



Kelburn Comms – Weekly Update

TERM 4 – WEEK 2

Rāapa 15 Whiringa-ā-nuku

Wednesday 15 October 2025

This week...

Wednesday 15 Oct
Thursday 16 October

Māia and Whānui Navigating the journey parent hui @ 5 pm
Tupu Swimming
Y3/4 Zoo Sleepover

Year 5–8 Navigating the Journey Whānau Hui

Wednesday 15th October 5pm upstairs

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!

Best wishes, Libya

Whanake Year 3/4 Zoo Sleepover – this Thursday

Whanake year 3/4 tamariki are getting excited for our zoo sleepover on **Thursday 16th October**. Please check out the key information included here, and let your child's teacher know if you have any additional questions.

We ask that you drop your child off at the front entrance of the zoo **after dinner at home, just before 7.00pm**. You may want your child to have a shower before coming.

Thank you for advising us of any health issues your child may have that could affect their participation in this trip. We ask that you please triple-check that your child has any medications they may need, **in their overnight bag** (including any asthma inhalers).

Packing List

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Pyjamas
- Warm clothes for the night exploration of the zoo
- Fresh clothes for the next day
- Raincoat (just in case)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste, hairbrush etc
- Drink bottle
- Sunhat
- A cuddly toy (optional, but maybe for some, essential!)
Please limit this to one cuddly toy only.
- Sleeping rolls are provided but your child is welcome to bring an additional mattress if needed.

Sleepover Outline

- **6.55pm** drop off **after dinner at home**.
- Settle in: drop bags off, discuss rules and expectations
- Special night time 'behind the scenes' tour.
- Supper (provided) - biscuits and hot chocolate
- Prepare for bed in the 'Archibald Centre' (year 3s) or 'The Living Room' (year 4s)
- Go to bed (and sleep!)
- Wake up and have a continental breakfast (provided)
- Pack up and brush teeth
- Early morning guided tour, before visitors arrive
- 9-10am - self-guided zoo tour in small groups
- 10.15 - return to school
- 10.45am - morning tea at school (provided) - crackers and cheese, biscuits and fruit.
- 1pm pizza lunch (provided)
- 3pm - home time

Whole School Athletics Day - Week Three

This is an opportunity for all tamariki to have fun and do their best, while participating in a range of track and field events. Our school athletics day is also a qualifying event for the Western Zone Athletics for years 4-8 students, and tamariki have been developing their track and field skills in class in preparation for this. Year 1/2s will be participating in a range of age-appropriate athletic activities from 11.15am-12.30pm. Parents are welcome to come along as supportive spectators, however please note that event timings are approximate and subject to change on the day.

Key Details:

Date: Tuesday 21st October (pp Wednesday 22nd October)

Time: 9.30am-1pm (Year 1-2 event will run from 11.15-12.30pm)

Location: Ben Burn Park, Karori

Approximate timings for year 3-8s (subject to change on the day):

	9.30-9.45	9.45 - 10.15	10.15 - 10.45	10.45 - 11.15	11.15 - 11.45	11.45 - 12.15	12.15 - 12.45
Year 3	House Relays	High Jump	Sprints	Long jump	Break	Vortex	Quoits
Year 4		Quoits	High Jump	Sprints	Long jump	Break	Vortex
Year 5		Vortex	Quoits	High Jump	Sprints	Long jump	Break
Year 6		Break	Vortex	Quoits	High Jump	Sprints	Long jump
Year 7		Long jump	Break	Vortex	Quoits	High Jump	Sprints
Year 8		Sprints	Long jump	Break	Vortex	Quoits	High Jump

Year 7&8 Kī-O-Rahi Tournament

Kia ora,

On Thursday 30th October the Kahui Ako are holding an inter-school Kī-O-Rahi Tournament at Karori Park. Kī-O-Rahi is a large team game played between 2 teams, kioma and taniwha, on a large circular field. Played for 4 quarters or 2 halves of a set time, teams alternate roles of Kīoma and Taniwha at half or quarter time.

The children are excited to learn how to play Ki O Rahi this term, and the tournament is a fun opportunity for them to play some friendly rounds with other kura.

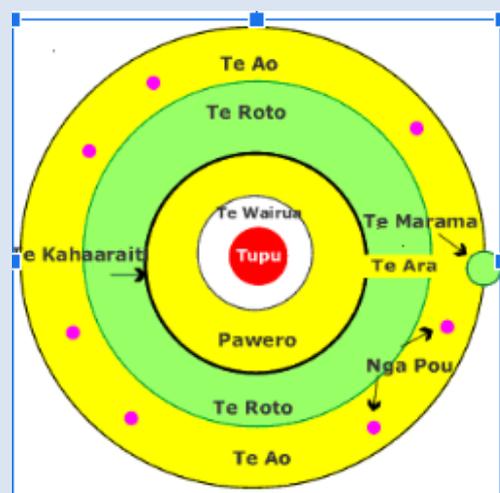
We will be taking 20 children on a bus to this tournament. **Your child will know if they are on the list to attend.**

We will be leaving at **9:25am** and returning around **2:00pm**.

