



KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE

TERM 4 – WEEK 1

RĀAPA 14 WHIRINGA-Ā-NUKU

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2026

This week...

Wednesday 14 October	Road Patrol Training
Thursday 15 October	Tupu Swimming
	Year 5-8 Navigating the Journey Whānau Hui @ 5 pm
Monday 19 October	PTA meeting @ 6.30pm in the staffroom
Tuesday 20 October	Battle of the Bands
	Kids Sing - Lyrica and Piccolo
Wednesday 21 October	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm
	New Zealand ShakeOut

Navigating the Journey for Year 5–8

Year 5-8 Navigating the Journey Whānau Hui

Thursday 15th October from 5pm - Upstairs learning space

Please join us for the Whānui/Māia Whānau Hui about our health units this term. We will introduce whānau to the Navigating the Journey programme - a programme that introduces tamariki to relationships and sexuality education at an age-appropriate level. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kids Sing at Samuel Marsden Collegiate School

On Tuesday 20th October, Lyrica and Piccolo will perform at the annual Kids Sing at the Samuel Marsden School auditorium. This event celebrates primary school choral music, and the children enjoy hearing a variety of choirs from across the city.

Piccolo and Lyrica will each sing two songs, and both choirs will receive feedback from the adjudicator. They will perform in the first session of the day and also join in with a warm-up and a new song. We will be leaving school on the bus at 9 am and should be back by 11.10 am.

Parents and whānau are welcome to attend; a gold coin donation is appreciated. As there is no car parking inside Samuel Marsden, we advise parking in the neighbourhood and walking to the school.

We are looking for a parent volunteer to support us with this event. If you can be available from 9.00 am-11.15 am to support us, please email libyam@kelburnnormal.school.nz

Welcome to The Kids Sing Wellington

Tuesday 20th October Session One: 9:30 - 10:45 Year 3 and 4 Choir - Karori Normal School He Hono Ben - Samuel Marsden Collegiate Piccolo - Kelburn Normal School Cilesta - Queen Margaret School Lyrica - Kelburn Normal School Year 3 and 4 Choir - Scots College	Tuesday 20th October Session Two: 11:15 - 12:45 Year 5 Choir - Scots College Kōhaka Choir - Thorndon School Titahi Bay Choir - Titahi Bay St Mark's - Year 5 - 7 Choir Year 6 Choir - Scots College Kea Choir - Thorndon School
Tuesday 20th October Session Three: 1:30 - 3:00 Y5 to 8 Choir - Karori Normal School Korimako - Wellington Young Voices Kotane Voices - Wellesley College Kōhaka - Wellington Young Voices Wellington Young Voices Combined Choir Bay Boys - Wellesley College	Wednesday 21st October Session One: 9:30 - 10:45 He Kāiwaia Kōa - Samuel Marsden Collegiate Kotahitanga Choir - Scots College Chorus - Chilton St. James St. Teresa's School Choir Yvaca - Chilton St. James Larks Choir - Samuel Marsden Collegiate

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Year 3 Sports Festival

On Tuesday 27th October, our Year 3 tamariki will be heading to Samuel Marden to take part in the annual Western Zone Year 3 Sports Festival. This is a fun-filled and action-packed day out, where children have the opportunity to play a range of different sports and games with their peers from across the Western Zone. There will be a small charge for this trip, to cover bus costs. We will add this to your child's statement.

We will need parent helpers to accompany us on this trip. If you can help, please email sophieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz.

Western Zone Athletics – Helpers needed

We were disappointed to have to cancel our whole school athletics due to the unfortunate weather conditions this week.

As a result, we will now be using a combination of last years results and in school competitions to confirm our qualifiers for the Western Zone Athletics. We will be able to share the names of these tamariki with you next Wednesday.

Key details:

Date: Friday 6th November (PP Friday 13th November)

Time: 9.15am-2.40pm

Venue: Newtown Park

As part of our participation at Western Zone athletics, Kelburn is responsible for running the boys long jump across the day. We are looking for 3 volunteers who are be able to help with this. This could be a great job for older siblings who have finished their exams. If you are able to help with this, please email sophieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz

Tupu Updates



Tupu/Whanake Parent Book Helpers

Are you available on Friday mornings for an hour occasionally? (During term time).

