KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE
TERM 4 – WEEK 4
RĀAPA 4 WHIRINGA-Ā-RANGI
WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2026

This week...

Wednesday 4 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm
	Celebration of Learning 3.15 pm to 5 pm
Thursday 5 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30am, Rua @ 9.50am, Toru @ 10.25am, Whā @ 10.50am, Rima @ 11.25am
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Wednesday 11 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm
	Hearing and Vision Testing

Celebration of Learning

Celebration of Learning is today from **3.15 pm to 5 pm**. Our learning spaces will be transformed into interactive hubs where tamariki can showcase their classwork, projects, art and the progress they have made through the term. Our kaiako and tamariki look forward to welcoming you into the learning spaces for an afternoon of sharing, connection, and celebration.

The most important part of the afternoon is taking the time to listen to your child. These conversations help tamariki recognise their progress, reflect on their learning, and develop confidence in talking about themselves as learners. They also give whānau a valuable insight into the learning happening at kura and the effort that goes into making progress. Remember, learning is hard work! Mistakes, challenges, and unfinished work are all part of the process, so please be encouraging and celebrate the effort, growth, and successes you see.

Helpful questions to ask your child

If you're wondering what to ask, here are a few ideas to get the conversation going:

- What are you learning about at the moment?
- What are you most proud of? Why?
- What do you need to learn next? What are your next steps?
- What learning do you find easiest or trickiest? Why?
- What could we do together at home to help you?

We look forward to welcoming whānau into our learning spaces for an afternoon of sharing, connection, and celebration. Thank you for being such an important part of your child's learning journey. **Together, we can celebrate how far our tamariki have come and encourage them to keep growing as curious and creative learners.**

School Board Strategic Plan – upcoming community consultation hui

The Board of Trustees is keen to hear your thoughts on **our proposed new Strategic Plan for our kura**. We are required to have the new plan in place by 1 January 2027.

This year, the Board has been consulting on and drafting the new plan. We have used feedback from tamariki, staff and whānau to create and draft a plan. A big thank you to all who filled in our survey in July for your constructive and insightful feedback.

We will share the draft plan in next week's school pānui.

We want to give you a range of possible times to engage with the draft plan, so we will hold three hui in the coming weeks:
Monday 16 November at 6.30pm - PTA hui in the staffroom—all welcome
Thursday 19 November at 5pm - in-person community consultation hui at school
Tuesday 24 November at 7.30pm - online community consultation hui

Please come along to one of the hui to hear about the process, share your thoughts, and help us finalise the draft plan. Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou.

Ngā mihi nui
Fiona McLean
BOT Presiding Member

Western Zone Athletics – Last Chance for Permission Forms

Last chance to submit your permission form; otherwise, your child cannot attend Friday's event.
The following tamariki have qualified for this year's Western Zones. Click to view the **qualifying list**.
If your child is attending, please complete this permission form by Friday 30th October.

Key details:
Date: **Friday 6th November** (PP Friday 13th November)
Time: 8.45am - 3pm
Venue: Newtown Park

As part of our participation in Western Zone athletics, Kelburn is responsible for running the boys' long jump throughout the day. We are looking for 3 volunteers who are able to help with this. If you are able to help with this, please email sophieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz.

We will also need parent helpers to assist with supervising our Kelburn tamariki throughout the day. **Please note we will need whānau support for our kura to attend this event.**

2026 Rogaine in the Botanical Gardens

Who: Whanake, Whānui, & Māia
When: Māia- 8 December, 9am-12pm; Whānui - 12 - 2:30pm.
Whanake - 9 December, 9:30am - 1pm.

Coming up in December is the ever-popular Rogaine event. This team-building, map-reading, outdoor activity, which includes walking/jogging/running and 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 whānau who wish to run with students who wish to run, and whānau who wish to walk with students who prefer to walk.

Tupu Christmas Craft Activities – November 2026

Ho Ho Ho everyone,

At the end of this term, we would like to have a range of exciting Christmas activities and crafts. To make this even more fun and enjoyable, we would like to run the activities in small groups; therefore, we would love the help of parents, whānau members, or caregivers. The more the merrier!





If you would like to have a small group of children and run an activity/craft, e.g. baking, stockings, sewing, decorations, etc., on one or more of the following days, we would love to hear from you.

