



Kelburn Comms – Weekly Update

TERM 4 – WEEK 3

Rāapa 22 Whiringa-ā-nuku

Wednesday 22 October 2025

This week...

Thursday 23 October	Teacher Strike School Closed - Kelly Club Operating
Friday 24 October	School Hui & Mihi Whakatau - hosted by Tupu @ 1.50 pm
Monday 27 October	Labour Day - School Closed
Tuesday 28 October	Māia Tech Session - 9 am to 12.20 pm
	Talent Quest Rehearsals - 12.45pm - 1.45pm
Wed 29 October	Talent Quest Rehearsals - 12.45pm - 1.45pm

School Closure Due to Teacher Strike – Thursday, 23 October

While the protest event has been cancelled the teacher strike is still going ahead. School will be closed tomorrow Thursday, 23 October.

We understand this may cause disruption for some families, and we appreciate your understanding and support during this time.

Kelly Club have a fun programme planned. See details below.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

WZ Athletics

Western Zone Athletics

Coming up next Friday is the Western Zone Athletics Competition. This is a chance for year 4-8 tamariki who have qualified to compete against their peers from schools across the Western Zone.

Where: Newtown Park

Date: Friday 31st October (PP date Friday 7th November)

Time: 8.30am-3pm

Programme: [WZ Athletics Programme 2025.docx.pdf](#)

If your child has qualified (they should know, or you can check [this list](#)), please complete the following form confirming you give permission for them to attend.

[WZ Athletics Permission Form](#)

We will need parent helpers to enable us to attend this event. Please email sophieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz if you are able to help with this.

Maths No Problem Workbooks

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our kura has been trialling the Maths No Problem resource this year. This Ministry of Education-funded programme is designed to strengthen maths learning across Aotearoa schools. The programme includes a class textbook (years 2-8, which stays at school) and Student Workbooks, where tamariki complete some of their written tasks. Soon, your child will bring their first 'Student Workbook' home.

A few things to know about Maths No Problem:

Many teaching sessions include related pages in the Student Workbook, which are broadly structured as follows (there may be differences across the year groups):

- Question 1 – Completing this accurately demonstrates that your child has grasped the fundamental concepts and may be working at the expected level for their year group, depending on the level of teacher support they require.
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- Question 2 – This involves solving problems in familiar situations. If completed independently, it suggests your child is likely working at the expected level for their year group.
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- Question 3 – This involves solving problems in both familiar and unfamiliar situations. If your child has completed this independently, they may be working at a more advanced level for their year group.

Please note that in Years 1 and 2, tamariki are supported in completing most of their workbook activities with their kaiako.

If your child has not completed Question 1, they are not expected to attempt Questions 2 or 3. You might notice some gaps in their workbook – this is entirely normal and often reflects where students were working during lessons.

You may also find that not every section in the workbook has been completed. There are a few reasons for this:

- The resource is new, and not all the lessons are relevant to the refreshed curriculum in Aotearoa.
- We still use other resources and lessons, which leaves a shorter timeframe to work through the workbook material.
- Some students completed related tasks in their maths books or through hands-on activities instead of directly in the workbook.
- Different year levels have different workloads – some workbooks contain more sessions and pages than others.

Once the workbook comes home, what you do with it is entirely up to your whānau. There is no expectation that unfinished pages need to be completed, and these books should not be returned to school, as we will soon begin using the next workbook.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher.

Year 7&8 Kī-O-Rahi Tournament

Kia ora,

On Thursday 30th October the Kahui Ako are holding an inter-school Kī-O-Rahi Tournament at Karori Park. Kī-O-Rahi is a large team game played between 2 teams, kioma and taniwha, on a large circular field. Played for 4 quarters or 2 halves of a set time, teams alternate roles of Kīoma and Taniwha at half or quarter time.

The children are excited to learn how to play Ki O Rahi this term, and the tournament is a fun opportunity for them to play some friendly rounds with other kura.

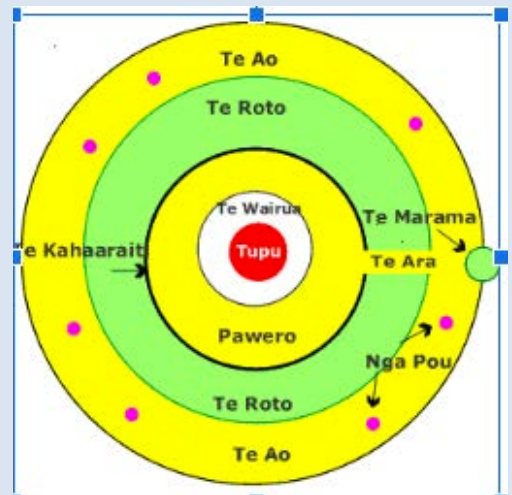
We will be taking 20 children on a bus to this tournament. **Your child will know if they are on the list to attend.**

We will be leaving at **9:25am** and returning around **2:00pm**.

Your child has expressed interest in coming. Please fill out this online permission form to secure their place. <https://forms.gle/SRKH8GwKAhkPoJwn8>

We will need two parent helpers for this event to go ahead, please consider volunteering if this is within your availability.

A small donation is requested to cover the cost of transportation. This amount will be added to your child's statement.



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



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.

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.



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 Waikinae. 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.

Kind regards,
Bex

Tupu Christmas Craft Activities

Ho Ho Ho everyone,

At the end of this term we would like to have a range of exciting Christmas activities and crafts. To make this even more fun and enjoyable, we would like to run the activities in small groups; therefore, we would love the help of parents, whānau members, or caregivers. The more the merrier!