A lovely group of Tupu and Whanake parents help the Tupu/Whanake teachers by filling away the reading books that our tamariki bring home most nights.

We need more helpers, please!

What's involved?

- Filing reading books into designated boxes in the resource rooms.

When?

Friday mornings during term time, starting anytime from 8.30am. And usually taking an hour or so, however, you can leave whenever you need to.

Skills?

- You only need to be able to match the book title to the box it goes in
- It's an easy job, and a chance to meet other parents and contribute to our kura!

How it works?

- We have a roster on Whatsapp that we sign up to when we're available.
- Most parents help once a month or so, but some help more often, for shorter times.
- We usually have 2-4 parent helpers at a time.
- Any help is greatly appreciated!

Can you help or want to know more?
Contact Susie Brown susieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz
Or Eleanor Kane
027 339 9153 empkane@gmail.com

Swimming Term 4 2026

Dear Parents and Whānau,

The Tupu team will start swimming next term at the Karori indoor pool. We will swim for eight weeks. The first session will be on Thursday, 15th October and the last session on Thursday, 3rd December. There will be eight lessons in total.

Each team will travel by bus to the pool for their lesson.

The Tupu Tahi team lesson is from 10 to 10.30am.

The Tupu Rua team lesson is from 10.30 to 11am.

The Tupu Toru team lesson is from 11 to 11.30am

The Tupu Whā team lesson is from 11.30am to 12pm.

The Tupu Rima team lesson is from 12pm to 12.30pm.

The children will be grouped by ability and taught by qualified Swimwell swimming instructors in the indoor heated pool. Each swimming group will have an instructor in the pool with them for the 25-minute lesson. This means there are around four to six tamariki in each group.

Your child will need appropriate togs, goggles, and a towel, all clearly named and in a separate bag they can take on the bus. The children are expected to dress themselves independently. They will therefore need to wear clothes and shoes they can put on and take off independently, please.

Due to higher costs for swimming teachers and bus transport, the cost of swimming lessons has risen, bringing the total to \$95. Swimming is a requirement of the curriculum, but we appreciate this is more than we have charged previously. The cost can be added to your child's statement, paid by direct credit to 12-3223-0190001-00 using your child's name as a reference, or paid by EFTPOS at the school office.

If you have any questions, please come and ask.

Ngā mihi nui,
Marianne, Jodie, Jo, Lisette, Wendy, and Susie



Māia Updates

Year 8 Leavers' Dinner & Year 8 Leavers' Assembly – Save the Dates

This year our celebratory Year 8 Leavers' Event will take place on Thursday 10 December. We will publish more information later this term.

The final hui for the year will be our Christmas & Year 8 hui, held at 1.50pm Monday 14th December.

WGC Year 8 Orientation Friday 13 November 2026

We would like to inform you that we have changed our Y8 Orientation Day to the same day as Wellington College. We will start sharing this information individually to Year 8 students joining us at WGC in 2027 from next week. This day is all about giving them a great first look at our school and helping them feel comfortable before they start next year.

We will send all the families of these students an invitation with all the details, so they stay informed.

What to know for the day:

- When: The day runs from 9 am to 3.20 pm.
- Getting there: Families need to drop off their students at WGC in the morning.
- Getting home: We have school buses that can take students home to Karori, Wilton/Northland, and Brooklyn. If a student doesn't want to take the bus, their family will need to arrange for them to be picked up at 3.20 pm.
- What to bring: Students should bring their own morning tea and lunch. Please have them wear comfy clothes and shoes that they can easily move around in.
- Where to go: When they arrive, they should use the Brook Courts. This will take them right to the school gym to sign in and start the fun!

If a student can't attend our Orientation Day, they should inform you of their medical absence or go to their school as usual. We look forward to meeting everyone and welcoming them to WGC!

Ngā mihi nui Rebecca McLean
YEAR 9 DEAN 2027

Maria Moran
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Wellington High School – Year 8 transition visit

The visit for Year 8 students enrolled to start at Wellington High School in January 2027 will take place on the morning of Wednesday 2 December. Further information will be circulated to schools and whānau in Term 4.

Please note that this visit is only be for students who have enrolled with us.

