



KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE

TERM 3 – WEEK 5

RĀAPA 19 HERETURIKŌKĀ

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2026

This week...

Wednesday 19 August	Lyrca perform at NAMS conference
Friday 21 August	School hui hosted by Tupu @ 1.50 pm
Monday 24 August	Teacher Only Day - Maths PLD School Closed - Kelly Club is open, see notice below
Tuesday 25 August	WZ Netball PP Thursday 27 August
	Whānau Group Hui in the staffroom at 5 pm. All Welcome

Teacher only day – Monday 24 August

School is closed on Monday 24 August for a teacher only day maths professional development.

Māia Plays Thursday, 3rd September

Māia Ākonga are hard at work devising their class plays. Performing original plays at the Gryphon Theatre is a rite of passage for our senior students and a celebration of more than a term's worth of hard mahi!

At Kelburn, drama is an important part of our teaching and learning. Significant evidence shows a strong link between engaging in drama activities and success in writing. These plays are just as much (if not more) about the process as the outcome. Many hours of reading, analysing, inferencing, viewing, writing, reflecting, and critical thinking have gone into these plays. Please come along and celebrate with us!

Some important information about the plays:

- **Volunteers needed:** Monday 31st August-Thursday 3rd September, we are walking to and from the Gryphon Theatre on Ghuznee Street to rehearse for the day. We still need parent volunteers to support us with supervision on this EOTC adventure. Volunteers will need to be available from 9am-3pm. Please email libyam@kelburnnormal.school.nz if you are available to help.
- **The themes and ideas in this play** come from the children. The children are at an age where they are thinking about grown-up concepts such as power, control, AI, religion, authority, freedom, communication, climate change, and discomfort. These plays are not designed for audiences under 9 years old.
- **The Performance:** Each play will be performed for one night only at the Gryphon Theatre on Thursday, 3rd September. Students will need to arrive at the theatre 45 minutes before their play starts. The performances are starting at:
 - 5:30pm (Maia Toru)
 - 6:30 pm (Māia Tahi)
 - 7:30 pm (Māia Rua)
- **Tickets:** Please book your tickets by filling in this form: [Ticket Booking Form](#). We request a small koha of \$10 per ticket (or \$30 for a family of 4) to go towards the cost of the theatre experience. The school bank account number is Kelburn Normal School Board: 12-3223-0190001-00. Please use your child's name and play as a reference, or alternatively, you can pay by EFTPOS at the school office. If you do not book tickets, we cannot guarantee a seat for you. We have families wanting extra seats for grandparents.

Whānui will be attending the Māia play dress rehearsals

As per tradition, Whānui will be watching the Māia play dress rehearsals. We require a few helpers to assist on the walk into the city to the Gryphon theatre on Vivian Street, and back again.

If you are able to assist on Wednesday the 2nd of September, then please contact Rebekah Rasmussen.

rebekahr@kelburnnormal.school.nz

Whānau Group hui – Tuesday 25 August, 5 pm in the staffroom. All welcome

Kia ora e te whānau!

We had one Whānau Group hui last year; we are reviving the group for all who are interested in learning about and supporting tikanga, matauranga, me te reo Māori at Kelburn Normal School. Our aim is to foster a strong sense of community through whakawhanaungatanga: valuing and honouring each person as they are, and where they are.

Termly hui (meetings) will provide an opportunity to come together, learn, and to support mātauranga Māori in our kura. No prior knowledge is needed—just enthusiasm! Please bring some kai to share - children very welcome.

Sports Update

Weet-bix TRYathlon

Entries are now open for next year's Weet-bix kids tryathlon. The tryathlon is all about giving it a try and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child. Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day, and can complete the tryathlon as an individual or in a team of two.

To register into our school group, you can follow this link:

<https://raceroster.com/registration/df716efc-0904-4a40-b337-1e7a67710272/entry?team=1040917>



Western Zone Netball – last chance for permission slips

On **August 25th**, selected **years 5/6** tamariki have the opportunity to participate in the Western Zone Netball tournament. These WZ days are designed to be non-competitive, where tamariki who are interested get to play as a team, enjoy the game, and practice fair play. Tamariki representing our kura in all out-of-school activities and events are expected to behave in a way that shows respect and upholds our kura values. It is a privilege to represent Kelburn Normal School at these events.