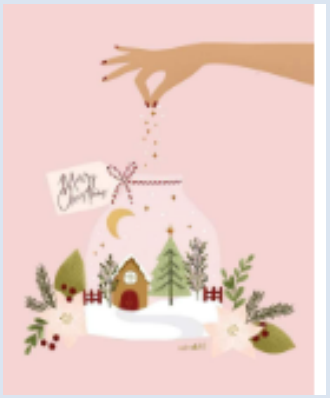
Wednesday 9th December from 9am to 10:30am
Thursday 10th December from 9am to 10:30am

Please complete the attached form and return it or email the class teacher by Monday, 30th November.

Ngā mihi nui, Lisette, Wendy, Jo, Marianne, Jodie, and Susie

I would love to run a Christmas activity with a small group.

Name _____ Phone number _____



Please circle your choice

I would like to help but would prefer to be given an idea for an activity

Or I have an activity planned:-

Activity idea _____

Preferred day/s and time. **Please circle or highlight** (You may choose more than one if you are available, as we would love as much help as possible.)

Wednesday 9th December from 9am to 10:30am
Thursday 10th December from 9am to 10:30am

Tupu Fun Athletics



Whanake Updates

Zealandia Trips

As part of our science focus this term, Whanake will be visiting Zealandia for a self-guided tour. For this EOTC experience, there is an admission cost of $7.50 per child. This will be added to your school statement. Each team will need a number of parent helpers to make this trip possible. If you are able to attend, please contact your child's teacher.

Key Details:
Whanake Tahi and Whanake Rua: Thursday 19th November
Whanake Toru: Tuesday 24th November.
Time: 11.40-2.45

Guitar Lessons with Mathew Enright

Mat has some spaces available in Term 4 for guitar lessons.

Mat started playing music at age 5, with keyboard lessons, and took up trumpet at age 8.
Since then he has been heavily involved in music and has played professionally since 2007, when he began to teach himself guitar, at one point completing 365 solo guitar and vocal performances in a year.

Mat taught guitar and ukulele at Berhampore school for 6 years, and taught at Amesbury school teaching keyboard, vocals, and drums, along with private tuition for the past 15 years.

PTA News

TALENT QUEST 2026



We are thrilled to have received so many wonderful entries into the annual school Talent Quest. Rehearsals are now complete and there is lots of excitement for the big day -

Thursday 12 November!
Juniors: 3.30pm to approx 5pm
Seniors: 5.15pm to approx 6.45pm

We are very fortunate that the **Wellington Rockshop** has donated prizes for this year.

Pizza slices will be available to purchase by pre-sale only on the day for $2.50 per slice. The pre-sale will take place straight after school and will close around the time that the show begins. The pizza will be available to collect during the short break in the talent quest - around the time of the junior section judge's deliberation. Eftpos will be available and correct change would be appreciated if possible.

Mark your calendars and get ready for an afternoon filled with creativity, inspiration and incredible performances from our talented students.

If you have any questions please contact Natalie - natalie_missen@windowslive.com





Looking Ahead Term 4 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 4	Wednesday 4 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm Celebration of Learning 3.15pm to 5pm
	Thursday 5 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30am, Rua @ 9.50am, Toru @ 10.25am, Whā @ 10.50am, Rima @ 11.25am PTA Peony Collection -pick up from the PTA shed from 2.45pm
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Week 5	Monday 9 November	Tupu Fun Sports from 12pm
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	Thursday 12 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30am, Rua @ 9.50am, Toru @ 10.25am, Whā @ 10.50am, Rima @ 11.25am Talent Quest, Jnrs 3.30pm to 5pm, Snrs 5.15pm to 6.45pm
	Friday 13 November	Wellington Girls' College Orientation Day - please notify office via app or absence line if your daughter is attending
Week 6	Tuesday 17 November	Interzone Athletics (ppt 19 Nov)
	Wednesday 18 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm
	Thursday 19 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30am, Rua @ 9.50am, Toru @ 10.25 am, Whā @ 10.50am, Rima @ 11.25am Zealandia Trip - Whanake Tahi and Rua Chit Chat Session for New Entrant families 5.30pm to 6.30pm Whānau Group in Staffrooom 5pm to 6pm
	Friday 20 November	Gardasil Vaccinations Y7 Second Dose School Hui hosted by Whānui at 1.50pm
Week 7	Tuesday 24 November	Zealandia Trip - Whanake Toru Pack the Bus @ 10.45am
	Wednesday 25 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm **Musical Refreshment at St Andrew's 6pm to 8pm**
	Thursday 26 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30am, Rua @ 9.50am, Toru @ 10.25 am, Whā @ 10.50am, Rima @ 11.25am
	Friday 27 November	Staff vs Y8 Netball @ 1 pm
Week 8	Monday 30 November	BoT Meeting @ 6pm in Staffroom
	Wednesday 2 December	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm Wellington High School Induction Day - please notify office via app or absence line if child is attending
	Thursday 3 December	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30am, Rua @ 9.50am, Toru @ 10.25am, Whā @ 10.50am, Rima @ 11.25am
	Friday 4 December	School hui hosted by Whanake and Junior Performance Groups @ 1.50 pm