Your child has expressed interest in coming. Please fill out this online permission form to secure their place. <https://forms.gle/SRKH8GwKAhkPoJwn8>

We will need two parent helpers for this event to go ahead, please consider volunteering if this is within your availability.

A small donation is requested to cover the cost of transportation. This amount will be added to your child's statement.



Year 8s Leavers Event

This year, our celebratory Leavers' Event will take place in the Māia space on **Thursday, 11 December** at school. The cost of hiring a venue has become prohibitive, and we have a much-admired space in which to celebrate. The recognition of students' time at Kelburn Normal School will occur at this event rather than at a whole school assembly. Students will receive certificates detailing their achievements and contributions to the school. Each student can bring two guests to the celebration; due to the nature of the event, it is not appropriate for siblings to attend, unless they are adults. We understand that families come in all sorts of configurations so if you require extra tickets, please send a request to the office so that we can accommodate you.

What to expect:

- A high tea with sweet and savoury treats.
- We will assemble from 4.30 pm, with mixing, mingling and nibbles. The event will conclude before 6.30 pm.
- A cheerful, festive atmosphere (physically and emotionally).
- Year 8 students will each receive a certificate detailing their achievements and contributions.
- Students will present recollections of their primary school years; and for the last hurrah, there will be a waiata and an item from the team.
- A few short speeches.

Things to note:

- The event is semi-formal and children are asked to wear smart attire. Some children are pretty savvy about what is appropriate, but sometimes they require more support. Shorts, T-shirts, or jandals would not be appropriate. We find many of the children do like to take the opportunity to dress up.
- This is an alcohol-free event.
- This is for year 8s only, no younger siblings are to attend.

What we need from you:

- In the near future, we will send out a form for you to complete, which will allow you to indicate the number of tickets you plan to purchase, as well as the ticket price. The cost of this event is likely to be approximately \$20 per ticket.

The children do look forward to their Leavers' Celebration. The adults find it an entertaining and somewhat poignant event.

Phones and Smart Watches



This is a friendly reminder that we strongly recommend that children do not bring phones or smart watches to school. These items are not allowed in the learning spaces, or to be used at all during school hours. If students need to bring these items to school, the best thing is to hand them into the office at the beginning of the day, and collect them as they leave. If the item has the ability to record sound, take photos, message, call, or access the internet, it is classed as a smart watch or phone.



2026 Whānui Camp – El Rancho Camp – Wed 25th – Frid 27th February 2026

Dear parents and caregivers of Year 4 and 5 children

Looking ahead to 2026, we are planning the biannual Whānui Camp. It will be at El Rancho in Waikanae. The camp's primary purpose is to set the stage for the year's learning and establish positive relationships between tamariki.

We are asking for volunteers to assist us at camp. Helpers will be required to leave school with us on Wednesday, February 25th, via bus, attend full days, stay both nights, and return to school with us on the bus on Friday, February 27th.

If you are selected to come and help us at camp, you will not be with your child. Camp is an opportunity for the children to be independent from whānau. Of course, you may have opportunities to watch some of your child's activities and see them during meal times, but helpers are primarily there to assist teachers and El Rancho staff.

Attending the camp requires stamina and fitness. Some activities include physical activities, assisting the instructors with activities, meal preparation, and cleaning duties. Not a lot of sleep happens on the two nights we are away!

If you can volunteer for camp, please contact Rebekah Rasmussen at rebekahr@kelburnnormal.school.nz

You will also need to complete a police check.

Tupu Christmas Craft Activities

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.

Thursday 11th December, Friday 12th December, Monday 15th December from 9am to 10:30am

Please complete the attached form and return to the class teacher by **Monday, 2nd December.**

Ngā mihi nui, Jackie, Andrea, 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.)

Thursday 11th December - 9 to 10:30

Friday 12th December 9 to 10:30

Monday 15th December 9 to 10:30



School Closure Due to Teacher Strike – Thursday, 23 October

Please be advised that due to a planned teacher strike, the school will be closed on Thursday, 23 October. We understand this may cause disruption for some families, and we appreciate your understanding and support during this time.

Kelly Club have a fun programme planned. See details below.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Thursday 23 October 2025 – Strike Day Holiday Programme

PJ Party Day!

