school. Be sure to mark it as “Gift” when ordering and your order will be left at the office rather than coming home with your child.

Be sure to check out the fantastic selection of books available. Orders close on November 16th, so don't miss out!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yummy Stickers Success!



A huge thank you to everyone who sent in their Yummy Apple stickers and labels this year! We collected an amazing 4,576 stickers and labels, which means our school has earned \$561 to spend on new sports equipment. Your efforts really do make a difference — thank you for supporting our students' active play!

Entertainment Book

Fundraising with Entertainment

Your purchase of an Entertainment Membership contributes to funds for the benefit of KNS and our tamariki. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your friends and family. Thanks so much for your support!

Unlock More. Spend Less. Give Back.
with an Entertainment Membership.

LIMITED TIME ONLY

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FREE Multi City Upgrade*		BONUS \$30 Woolworths Gift Card*		20% donated to your community

[Find Out More](#)

*When you buy a Single City Membership. T&Cs apply.



Looking Ahead Term 4 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 6	Thursday 13 November	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am Talent Quest - 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm
	Friday 14 November	School Hui - Hosted by Whānui @ 1.50pm Boostrix/Gardasil Y7 PTA Peony Fundraiser Delivery
Week 7	Monday 17 November	PTA Meeting - 7pm to 8pm
	Tuesday 18 November	Māia Tech Session 9 am to 12.20 pm
	Wed 19 November	Musical Refreshment @ 6.30 pm
	Thursday 20 November	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am WGC Orientation day
Week 8	Monday 24 November	Pack the Bus - AM (Time TBC) BoT Meeting @ 6.30 pm
	Tuesday 25 November	Māia Tech Session - 9 am to 12.20 pm
	Wed 26 November	Celebration of Learning - 3 pm to 5 pm
	Thurs 27 November	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am Chit chat for New Entrants families 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm
	Friday 28 November	School Hui - Hosted by Whanake @ 1.50 pm
Week 9	Monday 1 December	Whānui Speech Finals - 10am to 11am Māia Speech Finals - 11.45am to 1 pm
	Wed 3 December	WC Induction Day - 9am to 3pm WHS Orientation Morning - 8.45am to 11.30am
	Thursday 4 December	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am Māia Rogaine - 12 pm to 3 pm
Week 10	Monday 8 December	Road Patrol Pizza Lunch
	Tuesday 9 December	Whanake Rogaine - 9 am to 12.30 pm Whānui Rogaine - 12 pm to 3 pm
	Thursday 11 December	Reports Home to Whānau Y8 Celebration - 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm
	Friday 12 December	Junior Musical Assembly @ 1.50 pm
	Sunday 14 December	Lyrical Carol Service at St Michaels
Week 11	Monday 15 December	Christmas & Y8 Farewell assembly @ 2 pm
	Wed 17 December	School closes at 2 pm

Term Dates 2025

2025	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
Term 4 10 wks	Monday 6 October	Wednesday 17 December - finish at 2pm	Monday 27 October - Labour Day

Term Dates 2026

2026	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
Term 1 9 wks	Monday 2 February	Thursday 2 nd April	Friday 6 February - Waitangi Day Friday 27 March - Teacher only Day 3 Way Learning Conversations
Term 2 11 wks	Monday 20 April	Friday 3 July	Friday 24 April - Teacher only Day PLD Maths Curriculum Monday 27 April - ANZAC Day observed Monday 1 June - Kings Birthday
Term 3 10 wks	Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September	Friday 14 August - Teacher only Day 3 Way Learning Conversations Friday 28 August - Teacher only Day PLD Maths Curriculum
Term 4 10 wks	Monday 12 October	Wednesday 16 December - finish at 2pm	Monday 26 October - Labour Day

Enrolments 2026

If you live in our home zone and have not yet indicated your intention to enrol your child for next year please get in touch and complete an **online enrolment**. If you know of other in-zone families who may be planning to enrol – please encourage them to get in touch with us. This helps us greatly with planning for the year ahead.

Community Notices



These are provided as a service to the community and do not necessarily reflect the policies and practices of the school - click the **link** to view school notices.

Kelly Club Notice

Kelly Club is about having fun doing interesting things with your friends & making new friends too! Our programmes are packed with activities; play sports & games, bake & cook, learn new crafts, do your homework or just relax and play. We offer After School Care every day of school term and Holiday Programmes during the school holidays too.

Kelly Club programmes at Kelburn Normal School can be searched [here](#), or you can contact Kelly Club directly:

Phone: [021 744 636](tel:021744636)

Email: kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz

- Visit: www.kellyclub.co.nz
 - e-mail: kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz
- or just pop into Kelly Club any day after school.

Kelly Sports



KELLY SPORTS

Spring Into Action!

Term 4 Sports Programme

Wednesday's 3.05PM-4.05PM FOR 8 WEEKS
CRICKET, TBALL, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL
2 WEEKS OF EACH SPORT!!
STARTS WEEK 2 OF TERM 4!

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School & Karori
Normal School

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TEAM ENROLLMENTS NOW OPEN!