If you would like to have a small group of children and run an activity/craft, e.g. baking, stockings, sewing, decorations, etc, on one or more of the following days we would love to hear from you.

Thursday 11th December, Friday 12th December, Monday 15th December from 9am to 10:30am

Please complete the attached form and return to the class teacher by **Monday, 2nd December.**

Ngā mihi nui, Jackie, Andrea, Jodie, and Susie

I would love to run a Christmas activity with a small group.

Name _____ Phone number _____

Please circle your choice

I would like to help but would prefer to be given an idea for an activity

Or I have an activity planned:

Activity idea _____

Preferred day/s and time. **Please circle or highlight.**

(You may choose more than one if you are available as we would love as much help as possible.)

Thursday 11th December - 9 to 10:30

Friday 12th December 9 to 10:30

Monday 15th December 9 to 10:30



Thursday 23 October 2025 – Strike Day Holiday Programme

PJ Party Day!

Roll out of bed and come in your PJs for the best day ever! We'll be cooking up treats, playing games, making cool crafts, and getting active with awesome sports and discovery fun. There'll even be pillow fights and surprises – so grab your slippers and get ready for a day full of giggles and good times!



KELLY CLUB A FUN PROGRAMME THAT KIDS LOVE!

Thursday 23 October
PJ PARTY

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL
Come in your PJ's for a day of cooking, games, crafts, sports, and fun! Enjoy pillow fights, tasty treats, and plenty of laughs with your friends – it's cozy, creative, and full of surprises!

Full Day: \$60
8am-6pm

School Day: \$48
8:45am-3:15pm

Half Day: \$40
8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply

Contact: Olivia Bissett
Phone: 021 744 636

Email: kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz
Facebook: @KellyClubKelburnNormal

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

PTA Minutes 13 October r2025

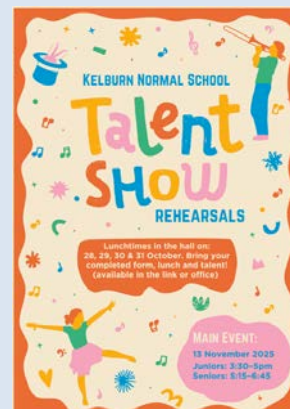
Please click the link to view the PTA minutes from [13 October 2025](#).

The next meeting is on Monday 17 November at 7 pm in the Tupu teaching space. New members welcome. Some of our current members are stepping down, and we warmly encourage new families to get involved.

Talent Quest 13 November 2025 – Save the Date

We are excited to announce that our annual School Talent Show will be taking place on November 13th! Mark your calendars and get ready for an evening filled with creativity, inspiration, and incredible performances from our talented students.

Rehearsal dates start from Tuesday 28 October from 12.45pm. If your child is interested in performing, they can collect an expression of interest form from which can be collected from the linkway or the office.



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!

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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.

Looking Ahead Term 4 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 3	Thursday 23 October	Teacher Strike - School Closed - Kelly Club Sessions Available
	Friday 24 October	School Hui & Mihi Whakatau - hosted by Tupu @ 1.50 pm
Week 4	Monday 27 October	Labour Day - School Closed
	Tuesday 28 October	Māia Tech Session - 9 am to 12.20 pm Talent Quest Rehearsals - 12.45pm - 1.45pm
	Wednesday 29 October	Talent Quest Rehearsals - 12.45pm - 1.45pm
	Thursday 30 October	Road Patrol Training - 9 am to 1 pm Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am Talent Quest Rehearsals 12.45am - 1.45pm
	Friday 31 October	Talent Quest Rehearsals - 12.45am - 1.45pm WZ Athletics (PP day 7 November)
Week 5	Tuesday 4 November	Māia Tech Session - 9 am to 12.20 pm
	Wed 5 November	Y1-Y6 Orchestra Show - 1.50pm to 2.40pm
	Thursday 6 November	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am
	Friday 7 November	WZ Athletics Postponement Date School Hui - Hosted by Māia @ 1.50 pm
Week 6	Tuesday 11 November	Māia Tech Session - 9 am to 12.20 pm
	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
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	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
	Friday 28 November	School Hui - Hosted by Whanake @ 1.50 pm

Looking Ahead Term 4

Week	Date	Event
Week 9	Monday 1 December	Whānui Speech Finals - 10am-11am Māia Speech Finals - 11.45am to 1 pm
	Wed 3 December	WC Induction Day
	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

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.

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.

The Griegol

[Hannah Playhouse](#), 12 Cambridge Terrace, Te Aro, Wellington

Thursday 23 October 2025 - Saturday 25 October 2025 7:00pm – 7:55pm

Presented by Trick of the Light Theatre

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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2025 2026



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Wilton

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SCAN ME

NETBALL
Samuel Marsden
School & Karori
Normal School

kellysports.co.nz/netball2025

TEAM ENROLLMENTS NOW OPEN!

Week 8 Date & Time TBC

PACK THE BILLS

FOR TOYS:

NEW TOYS ONLY (NOT SECOND HAND)

FOR FOOD:

NONPERISHABLE. AND WHEN DONATING,
THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD PUT IN YOUR
TROLLEY. ALL THE USUAL CHRISTMAS TREATS

– CHOCOLATES, MINCE PIES, CRACKERS,
CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS, CHIPS, AND EVEN
NON-CHRISTMASSY STUFF, LIKE CHILDREN'S
TOOTHBRUSHES AND LARGE-SIZE NAPPIES

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