

# KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI

THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW ISSUE 34 WEEK 5, TERM 4 2024

RĀHINA 11 WHIRINGA-Ā-RANGI ~ MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER



Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence in preparing for lifelong learning  
Kia auaha te ako a ngā ākonga me te whai i te iti kahurangi mō te akoranga tūroa

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**Friday 15 November** - Wellington High School Open Day

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to Angie and Janice, student teachers from Hong Kong, who are visiting New Zealand and Kelburn for the next 3 weeks. It is wonderful having you spend time in our kura. They are being hosted by Whānui but will spend time across the school.

Please read the page below for some important announcements about School Structure and EOTC programme for 2025.

Thank you, PTA and friends, for a huge week last week ... the Pub Quiz, the Peonies sales, and the Talent Quiz auditions, as well as the Calendar Art and Scholastic books orders, which open today. We appreciate your support for the school.

**PTA Talent Quest** - The Talent Quest is on this Thursday in the hall, and we have a great lineup of tamariki ready to showcase their incredible talents! We've advertised the Junior show as 3.30-5pm and the Senior show 5-6.30 but we've got a lot of acts to get through, so these times are approximate. Pizza will be available between the two shows (while the judges deliberate the junior results) by the slice - \$2 each - EFTPOS available. We will also have a bake sale (cash only) at 3pm.

**Whanake to Zealandia** - Whanake are off to Zealandia on Tuesday and Wednesday as part of their study of Birds/Manu. Zealandia is such a wonderful local resource to take advantage of, and our gully space is such an asset in encouraging our native birds to be in our kura.

**Next year enrolments 2025** - If you have tamariki or siblings turning 5 next year, please let us know or complete the [enrolment form](#) on our website so we can plan for their arrival. If your whānau is moving and your child may be attending another school, please let us know too...it helps us plan our organisation for 2025.

**Last day of the year** - A reminder that school finishes midday on Wednesday, 18 December.

**Western Zone Athletics** - Well done to the following students who placed in the Western Zone athletics.

Phoebe H	Y 4 -	1st = High Jump; 3rd Quoits;
Tate W	Y4	1st = High Jump;
Johnny L	Y4	1st = High Jump
Haikuo	Y4	1st Quoits
William G	Y4	3rd Vortex
Isla S	Y4	2nd 100m; 3rd 60m
Hugo R	Y5	2nd Long jump; 3rd 80m
Makayla W	Y6	2nd= High Jump
Elliot S	Y6	2nd= High Jump
Year 4 Boys relay		2nd

Ngā mihi nui, Andrew

## 2025 School Structure

At the Board of Trustees meeting last Monday, we confirmed our structure for 2025, which looks a little different to 2024.

**Introduction:** The Board, in its decision-making, has to manage the school within the finances it is allocated. Schools are staffed and funded based on the number of students that are enrolled. Over the last few years, particularly during and since Covid, Kelburn has experienced a student roll drop. However, this has now settled with a consistent annual roll of 260-275. This experience is not unique to Kelburn and is the same for all schools in the Western corridor from the city through to Karori, with higher house prices and fewer families of younger children now in this area. While demand for out-of-zone places is high, this is managed tightly. During and following the Covid pandemic, we had additional funding/staffing support, but things have tightened, and for 2025, the consequence for Kelburn is that fewer students means less funding and less staffing. As well as this numbers at year levels don't quite fit neatly into 'nice little boxes', which sometimes can happen.

**Action:** In 2025, because we are funded for one less teacher than in 2024, and taking into consideration the timing of our new entrant enrolments, we will have one less class operating within the school in 2025.

Most of the school is structured in a similar way for 2025 but there are some differences. A reminder - at Kelburn, we call classes Home Learning Teams (HLTs).

As we set up plans for 2025, and in keeping the ages of the students together, and keeping to budget, it is likely that we have the following -

- In Māia, there will be two year 7-8 HLT of around 29-30 children.
- In Whānui, there will be two year 5-6 HLT of around 29-30 children.
- In Whanake, there will be two year 3-4 HLT of around 25. There will also be a year 2-3 HLT (older year 2s and younger year 3s) of around 24 children. (we will invite the whānau in to talk about this as this is a bit different to our usual set up).
- In Tupu, there will be a year 2 HLT and two year 1 HLT for new entrants to start school as they turn 5. We will likely start the 4th Tupu team at the beginning of term 2, based on the schedule of 5-year-old birthdays.
- We have four learning assistants working within teams and supporting individuals and small groups. This helps to reduce the ratios.

While this structure may not carry the same class-size luxuries that we have had in previous years, the need to work within our budget is paramount as we establish a sustainable pathway forward for Kelburn Normal School.

## Education Outside the Classroom

At the Board of Trustees meeting last Monday, we confirmed a change to the way we do EOTC at Kelburn.