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Week 9	Monday 7 December	Recorder Concert @ 10.30 am Road Patrol and Librarian thank you Pizza Lunch
	Tuesday 8 December	Māia Rogaine @ 9 am Whānui Rogaine @ 12.00
	Wednesday 9 December	Whanake Rogaine @ 9.30 am
	Thursday 10 December	Y8 Leavers Celebration
	Friday 11 December	Meet Home Learning Teams for 2027
	Sunday 13 December	Lyrica - Carols at St Michaels @ 5 pm
Week 10	Monday 14 December	Christmas & Leavers school hui
	Wednesday 16 December	**Last day of school. School finishes at 2 pm**

Term Dates 2026

2026	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
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 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

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	**Chess Club -** Mr Miller	**Tūī 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
			Eco Club - Mrs Blair & Miss Mowbray **Junior Kapa Haka** - Yrs 1-4 1.40 pm - 2.10 pm Hall Mr Jeremy Desmond & Mrs Blair	

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.

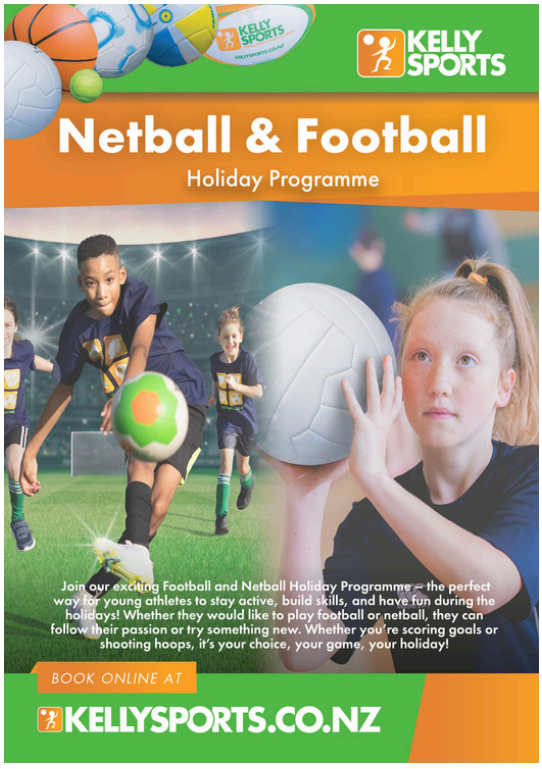
Kelly Club programmes at Kelburn Normal School can be searched here,
or you can contact Kelly Club directly:
Phone: *021 744 636*
Email: *kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz*

- Visit: *www.kellyclub.co.nz*
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or just pop into Kelly Club any day after school.

Kelly Sports







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KELLY CLUB KELBURN NORMAL UPDATE

What's been happening...

This week is Kid's Choice and we are having so much fun! So far we have played Octopus and made some gorgeous Friendship Bracelets. We will also be going on a scavenger Hunt, playing a competitive game of Crab Soccer and making some delicious PIzza!

Book in now to join us at Kelly Club Kelburn Normal!





What's happening next week!

KELLY CLUB

THEME: Diwali Delight!
Term 4 Week 5, 9th November 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Kelburn Normal

	Monday	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	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 – 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Yoghurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Cookies & Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Zip Zap Boing	Game: Rainbow Rush	Game: Crab Football	Game: Bang	Game: Musical Statues
3:45 – 4:30 pm	SPORT Cricket	COOKING Fruit Custard	CRAFT Rangoli Art	GAME Put the Flame on the Diya	DISCOVERY Diwali Diya
4:30 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 – 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Raisins
4:50 – 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Game: Campers & Tents & Projects	Game: The Warm Wind Blows & Projects	Game: Train Stations & Projects	Game: What's the time Wally? & Projects	Game: Zombie Tag & Projects

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