If any potential WHS whānau would like to contact our Enrolment Officer, they can contact Timara McCarthy, enrolments@whs.school.nz.

PTA Meeting – Monday 19 October 2026

The next PTA meeting will be held next Monday 19 October 2026 at 6.30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome!

TALENT QUEST 2026 – SAVE THE DATE



KNS PTA is excited to announce that the annual school Talent Show will be held on **Thursday 12 November!**

Juniors: 3.30pm to approx 5pm
Seniors: 5.15pm to approx 6.45pm

Mark your calendars and get ready for an afternoon filled with creativity, inspiration, and incredible performances from our talented students.

Rehearsal dates are 28, 29, 30 October and 2, 3 November at 1.00pm in the school hall. If your child is interested in performing, please complete a rehearsal form available in the link or in the school office and return to the office by **Wednesday 21 October.**

If you have any questions please contact Natalie - natalie_missen@windowslive.com.

Calendar Art

Calendar Art is ready to order! Please see the poster below for details on how to order. Orders close on Tues 27 October. Samples of the products are on display at the office

Fresh Peony Flowers

\$5 per stem



The PTA is running their popular Peony fundraiser.

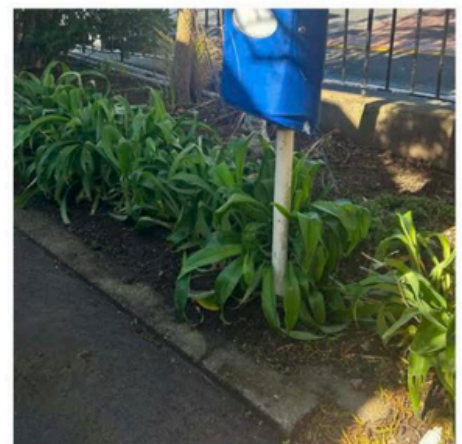
Stems must be pre-ordered by 8.00pm on Thursday 22 October. Collection will be at school drop off (hall kitchen) and pick up (school office) on Friday 6 November.

Please order using the order form [here](#)

Payment is to be made to the PTA bank account by Thursday 22 October.

**Available this year in White, Coral, Pink and Red as listed in the order form.
Order yours today!**

Thanks to PTA funding, we were able to enhance our garden and create a much more welcoming entrance to the school. We planted beautiful white hebes, evergreen shrubs native to New Zealand. A special thank you to Jay for all of his hard work bringing this project to life.



Calendar Art is Ready to Order!



Orders Close Tuesday, 27 October

Kia ora families,

Your child has been busy creating artwork as part of our Calendar Art fundraiser, and it is now ready to view and order online! We are turning their creations into beautiful personalised Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads.

These products make wonderful gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. Best of all, every purchase directly helps support our school.

Order Summary Key Info	Details
Order Website	kidsartworks.com
Entrance Code	KZ1943
Order Deadline	Tuesday, 27 October

How to Place Your Order

1. Go to kidsartworks.com.
2. Enter the Entrance Code: **KZ1943**.
3. Select your child's room and name to view their artwork and customize your items (select the name with capital letters).
4. Optional: You can also upload your own photo or custom artwork if you prefer!

Payment & Support

Payment is completed securely online via credit card or bank transfer.

If you have any questions, please contact the KNS PTA at

pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz.

