



KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE

TERM 3 – WEEK 9

RĀAPA 16 MAHURU

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

This week...

Thursday 17 Sept	Whanake and Māia touch in school session
Friday 18 Sept	Music Assembly from 1.50 pm
Monday 21 Sept	Whānui swimming from 12.15pm
Tuesday 22 Sept	Tupu Tahi, Tupu Rua and Tupu Rima drama sharing from 12 noon
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Friday 25 Sept	School term ends at 3 pm

Music Assembly – Friday 1.50pm

Ngā Tātarakihi o Ahumairangi Kura has a long history as a creative school with excellence in the performing arts, and you can enjoy it in action with our ensembles this Friday in the hall at 1.50pm.

Thank you to our whānau and music teachers for encouraging our tamariki to get involved, practise, bring their instruments and music, and stick with it when things are tricky! Thank you to our tamariki who have put in the mahi to work together for three terms! We know that involvement in the arts promotes children's engagement and well-being at school.

This Friday's hui will open with our fabulous Orchestra, followed by the sweet sounds of Piccolo. Then we'll change the stage as we set up the xylophones for our hard-working XyloFun and Xylobeats groups. We'll round off the hui with Tui's lovely singing, then the delightful musical Lyrica.

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 a.m. and should be back by 11.10 a.m.

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

Onsie Day Donations

A massive, "Onsie-ful" thank you to everyone who supported our Onesie Day fundraiser! Thanks to your incredible generosity and school spirit, we managed to collect a fantastic total of \$1068.20

Navigating the Journey for Year 5-8

Year 5-8 Navigating the Journey Whānau Hui

Thursday 15th October from 5pm - Upstairs teaching space

Please come along to 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!

Tupu Updates



**Please can the children
in Tupu wear dark
coloured clothes for their
drama sharing day.
Thank you for your
support.**



Tupu Drama Sharing 2026

Where the Fairy Tales
come to life!

Tuesday 22 September
Tupu Tahī, Rua and Rima - 12pm
Wednesday 23 September
Tupu Toru and Whā - 12pm
KNS School Hall

What is happening at the end of Term 3 for Tupu?

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

What an action-packed term we are having. We are enjoying working towards our drama sharing and are looking forward to you coming along to see us in action.

We are sharing with you what we have planned for the remainder of this term.

The last day for:

- Reading books is Thursday 17th September,
- Poetry and library books coming home is Friday 17th September,
- Mathematics, printing, phonetics, writing and class reading will continue till Thursday 24th September
- Return all library books by Wednesday 23rd September.

All artwork will be coming home in the last week of term.

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 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,

Marianne, Jodie, Lisette, Jo, Wendy and Susie



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 Tahī 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 11 December. We will publish more information next 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 Change of Date: It is now Friday 13 November NOT Tuesday 24 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 – save the date

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.

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

If you have any Yummy Fruit stickers, can you please get them to the office by end of term 3 (Friday 25 September 2026).

Thanks so much everyone for saving all the Yummy Fruit Stickers. Every bit helps!

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 9	Thursday 17 September	Whanake and Māia touch in school session
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Looking Ahead Term 4 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Monday 12 October	First day of Term 4
	Tuesday 13 October	Whole school athletics (PP day Thursday 15 October)
	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
	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

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

Headlice

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



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

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

KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ



- [kellysports.co.nz/wellington](https://www.kellysports.co.nz/wellington)
- Programme Coordinator
- adminwgtin@kellysports.co.nz
- 021 972 728
- @KellySportsWellington



Netball & Football

Holiday Programme



Join our exciting Football and Netball Holiday Programme – the perfect way for young athletes to stay active, build skills, and have fun during the holidays! Whether they would like to play football or netball, they can follow their passion or try something new. Whether you're scoring goals or shooting hoops, it's your choice, your game, your holiday!

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



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...

We had so much fun last week! This week's theme is Father's Day! We can't wait to cook some of Dad's Burgers, make some Kites, play a game of Pin the Tie on Dad and so much more. Come along to Kelly Club Kelburn Normal for an awesome week of fun activities. Bookings are now available for the September/October Holiday Programme!



KELLY CLUB

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!

FUN & EXCITING HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES!

We give your kids the opportunity to do the things they enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment.

BOOK NOW www.kellyclub.co.nz

What's happening in the Holidays!

KELLY CLUB

SEPT/OCT 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!

WEEK 1	Mon 28 Sep ARRR ME HEARTIES! Climb aboard and start the long voyage across the seven seas. Will you be a pirate on the ship or a mermaid under the water?	Tues 29 Sep SECRET AGENT Bring your detective skills to Kelly Club today. We are going to be putting your brain to the test with clues and clever obstacle courses! Can you solve the mysterious case?	Wed 30 Sep MINI GOLF Join us for an awesome trip day to WellyPutt Mini Golf. Will you score a Hole in One? Please bring lunch, drink bottle, jacket and shoes. Extra \$20 for the day.	Thurs 1 Oct RACE THE CLOCK! The name of the game today is speed. See what you can achieve in just 60 seconds with our wacky win in a minute challenges. Book in quick, the clock is ticking!	Fri 2 Oct KIWIANA DAY Celebrate who we are and all things New Zealand! Gumboots, Pavlova, Rugby, Ki o Rahi and more!
	Mon 5 Oct A TRIP TO THE ISLANDS Put on your flower lei as we take an imaginary trip around the Islands. There is so much to see and explore!	Tues 6 Oct WHEELS DAY Bring your bikes, scooters or other wheels for races, obstacle courses and relays and then see what else you can make move. Please remember your helmet.	Wed 7 Oct TE PAPA MUSEUM Join us for an awesome trip day to Te Papa Museum. Please bring lunch, drink bottle, jacket and shoes. Extra \$12 for the day.	Thurs 8 Oct CHILD VS WILD Have you got what it takes to survive in the wild? Come and learn some tips and tricks at Kelly Club to have fun in the outdoors.	Fri 9 Oct FUN-TASTIC FRIDAY Get ready for silly games, crazy challenges, and non-stop fun! Step into our wacky world and let the adventures begin.

Pricing:
FULL WEEK: \$295
8.00am – 6.00pm
SCHOOL DAY: \$50
8.30am – 3.00pm
FULL DAY: \$62
8.00am – 6.00pm
HALF DAY: \$42
8.00 – 1.00pm or 1.00pm – 6.00pm
EVENT DAY: Extra \$12–\$20
(Not Included in Full Week)

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Further information:
www.kellyclub.co.nz/hp#info



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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 28 Sep – Fri 9 Oct



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme! Solve the mystery on our Secret Agent Day! Enjoy crafts, cooking activities, awesome games & Much more!

*Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones!
Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.*

OSCAR
PROGRAMME
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE!

**Conditions apply*

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