For the last 10 years, Kelburn has had annual school camps and sleepovers, but prior to this, camps were held every second year. Most schools in our Kāhui Ako hold camps every second year. While camps are a rich experience for tamariki, they are also becoming more difficult and a complex arrangement to organise and are also increasingly expensive, with significant cost charges for each overnight experience. These high camp costs have not been refunded by whānau at previous levels, and see the school making a loss on each camp that we hold.

In 2025, overnight camps for Whānui and Māia will move back to every second year on the even years, and on the odd year, students will engage in an EOTC team-building week with experiences from within the region. The Whanake Zoo sleepover will continue in 2025 and then be held in the odd years.

So for 2025, for Whānui and Māia there will be no school camps, but there will be an EOTC week with team-building experiences around Wellington and throughout the year. Whanake will have the Zoo Sleepover in 2025.

In 2026, Whānui and Māia will attend a school camp, and Whanake will have EOTC/team-building activities.

While there may be some disappointment of camps shifting from an annual to a biennial event - on top of the camps, we do acknowledge the tamariki do experience a lot of EOTC opportunities throughout the year, which is an advantage of these opportunities being available to an inner city kura. There will be a lot of continuation of our existing programme.

# Looking Ahead - Event Dates - Term 4, 2024

You can see the times and add these events to your calendar by using the KNS App

Week	Date	Event
<b>Week 5</b>	Monday 11 November	Scholastic Book orders open
	Tuesday 12 November	Whānui Swimming 10am - 1pm Whanake Tahī - Zealandia Tour 9:30am - 12pm Whanake Rua - Zealandia Tour 12pm - 2:30pm
	Wednesday 13 November	Whanake Toru - Zealandia Tour 9:30am - 12pm Starting School Session in Tupu @ 5.30 pm
	Thursday 14 November	Tupu Swimming - Tahī depart @ 9.30am for 10am lesson, Rua depart at 10am for 10.30am lesson, Toru depart at 10.30am for 11am lesson, Wha depart at 11am for 11.30am lesson <b>PTA Talent Quest</b> - Jnrs 3.30pm - 5pm and Snrs 5pm - 6.30pm
	Friday 15 November	WHS Open Day Teach Year:8 12:15pm - 3pm
<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday 19 November	Whānui Swimming 10am - 1pm
	Wednesday 20 November	Y7 Tech make up day 12:15pm - 3pm
	Thursday 21 November	Tupu Swimming - Tahī depart @ 9.30am for 10am lesson, Rua depart at 10am for 10.30am lesson, Toru depart at 10.30am for 11am lesson, Wha depart at 11am for 11.30am lesson Tech Year:7 12:15pm - 3pm
	Friday 22 November	School Hui @ 10.15 am hosted by Whānui Tech Year:8 12:15pm - 3pm
<b>Week 7</b>	Monday 25 November	PTA Meeting in Tupu space @ 7 pm; Scholastic Book orders close
	Tuesday 26 November	Whānui Swimming 10am - 1pm
	Wednesday 27 November	Musical Refreshment @ St Andrew's on The Terrace @ 6 pm - Orchestra/Xylobeats/Piccolo/Lyrica/Senior Kapa Haka and Recorder ensemble
	Thursday 28 November	Wellington College Orientation day Tupu Swimming - Tahī depart @ 9.30am for 10am lesson, Rua depart at 10am for 10.30am lesson, Toru depart at 10.30am for 11am lesson, Wha depart at 11am for 11.30am lesson
	Friday 29 November	Tech Year:8 12:15pm - 3pm
<b>Week 8</b>	Monday 2 December	Y8s vrs staff Netball @ 1pm BoT meeting @ 6.30 pm
	Tuesday 3 December	Gardasil Y7 second dose Whānui Swimming 10am - 1pm
	Wednesday 4 December	Celebration of Learning 3pm - 5pm
	Thursday 5 December	Tupu Swimming - Tahī depart @ 9.30am for 10am lesson, Rua depart at 10am for 10.30am lesson, Toru depart at 10.30am for 11am lesson, Wha depart at 11am for 11.30am lesson Tech Year:7 12:15pm - 3pm
	Friday 6 December	School hui @ 10 am hosted by Whanake Tech Year:8 12:15pm - 3pm
<b>Week 9</b>	Tuesday 10 December	Whānui Swimming 10am - 1pm

	Wednesday 11 December	Band concert @ 1 pm
	Thursday 12 December	Y8 Leavers Celebration
	Friday 13 December	Andrew Bird's farewell hui at 10 am
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 16 December	Xmas hui @ 2pm
	Tuesday 17 December	Whānui Swimming 10am - 1pm
	Wednesday 18 December	<b>School finishes at 12 noon</b>

It's great that your child is doing road patrol in 2025. Can you help them out?