Looking Ahead Term 4 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Wednesday 14 October	Road patrol training
	Thursday 15 October	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30 am, Rua @ 9.50 am, Toru @ 10.25 am, Whā @ 10.50 am, Rima @ 11.25 am Health Whanau Engagement Hui - Navigating the Journey @ 5pm
Week 2	Monday 19 October	PTA meeting @ 6.30pm in the staffroom
	Tuesday 20 October	Battle of the Bands Kids Sing
	Wednesday 21 October	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm
	Thursday 22 October	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30 am, Rua @ 9.50 am, Toru @ 10.25 am, Whā @ 10.50 am, Rima @ 11.25 am Epro8 Year 7&8 Selection from 4pm
	Friday 23 October	Mihi Whakatau/School hui @ 1.50 pm
Week 3	Monday 26 October	Labour Day - School closed
	Tuesday 27 October	Wellington Orchestra Festival Y3 Sports Festival
	Wednesday 28 October	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm Talent Quest Auditions @ 1pm in Hall
	Thursday 29 October	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30 am, Rua @ 9.50 am, Toru @ 10.25 am, Whā @ 10.50 am, Rima @ 11.25 am Talent Quest Auditions @ 1pm in Hall
	Friday 30 October	Talent Quest Auditions @ 1pm in Hall
Week 4	Monday 2 November	Tupu fun sports 12 pm to 1 pm Talent Quest Rehearsals in Hall @ 1 pm BoT Meeting from 6pm
	Tuesday 3 November	Talent Quest Rehearsals in Hall @ 1 pm
	Wednesday 4 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm Celebration of Learning 3.15 pm to 5 pm
	Thursday 5 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30 am, Rua @ 9.50 am, Toru @ 10.25 am, Whā @ 10.50 am, Rima @ 11.25 am
	Friday 6 November	WZ Athletics School hui hosted by Māia PTA Peony Collection
Week 5	Wed 11 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm
	Thursday 12 November	Talent Quest, Jnrs 3.30 pm to 5 pm, Snrs 5.15 pm to 6.45 pm
	Friday 13 November	WGC Orientation Day
Week 6	Wed 18 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm

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Week	Date	Event
	Thursday 19 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30 am, Rua @ 9.50 am, Toru @ 10.25 am, Whā @ 10.50 am, Rima @ 11.25 am Chit Chat Session for New Entrant families 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm Whānau Group in Staffroom 5pm to 6pm
	Friday 20 November	Gardasil vaccinations Y7 second dose School hui hosted by Whānui at 1.50 pm
Week 7	Wed 25 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm Musical Refreshment at St Andrew's 6pm to 9pm
	Thursday 26 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30 am, Rua @ 9.50 am, Toru @ 10.25 am, Whā @ 10.50 am, Rima @ 11.25 am
Week 8	Monday 30 November	BoT Meeting @ 6pm in Staffroom
	Wed 2 December	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm Wellington High School induction day
	Thursday 3 December	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30 am, Rua @ 9.50 am, Toru @ 10.25 am, Whā @ 10.50 am, Rima @ 11.25 am
	Friday 4 December	School hui hosted by Whanake @ 1.50 pm
Week 9	Thursday 10 December	Y8 Leavers Celebration
	Friday 11 December	Meet Home Learning Teams for 2027
Week 10	Monday 14 December	Chirstmas & Leavers school hui
	Wed 16 December	Last day of school. School finishes at 2 pm

Enrolments 2027

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. Alternatively, if you plan to leave KNS at the end of the year, please let us know. This helps us greatly with planning for the year ahead.

School Reminders

Absences: Please use the school app or call the office to report student absences for each day that your child is sick. Your child's teacher and the admin email address may not always be accessible to check.

If your child is attending a college open day, please also use the app or absence phone line to let us know.

[Click to view link](#) to school reminders published in previous newsletters

Term Dates 2026

2026	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
Term 4 10 wks	Monday 12 October	Wednesday 16 December - finish at 2pm	Monday 26 October - Labour Day

Term Dates 2027

2027	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
Term 1 10 wks	Tuesday 2 February	Friday 9 April	Monday 8th February - Waitangi Day Observance Friday 5th March - Ākonga Led Learning Conversations March 26th - Good Friday March 29th - Easter Monday March 30th - Easter Tuesday
Term 2 10 wks	Tuesday 27 April	Friday 2 July	Monday 26th April - ANZAC Observance Day Monday 7th June - King's Birthday Friday 25th June - Matariki
Term 3 10 wks	Monday 19 July	Friday 24 September	Friday 16th July - Teacher Only Day in Holidays Friday 20 August - Ākonga Led Learning Conversations
Term 4 10 wks	Monday 11 October	Thursday 16 December - finish at 2 pm	Monday 25 October - Labour Day