Roll out of bed and come in your PJs for the best day ever! We'll be cooking up treats, playing games, making cool crafts, and getting active with awesome sports and discovery fun. There'll even be pillow fights and surprises – so grab your slippers and get ready for a day full of giggles and good times!



KELLY CLUB A FUN PROGRAMME THAT KIDS LOVE!

Thursday 23 October
PJ PARTY

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL
Come in your PJ's for a day of cooking, games, crafts, sports, and fun! Enjoy pillow fights, tasty treats, and plenty of laughs with your friends – it's cozy, creative, and full of surprises!

Full Day: \$60 8am-6pm	School Day: \$48 8:45am-3:15pm	Half Day: \$40 8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm
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Contact: Olivia Bissett
Phone: 021 744 636

Email: kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz
Facebook: @KellyClubKelburnNormal

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

Gas Maintenance Work Notification – Monday 13 to Friday 18 October

Powerco Limited has notified us that they will be undertaking gas maintenance work around 131 Upland Road. The work will require car parks to be temporarily removed and there will be restricted traffic flow due to excavation work. Please take extra care to keep our students and families safe and allow extra time for your travel through this area during this time.

Headlice

Headlice have been detected in the junior and senior school. We kindly ask all parents and caregivers to check their child's hair regularly over the coming weeks. For information on effective treatment options, please refer to the [Health NZ website](#).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Calendar Art Orders Are Now Open!

It's time to order your Calendar Art!

If your child has completed their artwork and dropped it off at the office, you can now place your order online. Please follow these instructions to place your order online:

- 1/. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
- 2/. Use the Entrance Code: KZ1943
- 3/. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

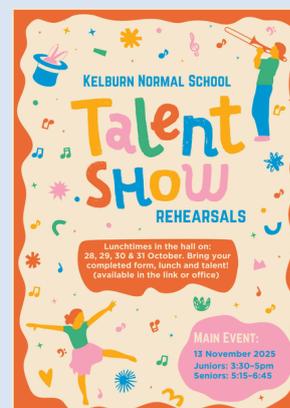
Haven't handed one in? This is your final chance to upload a photo of a piece of artwork, a fun family photo, or even your child's pet.

Orders close on Monday, 20th October – don't miss out! Every purchase supports our school.

Talent Quest 13 November 2025 – Save the Date

We are excited to announce that our annual School Talent Show will be taking place on November 13th! Mark your calendars and get ready for an evening filled with creativity, inspiration, and incredible performances from our talented students.

Rehearsal dates start from Tuesday 28 October from 12.45pm. If your child is interested in performing, they can collect an expression of interest form from which can be collected from the linkway or the office.



Enrolments 2026

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. This helps us greatly with planning for the year ahead.

Entertainment Book

Fundraising with Entertainment

Your purchase of an Entertainment Membership contributes to funds for the benefit of KNS and our tamariki. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your friends and family. Thanks so much for your support!

A promotional graphic for Entertainment Membership. It features a woman in a white shirt smiling. The text reads: 'Unlock More. Spend Less. Give Back. with an Entertainment Membership. LIMITED TIME ONLY'. Below this, it lists benefits: 'FREE Multi City Upgrade*', '\$30 BONUS \$30 Woolworths Gift Card*', and '20% donated to your community'. A 'Find Out More' button is at the bottom. A small asterisk note at the bottom left says '*When you buy a Single City Membership. T&Cs apply.'.

Looking Ahead Term 4 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 2	Wednesday 15 October	Māia & Whānui Navigating the Journey Parent Hui @ 5 pm in the teaching space
	Thursday 16 October	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am Y3/Y4 Zoo Sleepover - 7pm
	Friday 17 October	Y3/Y4 Zoo Sleepover - returning approx 11.30am
Week 3	Monday 20 October	BoT Meeting - 6.30pm - 8.30pm
	Tuesday 21 October	Whole School Athletics - 9am - 12 noon (ppt 22 Oct) Battle of the Bands - 9am - 3pm
	Thursday 23 October	Teacher Strike - School Closed - Kelly Club Sessions Available
	Friday 24 October	School Hui & Mihi Whakatau - hosted by Tupu @ 1.50 pm
Week 4	Monday 27 October	Labour Day - School Closed
	Tuesday 28 October	Māia Tech Session - 9 am to 12.20 pm Talent Quest Rehearsals - 12.45pm - 1.45pm
	Wednesday 29 October	Talent Quest Rehearsals - 12.45pm - 1.45pm
	Thursday 30 October	Road Patrol Training - 9 am to 1 pm Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am Talent Quest Rehearsals 12.45am - 1.45pm
	Friday 31 October	Talent Quest Rehearsals - 12.45am - 1.45pm WZ Athletics (PP day 7 November)
Week 5	Tuesday 4 November	Māia Tech Session - 9 am to 12.20 pm
	Wed 5 November	Y1-Y6 Orchestra Show - 1.50pm to 2.40pm
	Thursday 6 November	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am
	Friday 7 November	School Hui - Hosted by Māia @ 1.50 pm
Week 6	Tuesday 11 November	Māia Tech Session - 9 am to 12.20 pm
	Thursday 13 November	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am Talent Quest - 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm
	Friday 14 November	School Hui - Hosted by Whānui @ 1.50pm Boostrix/Gardasil Y7 PTA Peony Fundraiser
Week 7	Monday 17 November	PTA Meeting - 7pm to 8pm
	Tuesday 18 November	Māia Tech Session 9 am to 12.20 pm
	Wed 19 November	Musical Refreshment @ 6.30 pm
	Thursday 20 November	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am WGC Orientation day