We are seeking **parent helpers** to supervise the 2025 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 :)



## PTA News

### Yummy Stickers

Thank you to everyone who submitted "Yummy" stickers/cutouts. This year we submitted 3316 stickers/cutouts. The Yummy Fruit Company have advised that we have \$455 to spend on sports gear. Keep munching those "Yummy" apples and collecting the stickers/cutouts for next year. You can find the Sticker Collection Sheet [here](#)

### Scholastic BookClub

Keep an eye out for the Issue 8 Scholastic Bookclub brochure coming home in school bags this week. This is the last issue of 2024. Orders close Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Books will be delivered to school and given to your child during class or if you mark them as **GIFT** they will be kept at the school office for you to collect.

### Calendar Art

There is a second chance to order calendars, mouse mats, sketch books and diaries using your child's artwork. Some fabulous work was done earlier in the year by each class at school. If you missed the first time's order, or you want to order more, please follow the below instructions.

Orders close **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. A perfect opportunity for Christmas presents.

1/. Go to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)

2/. Use the Entrance Code: **KZ1943**

3/. Enter your child's room & name

Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account.

If you have any questions please email [pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz)

### School Notices - [click the link to view previous school notices](#)

Our public health registered nurses are coming to your school in the week starting 02 December 2024 to provide immunisation for the Year 7 (and in some cases year 8) tamariki who have returned their immunisation form giving consent.

- If you have changed your mind or your situation has changed please contact us at [res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz](mailto:res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz), or call us on 04 587 2949
- If you have not yet consented, but want to, please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949
- If you declined the vaccines last year but you have changed your mind and you now want your year 8 child to receive the vaccine(s) please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949
- If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at [res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz](mailto:res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz), or call us on 04 587 2949

### KNS Parent Chat WhatsApp Group

The PTA has a WhatsApp group to enable all the KNS community to communicate with each other about all things KNS. If you want to join this group, please email us on [pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz) with the following information:

- Your name
- Your phone number
- Your child's name and class

**School App - Contact Details** - Please check your contact details on the school app to ensure we have the correct details. If changes are needed please email these to [admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz)

**Teacher Messages** - a sort option has been added to the teacher messages section on the school app so parents can easily search for the latest message in date order.

**Downloading the app** - for those needing assistance with downloading the app please check the app [login video](#) on our website for parents

**EzLunch Menu** - Subway Wednesday / Pizza Thursday / Sushi Friday [Click here for the Menu](#)

**Recorder lessons at Kelburn Normal School** - Kamala has a few places for recorder students to begin lessons next term. Child-centred approach with a focus on the love of playing music. If interested, please contact: [kamala.bain@gmail.com](mailto:kamala.bain@gmail.com).

## School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Xylobeats</b> - (Ys 4, 5, 6) 8.30 - 9.30am Katharina Mahler Room	<b>Orchestra</b> - 8.30 - 9.30am Katharina & Rachel Mahler Room	<b>Piccolo</b> - (Yrs 4, 5, 6, 7) 8.30 - 9.30am Anna Sedcole Mahler Room	<b>Lyrice</b> - Yrs 5 - 8 8.30am-9.30 am Anna Sedcole Mahler Room	<b>Little Xylofun</b> (Ys 2 & 3) 8.30 - 9.00am Katharina Mahler Room
<b>Kapa Haka</b> - Y1-4 1.30 - 2pm Miss Bishop & Jeremy Hall	<b>Code Club</b> - 1.10 - 1.40pm Miss Bishop/Miss Sanders Māia space	<b>Tui Choir</b> - (Years 2 & 3) 8:50am Ms Wilby Hall		<b>Kapa Haka</b> - Yrs 5 - 8 8.30 - 9.30am Mrs Smith&Ms Rasmussen Hall

		<b>Chess Club -</b> 1.10 - 1.40pm Mr Miller Māia space		<b>Eco Club -</b> 1.10-1.40pm Miss Molloy Tupu space
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## School Term Dates 2024

Term	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher Only Days
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Wednesday 18 December	<b>Monday 28 October - Labour Day</b> <b>Tuesday 29 October - Teacher Only Day</b>

## School Term Dates 2025

Term	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher Only Days
Term 1	Monday 3 February	Friday 11 April	<b>Thursday 6 February - Waitangi Day</b> <b>Friday 21 March - Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day</b>
Term 2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June	<b>Monday 2 June - King's Birthday</b> <b>Friday 20 June Matariki</b>
Term 3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September	<b>Friday 29 August - Teacher Only Day</b>
Term 4	Monday 6 October	Thursday 18 December	<b>Monday 27 October - Labour Day</b> <b>Tuesday 28 October - Teacher Only Day</b>

### Kelly Club - Check us out on Facebook - [Click Here](#)

For enrolments and enquiries, contact the Supervisor on 021 744636 or [kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz)

Kelly Club Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment.