School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lyrice – Yrs 6–8 8.30 am – 9.30 am Mahler Room Mrs Anna Sedcole & Mrs Munn	Orchestra – Yrs 4–8 8.20 am – 9.30 am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier & Ms Smith	Xylobeats – Yrs 4–6 8.30 am – 9.30 am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier	Piccolo – Yrs 4–6 8.30 am – 9.30 am Mahler Room Mrs Anna Sedcole & Mr Miller	Little Xylofun Yrs 2–3 9.00 am – 9.30 am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier
	Code Club – Ms Rasmussen & Mr Pearce	Junior Yoga Club – Miss Corcoran Chess Club – Mr Miller	Tūi Choir Yrs 2–3 9.00 am – 9.30 am Hall Mrs Smith	Kapa Haka Yrs 5–8 8.30 am – 9.30 am Hall Matua Henare Parata, Ms Smith and Ms Rasmussen
	Junior Kapa Haka – Yrs 1–4 1.40 pm – 2.10 pm Hall Mr Jeremy Desmond & Mrs Blair		Eco Club – Mrs Blair & Miss Mowbray	

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

INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

Sept/Oct 2026

Week 2

Tues 6th to Thurs 8th Oct

Football Programme

Join our fun and engaging football holiday sessions led by experienced Kelly Sports Coaches. Our football programme is ideal for first-time players and those wanting to build confidence. The programme develops fundamental skills, teamwork, and game awareness through exciting activities and mini-matches, all in a safe, supportive environment. Ages 5 years to 12 years welcome.

WHERE: Wests Rugby Club Rooms - Ian Galloway Park

WHEN: Week 2 - Tues 6th, Wed 7th and Thurs 8th Oct

TIME: 9am to 12.30pm

PRICES

**\$45 PER DAY OR
ALL 3 DAYS FOR
\$120 PER WEEK**

Netball Programme

Join our fun and engaging netball holiday sessions which focus on developing fundamental skills while building a stronger understanding of the game and positional roles. Through fun, game-based activities, players are challenged at an age-appropriate level, helping them grow in skill, confidence, and enjoyment. Ages 5 years to 12 years welcome.

WHERE: Karori Normal School

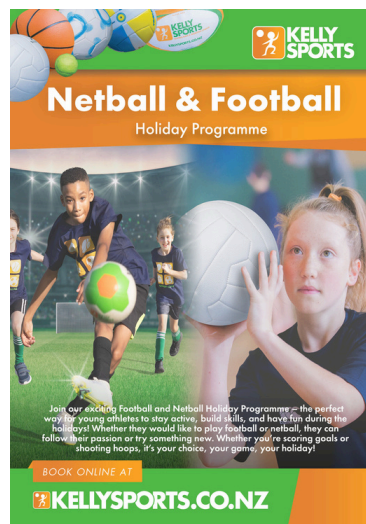
WHEN: Week 2 - Tues 6th, Wed 7th and Thurs 8th Oct

TIME: 9am to 12.30pm

BOOK ONLINE AT

- W kellysports.co.nz/wellington
- S Programme Coordinator
- E adminwgtm@kellysports.co.nz
- P 021 972 728
- S @KellySportsWellington

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Website: kellyclub.co.nz/kelburn-normal



KELLY CLUB KELBURN NORMAL UPDATE

What's been happening...

We enjoyed seeing everyone back again and hearing about the awesome holidays everyone had. It's been a great week 1 as we are settling back into the Kelly Club Kelburn Normal routine. We have competed in a Teacup Relay, tried to Guess the Riddle and learnt how to play Croquet! Plenty more awesome Alice in Wonderland activities to come!



OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!

YOU WON'T BE CHARGED FOR CARE DURING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Unlike other providers, Kelly Club won't charge you for childcare during public holidays.

BOOK NOW www.kellyclub.co.nz

What's happening next week!



THEME: European Adventure!

Term 4 Week 2, 19th October 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
 Kelly Club Kelburn Normal

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00 – 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 – 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Spaghetti on Toast & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Yoghurt & Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Tap Ball	Game: Snowball Tag	Game: Stuck in the Mud	Game: Guess Who?	Game: Charades
3:45 – 4:30 pm	CRAFT Pointillism Painting	GAME Chariot Racing	DISCOVERY Leaning Tower of Pisa	SPORT Multi Sport Challenge	COOKING Chocolate Croissants
4:30 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 – 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Corn Thins	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Baking
4:50 – 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Game: Mother May I? & Projects	Game: Origami Fox & Projects	Game: Sharks, Islands & Fish & Projects	Game: Sheep & Wolves & Projects	Game: Slide Tag & Projects

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