If your child has been selected to participate in this tournament, please complete the permission form below by Friday, 6th June. Your child should know if they have signed up, or a copy of the team lists can be found [here](#).

[WZ Netball Permission Form](#)

PSW Futsal Tournament – last chance for permission slips

On Wednesday 9th September children from schools across Wellington will be taking part in the Primary Sport Wellington and Capital Football's annual futsal festival. This event is taking place at Akau Tangi, and is one of three festival days. Team entries were limited, but Kelburn has managed to enter the following teams:

- 1x year 5/6 (girls only grade)
- 3x year 7/8 (mixed team grade)
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Your child should know if they have signed up, or the list of children selected to participate can be found [here](#). If your child is on the list, please ensure you complete the following permission form by Friday 14th August, as there is a waiting list of children who will be offered any spaces after this date.

[Futsal Permission Form](#)

Kelburn Touch Teams

Following this term's in-school touch sessions, we are looking to offer touch rugby at Kelburn Normal School. Touch rugby is a great game for all students from Year 1 all the way to Year 8. It is social, participation driven and a great opportunity for children to learn skills and be introduced to team sports.

Teams would be playing on Wednesday afternoons for 6 weeks at Wakefield Park, with games starting from 4pm, and running for half an hour.

We are currently looking for expressions of interest, to see if we have the numbers required to form teams. If this is something your child would be interested in, please complete the form below.

Students will require a school shirt (these are available to purchase from the office) and sports shoes or moulded boots (no metal sprigs) to play in. Fees are \$30-35 per child (this will depend on registration numbers).

Please note we are also looking for a parent to be the school touch team manager. If this is something you would be interested in, please email sophieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz.

[Touch Team Expression of Interest](#)

Māia Updates

Wellington Girls' College – Year 8 Orientation Hui: Tuesday 24 November 2026

Year 8 students joining WGC in 2027 are invited to Y8 **Orientation Day Hui**. This day is all about giving the students a great first look at our school and helping them feel comfortable before they start next year.

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 Murphy Street Sports Entrance. 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

Onesie Day to Support Wellington Free Ambulance



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.

PTA News

KNS PTA Fundraising: entertainment book



Throughout June, every Entertainment Membership purchased not only unlocks incredible savings on dining, attractions, travel and experiences, but also gives supporters the chance to win a \$5,000 Entertainment Travel Voucher. Plus, every Membership purchased this year goes into the draw to win an unforgettable expedition to Antarctica.

We are also thrilled to announce that from Friday 26 June - Wednesday 1st July, we will be running a Buy One Membership, Get One Free promotion, giving supporters even more value!

Each \$75 book sold donates \$15 to the KNS PTA.

Yummy Fruit Stickers

The PTA is once again collecting Yummy Fruit Stickers for the school. Every sticker helps us work towards new sports equipment for our students. Sticker collection sheets are available from the office if you need one.



Looking Ahead Term 3 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 5	Wednesday 19 August	Lyrice perform at NAMSA conference @ 12.30 pm
	Friday 21 August	School hui hosted by Tupu @ 1.50 pm
Week 6	Monday 24 August	Teacher Only Day - Maths PLD
	Tuesday 25 August	WZ netball PP Thursday 27 August Whānau group hui in the staffroom @ 5 pm. All Welcome
	Friday 28 August	School hui hosted by Whanake @ 1.50 pm
Week 7	Monday 31 August	Whānui swimming from 12.15 pm PTA meeting @ 6.30 pm in Tupu nui
	Tuesday 1 September	WZ swimming
	Thursday 3 September	Māia plays at the Gryphon Theatre
	Friday 4 September	School hui hosted by Whānui @ 1.50 pm
Week 8	Monday 7 September	Whānui swimming from 12.15pm BoT meeting @ 6 pm in the staffroom
	Wednesday 9 Septemb	WZ futsal Tournament Y5-8 at Akau Tangi Sports Centre in Kilbirnie
	Friday 11 September	Wellington Free Ambulance Onesie Day
Week 9	Monday 14 September	Whānui swimming from 12.15pm
	Tuesday 15 September	Whanake and Māia touch in school session
	Thursday 17 September	Whanake and Māia touch in school session
	Friday 18 September	Music assembly from 1.45pm
Week 10	Monday 21 September	Whānui swimming from 12.15pm
	Tuesday 22 September	Tupu Tahi, Tupu Rua and Tupu Rima drama sharing @ 12 noon Whanake and Māia touch in school session
	Wednesday 23 September	Tupu Whā and Tupu Toru drama sharing @ 12 noon
	Friday 25 September	School term ends at 3 pm