Looking Ahead Term 4

Week	Date	Event
Week 8	Monday 24 November	BoT Meeting @ 6.30 pm
	Tuesday 25 November	Māia Tech Session - 9 am to 12.20 pm
	Wed 26 November	Celebration of Learning - 3 pm to 5 pm
	Thurs 27 November	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am
	Friday 28 November	School Hui - Hosted by Whanake @ 1.50 pm
Week 9	Monday 1 December	Whānui Speech Finals - 10am-11am Māia Speech Finals - 11.45am to 1 pm
	Wed 3 December	WC Induction Day
	Thursday 4 December	Tupu Swimming - Tahi depart 9.30am, Toru depart 9.50am, Rua depart 10.15am, Whā depart 10.45am Māia Rogaine - 12 pm to 3 pm
Week 10	Tuesday 9 December	Whanake Rogaine - 9 am to 12.30 pm Whānui Rogaine - 12 pm to 3 pm
	Thursday 11 December	Reports Home to Whānau Y8 Celebration - 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm
	Friday 12 December	Junior Musical Assembly @ 1.50 pm
	Sunday 14 December	Lyrical Carol Service at St Michaels
	Week 11	Monday 15 December
	Wed 17 December	School closes at 2 pm

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Term Dates

2025	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
Term 4 10 wks	Monday 6 October	Wednesday 17 December - finish at 2pm	Monday 27 October - Labour Day

2026	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
Term 1 9 wks	Monday 2 February	Thursday 2 nd April	Friday 6 February - Waitangi Day Friday 27 March - Teacher only Day 3 Way Learning Conversations
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

Reminders

School Hui - to help ensure a safe transition at the end of each hui, we kindly ask whānau to either stay in the hall or exit the hall through the side exit doors by the road patrol shed. Please then wait in the playground at your regular pickup spot so all tamariki can use the link to return to the learning spaces to collect their bags and be released from their class on time. In the interests of health and safety, please keep the linkway and doors clear at all times. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Ezlunch orders - Click the [link for an updated menu](#)

Parking - Just a friendly reminder to please follow our parking guidelines during pick-up and drop-off times. If grandparents or friends are collecting your child, we kindly ask that you remind them to park legally and respect the designated parking zones and drop-off areas.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and ensuring a smooth flow of traffic around our school

Parking on Boundary Rd - Please do not park in front of the garages on Boundary Road. We have received complaints from neighbours who regularly have their vehicles blocked in by parents who have parked in front of their garages.

Security Cameras - Please be aware that security cameras are operating on school grounds to deter and investigate any vandalism to school property and other antisocial or illegal activity. The cameras are not operating inside school buildings and are programmed to only record activity outside of school hours.

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



KELLY SPORTS

Spring Into Action!

Term 4 Sports Programme

Wednesday's 3.05PM-4.05PM FOR 8 WEEKS
CRICKET, TBALL, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL
2 WEEKS OF EACH SPORT!!
STARTS WEEK 2 OF TERM 4!

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SUMMER SERIES 2025-2026



SCAN ME

FOOTBALL
5-A-SIDE
Ian Galloway Park,
Wilton

NETBALL
Samuel Marsden
School & Karori
Normal School



SCAN ME

TEAM ENROLLMENTS NOW OPEN!

kellysports.co.nz/football2025 kellysports.co.nz/netball2025

Week 8 Date & Time TBC

PACK THE BILLS

FOR TOYS:

NEW TOYS ONLY (NOT SECOND HAND)

FOR FOOD:

NONPERISHABLE. AND WHEN DONATING, THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD PUT IN YOUR TROLLEY. ALL THE USUAL CHRISTMAS TREATS – CHOCOLATES, MINCE PIES, CRACKERS, CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS, CHIPS, AND EVEN NON-CHRISTMASSY STUFF, LIKE CHILDREN'S TOOTHBRUSHES AND LARGE-SIZE NAPPIES

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