

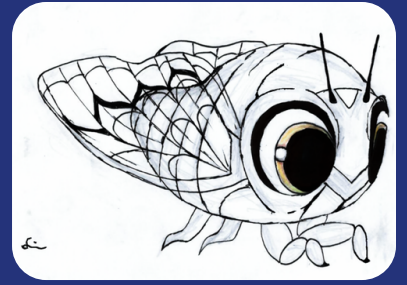


VOICE OF NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI JULY 2026

NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL

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



PRINCIPAL'S/TUMUAKI UPDATE

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the last Voice newsletter for Term 3.

Kia ora and welcome back to term 3 everyone! I do hope you have all had a wonderful school holiday break and have had a chance to recharge and spend some quality time as a whānau somewhere special! It is another action packed term – and we continue round 2 of the plays with Māia and Tupu ara presenting their plays later this term. We are all looking forward to these very much!

Welcome to new tamariki

A warm Kelburn welcome to our new tamariki and their whānau. We are delighted to have you as part of the Kelburn community. Our School roll now sits at 275 tamariki.

Tupu Tahi – Sofia P

Tupu Rua – Elise AS

Tupu Toru – Xanthe H

Tupu Rima – Megha G, Emile K, Verity W, Ella G, Ruby G

Whanake Rua – Oscar H

Whānui Tahi – Clement S

Māia Tahi – Emily S

Staffing News at Kelburn

Matua Jason Rihari has resigned from his positions of caretaker and Te Reo tutor. He is relocating to be with whānau in the Hawkes Bay. Jason was not able to come back to school to say good-bye to the tamariki and he did not wish for a farewell. He asked for me to pass on his thanks to all the Kelburn community for their aroha and support of him during his time here. We wish Jason all the very best for his new life in Hawkes Bay.

Miss Mckenzie Anderson our wonderful Learning Assistant has resigned from her Learning Assistant position effective from 14th August. Mckenzie has secured a permanent role as a Youth Advocate Kaiwhakamana with VOYCE Whakarongo Mai. We thank her very much for all her huge mahi for Kelburn as a Learning Assistant and we wish Mckenzie all the very best in her new role and for her future.

Matariki Celebration

My huge thanks to our incredible PTA team and our wonderful staff for organising a beautiful and fun matariki celebration last Wednesday. We had the perfect weather for an evening gathering and the family friendly and fun atmosphere was palpable! There was so much delicious kai on offer, and I personally enjoyed my pumpkin soup and roll very much! My thanks to the PTA for organising the hangi, assisting to set up and reset classrooms and ara spaces afterwards and for selling the kai. My thanks also to the staff for all their set up of the ara spaces and for running the fun matariki crafts. Thanks to Miss Sanders for selling the kai and hot chocolates too! Special thanks to the Lyrica choir and teachers, the Senior Kapa Haka group and teachers and especially the PTA leaders, Katharina, Katrina, Susie and their PTA team! I am looking forward to next year all ready!

Whānau Group

We will be holding our Whānau Hui Group on Tuesday August 25th at 5pm in the staffroom. Please bring some kai to share if you can and we look forward to some waiata, some korero and building community. Hope to see you there!

Mid-Year Report/ 3 Way Conversations

All whānau have now received the new Mid-Year Report that was sent home last Friday. We do hope that you enjoy the fresh new look and also that you have found it clear and easy to follow your child's progress and achievement. If you would like to discuss your child's Mid-Year report, there is the opportunity for whānau to do this when you meet kaiako at our next 3-Way Goal Setting hui on Friday, the 14th of August. School will be closed for instruction, and open for these vital 15-minute conversations. As a staff we have been preparing since 2025 and working with our student management system (SMS) provider eTap to put in place the changes. On behalf of all the staff team at Kelburn I would like to thank our whānau in advance for your support around the new reports and my huge thanks to the staff for their mahi in making the changes around the refreshed curriculum and the kaiako for writing the reports.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Nga mihi nui

Kent Favel
Tumuaki/Principal

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