



KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE

TERM 2 – WEEK 1

RĀAPA 22 PAENGA WHĀWHĀ

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2026

This week...

Tuesday 21 April	Gymnastics Māia and Tupu
Wednesday 22 April	Strike Percussion Show Y1-Y8 and Strike Percussion Workshop
Thursday 23 April	Gymnastics Māia and Tupu
Friday 24 April	School closed - Teacher only day
Monday 27 April	School closed - ANZAC Day observed

X-Country Comms Update

Our annual school cross country and fun run is happening on Tuesday 5th May (postponement date Thursday 7th May). This event takes place at Karori Park, and includes optional competitive cross country races for children in years 4-8, as well as a fun run course for everyone to enjoy. The competitive races are qualifying events for the Western Zone Cross Country.

We welcome parents and whānau to come along and support tamariki at this event. We are also looking for parent helpers to be marshalls for both the competitive and fun run courses. If you are able to help with this, please contact Sophie Bishop (sophieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz).

Order of Races:

Time	Age group	Distance
11.30am	Year 7/8 Opt-in Competitive race	2.2km
11.45am	Year 5/6 Opt-in Competitive race	1.6km
12pm	Year 4 Opt-in Competitive race	1.2km
12.30pm	Whole school fun run (approximate times) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 12.30pm Maia- 12.45pm Tupu- 1pm Whanui- 1.15pm Whanake	Each <u>ara</u> will have 15 minutes on the course

Mihi Whakatau

We will hold our welcome to all our new tamariki in our Mihi Whakatau on Friday 1 May at 1.50 pm in the hall followed by our school hui hosted by Whānui.

Strike Drumming Performance Today

Kelburn Normal Kura was lucky to host a 'Day with Strike' today. The day started with a high-energy, interactive hour-long show which draws on styles from around the world to introduce a broad range of modern percussion. The tamariki were engaged and loved the energy!

In addition, Strike conducted seven introductory workshops where the tamariki got to try out the drums!

The donation request per student is \$12 to cover the performance and the workshop.

Whanake Trip to Te Papa

As part of our learning this term, Whanake is off on an exciting trip to Te Papa. At Te Papa, we will be taking part in learning sessions with Te Papa Educators, where we will learn more about the journeys made to Aotearoa, and how early explorers and master navigators from across the Pacific adapted to and shaped Aotearoa into the country it is today. We will also be learning about the journeys of 19th and 20th century arrivals from around the globe, and how they continue up to the present day. We will also spend time exploring the museum in small groups.

There will be a small charge for this trip, which will cover bus costs and Te Papa admission. This will be added to your child's statement.

Key Information: Date: Wednesday 20th May / Venue: Te Papa / Times:

Whanake Tahi: 10.25am-1.20pm

Whanake Rua: 9.25am-12.20pm

Whanake Toru: 11.25am-2.20pm

To make this trip possible, we will need parent helpers to accompany each class. If you are able to help, please contact your child's teacher.

Easymoves Gymnastics Term 2 and Term 3

In terms two and three, we will be running in-school gymnastics sessions as part of our PE programme. These will be facilitated by Easymoves. Each class will have eight 30 minute sessions.

Maia and Tupu will have their sessions in term two, and Whānui and Whanake will have theirs in term three.

There is a donation request of \$25 for these sessions, and this will be added to your child's statement.

Road Patrollers

Please respect our Road Patrollers. It is both a privilege and a serious responsibility for our Tamariki who volunteer their time, in all weather, to ensure everyone can get to school safely. The road-patrollers undertake annual training with NZ Police, this training provides minimum distances of oncoming traffic before they can safely put their signs out. Sometimes this means it may take a little bit longer. Rest assured the children know what they are doing and will open the crossing when they recognise a safe distance. Please be kind and patient while waiting and please do not attempt to cross when the signs are closed. Thank you for supporting our road patrol.

Further details of NZ road code rules for both drivers and pedestrians at school crossing can be found here: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/keeping-children-safe/school-patrols/kea-crossings>

Headlice

Headlice has been detected in Tupu, Whanake and Whānui. Please check your child's hair regularly over the next few weeks. Please follow the [link for treatment advice](#) from regional public health.



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Looking Ahead Term 2 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Wednesday 22 April	Strike Percussion Show Y1-Y8 and Strike Percussion Workshop
	Thursday 23 April	Gymnastics Tupu and Māia
	Friday 24 April	Teacher only day - PLD Maths Curriculum
Week 2	Monday 27 April	ANZAC Day observed
	Tuesday 28 April	Gymnastics Tupu and Māia
	Wednesday 29 April	Band Concert at 1 pm
	Thursday 30 April	Gymnastics Tupu and Māia
	Friday 1 May	Mihi Whakatau at 1.50pm followed by school hui hosted by Whānui
Week 3	Monday 4 May	BoT Meeting from 6.30pm - 8.30pm
	Tuesday 5 May	Whole School Cross Country 11 am - 1 pm (PP Thursday 7 May)
	Wednesday 6 May	WGC Principal talks to Y8 girls and whānau at 3.15pm
Week 4	Monday 11 May	PTA meeting at 7 pm in the Tupu space
	Tuesday 12 May	Gymnastics Tupu and Māia
	Wednesday 13 May	Celebration of Learning from 3.15pm - 4.45pm
	Thursday 14 May	Gymnastics Tupu and Māia
	Friday 15 May	School hui hosted by Māia at 1.50 pm Colourful Shirt Day

Wellington Girls College Principal Talk with Y8 girls and Whānau

WGC Principal, Julia Davidson, talks to year 8 girls & whānau on Wednesday 6 May at 3.15 pm in the Māia teaching space.

Wellington College Open Mornings

Monday 15 June 2026 at 9.00 am

Tuesday 16 June 2026 at 9.00 am

This is an opportunity for prospective students and their families to tour Wellington College facilities and meet the Senior Leadership Team.

Registration is not required. All students and their families are welcome to attend.

School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lyrica – 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 – to be advised	Chess Club to be advised	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 to be advised	

Term Dates 2026

2026	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
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

School Reminders

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

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.

The Winter Project

The Winter Project is working with KNS to collect Winter clothes again this year.

The Winter Project is an organisation of Year 12 Marsden students who collect winter woollens and distribute them to schools with families in need in the Wellington region. These families might need some extra warmth for the cold nights ahead entering into winter.

Please donate second-hand winter woollens. Items could include: scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm tops/pants or shoes. Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. There is a box near Reception for donations. Thank you for your help!

Child Contact and Permission Information on School App

Please take a moment to check your contact details on the school app to ensure your address and phone numbers are up to date. If you need to make any changes, kindly inform the school office. You can also update your child's details through the school app. Click on My Child icon in the school app and then update the contact and permission information as required.



MY CHILD

CONTACT

MEDICAL

PERMISSIONS

OTHER DETAILS

ATTENDANCE FOR TODAY

Keeping your details current helps us stay connected and ensures you receive important school updates. Two emergency contacts in addition to parents/caregivers are essential in case we are unable to contact you during an emergency.

Please also check your child's permissions under the school app to ensure they are correct and up to date. If any changes are needed, kindly inform the school office as soon as possible.

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.



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