



# Kelburn Comms – Weekly Update

## TERM 4 – WEEK 8

### Rāapa 19 Whiringa-ā-rangi

### Wednesday 26 November 2025

#### This week...

|                      |                                                                                                |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed 26 November      | Recorder Concert 11am - 11.45am                                                                |
| Thursday 27 November | Celebration of Learning - 3 pm to 5 pm                                                         |
| Friday 28 November   | Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am |
| Monday 1 December    | Chit Chat for New Entrants families 5.30pm to 6.30pm                                           |
| Wed 3 December       | School Hui - Hosted by Whanake @ 1.50pm                                                        |
|                      | Whānui Speech Finals - 10am to 11am                                                            |
|                      | Māia Speech Finals - 11.45am to 1pm                                                            |
|                      | WC Induction Day - 9am to 3pm                                                                  |
|                      | WHS Orientation Morning - 8.45am to 11.30am                                                    |

#### End of Term 4 in Tupu 2025

What is happening in the last weeks of the year in our Tupu team.

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

What an action-packed term we are having. We are loving our swimming lessons and continuing on our learning journey. As the term is zooming along, we wanted to share with you what we have planned for the remainder of this term. The last day of swimming is Thursday, 4th December.

The last day that reading books will be coming home is Tuesday, 9th December. The last day for poetry coming home is Friday, 5th December. Mathematics, printing, phonetics and writing will continue till Wednesday, 10th December.

The last day to issue school library books is Friday, 28th November. Please return all library books by Friday, 5th December. All artwork will be coming home in the last two weeks of term. Please check at home for any school readers and return those by Friday, 12th December.

We are looking forward to our Christmas craft delight sessions. If you haven't signed up yet, you have till Monday, 2nd December to let your class kaiako know. It is going to be magical!

The Sunshine online reading and mathematics programme, a valuable resource for your child to use over the holidays, will be updated and ready to use by the last week of school. If you are new to kura, in the second-to-last week of term, you will receive an information sheet with your personal username and password, which you can use to access the programme.

If you have any questions, please come and ask.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Andrea, Jodie, Jackie and Susie



## Year 8 Leavers Event – Book your tickets

Kia ora parents and whānau,

This year our celebratory Leavers' Event will take place in the Māia space on Thursday 11 December at school. Each student can bring two guests to the celebration; due to the nature of the event, it is not appropriate for younger siblings to attend. 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.

We also request \$20 per ticket for your child and each parent to cover the cost of the event. The school bank account number is: 12-3223-0190001-00, please use your child's name and 'Y8' as a reference, or you can pay by eftpos at the school office. Please fill in the [Leavers' Event Ticket Form 2025](#) to secure your tickets.

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.
- Our school photographer will capture the event.

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.

Best wishes,

Libya Munn

[libyam@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:libyam@kelburnnormal.school.nz)

## Rogaine in the Botanical Gardens

Rogaine in the Botanical Gardens

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.

## 2026 Māia Camp – Waimanaaki – Tuesday 3rd – Fri 6th March 2026

Dear parents and caregivers of Year 6 and 7 children,

Looking ahead to 2026, we are planning the biannual Māia Camp. It will be at Camp Waimanaaki in Riversdale. 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 Tuesday, the 3rd March, via bus, attend full days, stay three nights, and return to school with us on the bus on Friday, March 6th.

If you can volunteer for camp, please contact Libya Munn [libyam@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:libyam@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 \$388 per child. 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.

Best wishes,  
Libya Munn

## 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.

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.

## Absences

Please let us know via the school app or absence phone line if your child is going to be absent for any reason, or more than ten minutes late. Your child's teacher may not be able to check their emails and the admin email address may also not be checked in time for the absences, so please follow the school protocol for absences:

- please download our [etap @school app](#) to notify the office of any day to day absences (login details are available from the office):

or via a browser:

[Etap @school caregiver login](#)

For login information and to reset passwords please contact our [office](#).

- or call the office main number [04 475 9351](tel:04-475-9351) and follow the instructions

For extended periods of leave, please email a letter of explanation to [admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz) and copy your child's [teacher](#) and/or the principal in.

## Sports Shirts & Sunhats

If your child is leaving Kelburn Normal School or has outgrown sports shirts or sunhats and you have no further use for them, we are always keen to receive them.

## Works Notice

**Footpath Closure - Repair works to the access footpath between Glenmore Street and Upland Road.** Works will start on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and be completed on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

We have been asked to notify our families in case they are affected by the works. The alternative route proposed is via The Rigi.

For more information, click [here](#).

## 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.

## Looking Ahead Term 4 – dates are subject to change

| Week           | Date                 | Event                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Week 8</b>  | Wed 26 November      | Celebration of Learning - 3pm to 5pm                                                                                                                   |
|                | Thurs 27 November    | Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am<br>Chit Chat for New Entrants families 5.30pm to 6.30pm |
|                | Friday 28 November   | School Hui - Hosted by Whanake @ 1.50pm                                                                                                                |
| <b>Week 9</b>  | Monday 1 December    | Whānui Speech Finals - 10am to 11am<br>Māia Speech Finals - 11.45am to 1pm                                                                             |
|                | Wed 3 December       | WC Induction Day - 9am to 3pm<br>WHS Orientation Morning - 8.45am to 11.30am                                                                           |
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|                | Friday 5 December    | Librarians Celebration 11am<br>Teachers vrs Kids Netball game 1 pm - 1.40 pm                                                                           |
| <b>Week 10</b> | Monday 8 December    | Road Patrol Pizza Lunch - 1pm                                                                                                                          |
|                | Tuesday 9 December   | Whanake Rogaine - 9am to 12.30pm<br>Whānui Rogaine - 12pm to 3pm                                                                                       |
|                | Thursday 11 December | Reports Home to Whānau<br>Y8 Celebration - 4.30pm to 6.30pm                                                                                            |
|                | Friday 12 December   | Junior Musical Assembly @ 1.50pm                                                                                                                       |
|                | Sunday 14 December   | Lyrica Carol Service at St Michaels 5pm to 6pm                                                                                                         |
| <b>Week 11</b> | Monday 15 December   | Christmas & Y8 Farewell assembly @ 2pm                                                                                                                 |
|                | Tuesday 16 December  | Final band concert 10am - 11am                                                                                                                         |
|                | Wed 17 December      | School closes at 2pm                                                                                                                                   |

## Term Dates 2025

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

## 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.

## Term Dates 2026

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

## School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

| Monday                                                                                      | Tuesday                                                                                         | Wednesday                                                                                  | Thursday                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lyrical</b> – Yrs 5–8<br>8.30 am – 9.30 am<br>Mahler Room<br>Mrs Anna Sedcole & Mrs Munn | <b>Xylobeats</b> – Yrs 4–6<br>8.30 am – 9.30 am<br>Mahler Room<br>Mrs Katharina Vautier         | <b>Orchestra</b> – 8.20 am – 9.30 am<br>Mahler Room<br>Mrs Katharina Vautier and Mrs Smith | <b>Piccolo</b> (Yrs 4–7)<br>8.30 am – 9.30 am<br>Mahler Room<br>Mrs Anna Sedcole & Mr Miller | <b>Little Xylofun</b><br>(Ys 2 & 3)<br>9.00 am – 9.30 am<br>Mahler Room<br>Mrs Katharina Vautier            |
|                                                                                             | <b>Code Club</b> – 1.10 pm – 1.40 pm<br>Te Whare Toi<br>Miss Bishop/Miss Sanders                | <b>Chess Club</b><br>1.10 pm – 1.40 pm<br>Māia space<br>Mr Miller                          | <b>Tūi Choir</b> (Yrs 2 & 3)<br>9.00 am – 9.30 am<br>Hall<br>Mrs Smith                       | <b>Kapa Haka</b> Yrs 5–8<br>8.30 am – 9.30 am<br>Hall<br>Matua Henare Parata,<br>Mrs Smith and Ms Rasmussen |
|                                                                                             | <b>Junior Kapa Haka</b> –<br>Yrs 1–4<br>1.40 pm – 2.10 pm Hall<br>Mr Jeremy Desmond & Mrs Blair |                                                                                            | <b>Eco Club</b><br>1.10 pm – 1.40 pm<br>Tupu Space<br>Mrs Blair                              |                                                                                                             |

## 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.





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



## 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. Keep collecting stickers for next year. You can download a collection sheet [here](#)

## 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!



## 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](mailto:kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz)

- Visit: [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)
  - e-mail: [kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto: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!**

BOOK ONLINE AT  
**KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**



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# SUMMER SERIES

2025 2026



SCAN ME

**FOOTBALL**  
5-A-SIDE  
Ian Galloway Park,  
Wilton

**NETBALL**  
Samuel Marsden  
School & Karori  
Normal School



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## TEAM ENROLLMENTS NOW OPEN!

[kellysports.co.nz/football2025](http://kellysports.co.nz/football2025) [kellysports.co.nz/netball2025](http://kellysports.co.nz/netball2025)