Kelburn to Enrol go to [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

### Kelly Club - Changes to Childcare Assistance - check if you qualify!

More families will now qualify for Childcare Assistance and the rate will increase for those already qualified, which means you may be eligible for assistance to send your child to Kelly Club. Please follow this link to find out more:

### [Child Subsidies](#)

**TERM 4 2024**  
14 October - 20 December

Weekly Theme Planner  
Kelly Club Kelburn Normal

Wk 1 14 Oct	<b>Cartoons &amp; Comics</b>		Step into a cartoon world full of your favourite characters.
Wk 2 21 Oct	<b>Wheels Week</b>		Get ready for some wheely good fun at Kelly Club this week
Wk 3 28 Oct	<b>Scary &amp; Spooky</b>		All things spooky, messy and fun this Halloween!
Wk 4 4 Nov	<b>Crafty Kids</b>		Get creative and take home some clever creations.
Wk 5 11 Nov	<b>Kids Choice</b>		It's up to you what we do at Kelly Club this week..
Wk 6 18 Nov	<b>Colourpop!</b>		Join us at Kelly Club where vibrant hues and creative flair collide!
Wk 7 25 Nov	<b>Staff Choice</b>		The staff have got you covered with a week filled with their favourite activities.
Wk 8 2 Dec	<b>Splashtastic!</b>		Get ready to dive into a wave of fun and a sea of excitement with bubbly, splashy fun!
Wk 9 9 Dec	<b>Reward Week</b>		This week is about celebrating you! Get ready to reap the rewards and have some fun!
Wk 10 16 Dec	<b>Christmas is Coming!</b>		Celebrate a sunny summer Christmas at Kelly Club.

E: [kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz)
P: 021 744 636

### TERM 3

- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Mini Ball

GO FOR GOLD!!

Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

### TERM 3

FOOTBALL SKILLS

THE PROGRAMME IS IDEAL FOR BEGINNERS - IT COVERS BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM SKILLS. COME ALONG TO IMPROVE SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE AND TO GET TO KNOW A BIT MORE ABOUT THE "BEAUTIFUL GAME".

FRIDAYS 3.30PM-4.30PM

- ✓ Team Work
- ✓ Ball Control
- ✓ Dribbling
- ✓ Passing



**KELLY SPORTS**

**SUMMER SERIES**  
2024 + 2025

**FOOTBALL**  
5-A-SIDE  
Ion Galbraith Park,  
Wilson

**NETBALL**  
Sumner Maruden  
School & Karori  
Normal School

**TEAM ENROLLMENTS NOW OPEN**

**T4** Fridays 25 Oct - 13 Dec 2024    **T1** Fridays 31 Jan - 21 March 2025

**REGISTER YOUR TEAM**

[KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ/FOOTBALL2024](https://www.kellysports.co.nz/football2024)  
[KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ/NETBALL2024](https://www.kellysports.co.nz/netball2024)

[www.kellysports.co.nz](https://www.kellysports.co.nz)  
 021 972 718  
 @KellySportsWellington



**TERM 4**

**SCORCHING SUMMER SPORTS!!**

Kelburn Normal School - Wednesday's  
3.05pm-4.05pm, for years 0-4

**BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!**

[www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)

**Starts Weds 23 Oct for 8 weeks!**  
**Contact: adminwgtm@kellysports.co.nz**

- ✓ T-Ball
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Rippa Rugby
- ✓ Athletics

## Community Notices

These are provided as a service to the community and do not necessarily reflect the policies and practices of the school.

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**Defibrillator  
for our  
community!**

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## DON'T LET YOUR CHILD GROW UP WITH A VICTIM MENTALITY

If you don't want your child growing up with a **victim mentality**, or thinking life just happens to them...

### TEACH THEM PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

- ◆ I'm in charge of my actions.
- ◆ I'm responsible for my mistakes.
- ◆ I can take control of my life. (A scary concept for many people.)



### PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY MEANS **HONESTY**.

"I broke that." → Mistakes happen AND we are responsible for making amends and learning from them.

### PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY MEANS **NO EXCUSES**.

"I pushed him BUT he didn't want to move." → Anything after the BUT is often an attempt to avoid responsibility.

### PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY MEANS **ELIMINATING \*YOU\* STATEMENTS**.

"YOU made me so angry." → There's no blaming others for our behavior and emotions. We take responsibility for both.

Personal accountability does NOT mean you aren't allowing your child to explain what happened. Your child explains what happened **WHILE** taking responsibility for their actions.

Tell your child — "Personal accountability is a superpower that can help you always be in charge of your life."

Start a **culture of accountability** in your family so your children have the skills they need to take ownership of their lives.