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 3 10 wks	Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September	Friday 14 August - Teacher only Day - Ākonga Led Learning Conversations Monday 24 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

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
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 - 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

WARM UP WINTER SPORTS

Our Winter Multi Sports Programme keeps your child active with a variety of sports (Cricket, Football, Turbo Touch, Athletics) helping them build skills, boost confidence and have fun during the colder months.

The sessions start On Wednesday 29 July 2026 and run for 8 weeks.

Go to www.kellysports.co.nz to enrol.

Kelly Sports Snapshot Term 3

Come and join our experienced football coach Merrick for some:

FRIDAY FUN FOOTY in the GREENROOM,

WESTS RUGBY CLUBROOMS at Ian Galloway Park, Wilton.

4 A-SIDE INDOOR FOOTBALL: AIMED AT 5-7YR OLDS

MORE TOUCHES, MORE GOALS & MORE CONFIDENCE!!

At Kelly Sports we focus on creating fun programmes for kids that lead to greater skill development.

4 A-SIDE FRIDAY FUN FOOTBALL

Dates: Fridays 28th August-25th Sept (last 5 weeks of term 3)

Times: 4-6pm

DURATION 2x13min halves (1min half time)

COST \$250 per team for the 5 weeks.

Never rained off.

On field coaching from the refs.

A perfect lead into the Summer Series Football starting in Term 4





Contact: Mia Sturm
Phone: 021 744 636
Email: kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz
Website: kellyclub.co.nz/kelburn-normal



KELLY CLUB KELBURN UPDATE

What's been happening...

This weeks theme is Kelly Club Rocks. We have made some delicious Rock Cakes and got creative with our very own Kelly Club Kelburn Banner. To continue our fun, we will be competing the Party Obstacle Course.

Don't forget to book into Kelly Club for the Teacher Only Day on the 24th August. It's going to be so much fun!

What's happening next week!



THEME: Kids Choice!

Term 3 Week 6, 24th August 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Kelburn

		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
3:10 – 3:30 pm		Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies and Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Cookies	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies and Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins
3:30 – 3:45 pm		Game: Ultimate Tag	Game: Mario Scavenger Hunt	Game: Octopus	Game: Toilet Tag
3:45 – 4:30 pm		CRAFT Friendship Bracelets	DISCOVERY Mentos Explosion	SPORT Dodgeball	COOKING Chocolate Chip Cookies
4:30 – 4:35 pm		Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 – 4:50 pm		Snack Time Corn Thins	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Rice Crackers	Snack Time Baking
4:50 – 5:15 pm		Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 – 6:00 pm		Game: Ghost & Projects	Game: Frozen Tag & Projects	Game: Fruit Salad & Projects	Game: Chubby Bunny & Projects

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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



**KELLY
CLUB**

**A FUN PROGRAMME
THAT KIDS LOVE!**

Monday 24 August **TEACHER ONLY DAY PROGRAMME**

**OSCAR
PROGRAMME
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE!**

*Conditions apply

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL

Get ready to have a spring in your step because today we're exploring all things that bounce! Boing, boing, boing! We'll be having slinky races, cooking and designing our own Spring Mural.

Full Day: \$62
8:00am – 6:00pm

School Day: \$50
8:30am – 3:00pm

Half Day: \$42
8:00 – 1:00pm or 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Contact: Mia Sturm

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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz