



# KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE

## TERM 1 – WEEK 5

### RĀAPA 2 POUTŪ-TE-RANGI

### WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2026

#### This week...

Wednesday 4 March  
Monday 9 March  
Wednesday 11 March

Māia Camp Tuesday 3 March to Friday 6 March  
Whanake Swimming  
Hearing and Vision Testing NE & Y7s  
PTA AGM @ 7pm in Tupu Space  
Road Patrol Training 9 am - 12 noon  
Whanake Swimming

#### Schoolwide Updates

#### PTA Meeting and AGM 9 March 7 pm

Please click the link for the [PTA meeting minutes from 9 February 2026](#). The next PTA meeting will be on Monday 9 March at 7pm followed by the PTA AGM. All welcome in Tupu space Kelburn Normal School. The [AGM agenda](#) is attached as link as well as the [minutes](#) from last year's AGM.

#### School BBQ

Save the date for the annual Kelburn Normal School BBQ/Picnic on **Friday 13 March 2026 from 4:30-7pm**. Postponement date is 20 March. There will be a bake sale, sausages, burgers, entertainment and for the first time this year, we will be hosting a book fair on the same day. For us to run a successful event, we rely on parent volunteers. Please put your name down to help flip some burgers, donate some baking or help set up/pack down.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WORiL-aeBYvotXfsk5301pLu-Yw9dAPy6fL1i4h7lTY/edit?pli=1&gid=0#gid=0>

#### Year 5-8 students: Western Zone Football

On Tuesday 24th March, selected year 5-8 tamariki have the opportunity to participate in the Western Zone Football tournament. These WZ 'give-it-a-go' days are designed to be non-competitive, where tamariki who are interested and selected get to play as a team, enjoy the game, and practice fair play.

Tamariki representing our kura in all out-of-school activities and events are expected to behave in ways that show respect and uphold our kura values. It is a privilege to represent Kelburn Kura at these events.

Key information:

Date: Tuesday 24th March (PP date Thursday 26th March)

Time: 10.45am-2.30pm

Venue: Ian Galloway Park

If your child has been selected to participate in this tournament, please complete the permission form below by Friday March 13th. The list of students who have signed up can be found [here](#).

Team numbers are limited, so we recommend completing the form early.

[WZ Football Permission Form](#)

# Tupu Updates

## Tupu Easter Craft Activities

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

As Easter is getting closer, the Tupu team would like to run a range of exciting Easter activities and crafts for the tamariki. These activities will not have a religious theme.

For this to be successful, we need the help of whānau. We are looking for at least four helpers per class each day. This involves working with a small group of tamariki and running an activity, e.g. baking, Easter baskets etc. We have many ideas and creations that we can easily provide for an activity, or you might like to design one of your own creations. Watch out, Pinterest, here we come.



Dates:

Monday 30 March 9am – 10:30am

Tuesday 31 March 9am – 10:30am

Please return the attached form by Monday, 16th March detailing the activity you would like to do or if you prefer to have one provided, and the date/s that you are able to help out on. Or pop in for a chat.

We look forward to hearing from you. Hoppity Hop Hop,  
Jodie, Marianne, Jo, Wendy, and Susie

I would love to run an Easter activity with a small group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**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/highlight** (You may choose more than one if you are available, as we would love as much help as possible.)

**Monday 30 March 9am – 10:30am**

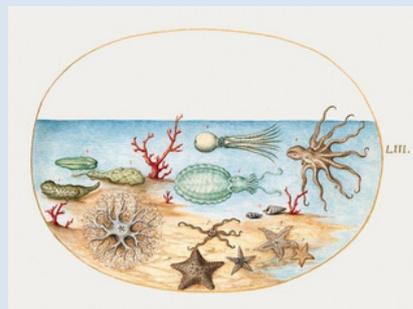
**Tuesday 31 March 9am – 10:30am**

## Tupu Updates

### Super Hero and Rock pool adventure for Tupu

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

The Tupu team are excited to be visiting the Island Bay Marine Education Centre and the rock pools that surround it. This depends on the water around the centre, and we will be guided by their professional advice. At this stage, we are booked in on Monday 23rd March for Tupu Tahī (Susie's team) and Tupu Whā (Wendy's team), and on Tuesday 24th March for Tupu Rua (Jodie's team) and Tupu Toru (Marianne's team). This visit will support our learning about Super Heroes of the Sea. We will keep you posted if this trip has to be cancelled.



We will be leaving school by bus at 9:30am and arriving at Octopus Headquarters (the surf club), where we will have our morning tea. After a brief introductory talk, everyone will go to the Bait House Aquarium, which is a short walk away. We will be divided into two equal teams. One group will be inside the Bait House for all the “hands-on” activities, while the other group will participate in a guided Rocky Shore Exploration. Then the two groups will be swapped over so everyone has an opportunity to experience everything. We will return to school by bus just in time for lunch.

On the day, please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and clothing for exploring the rock pools.

We need many parent helpers for this trip. You would be responsible for a small group of children- up to four in each team.

The contribution for this experience is \$22.00. This will be added to your child's statement and can be paid by direct credit to the school account 12-3223-0190001-00 using your child's name as a reference or by EFTPOS at the school office. Please can you wait to pay until we go on the trip? If you are able to help out, please send an email to your class teacher by Monday 2 March.

Sorry, we are unable to have pre-schoolers join us, and it will be first in as we need to pay for each adult. Tupu Tahī will need two parents, Tupu Rua will need two parents, Tupu Whā will need five parents, and Tupu Toru will need five parents.

Ngā mihi, Jodie, Marianne, Wendy, and Susie

## Whānui Updates

### Space Place at Carter Observatory

We are seeking parent helpers to walk with us to and from the Space Place at Carter Observatory and to attend a workshop with the children. This is on Thursday, the 12th of March. This will cost each student \$7.50 and will be added to your student's statement.

We have 2 x 2-hour sessions.

The first session is Whānui Tahī (Miller). This session runs from 9.45 am to 11.45 am.

The second is Whānui Rua (Rasmussen), 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm.

If you can help with either of these sessions, please contact Hugo Miller.  
hugom@kelburnnormal.school.nz

## Māia Updates

### Māia EOTC trip 17th March– Parent volunteers needed



We are going on a trip to the Portrait Gallery and Te Papa! This trip is related to our Multiliteracies focus on Portraiture this term. Students will visit exhibits and take part in an art workshop. We will walk into town and return by bus. For this EOTC trip to go ahead we will need 7 parent volunteers. Please contact [libyam@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:libyam@kelburnnormal.school.nz) if you are able to help us out.

Details of the exhibit we are visiting at the Portrait Gallery are below:

<https://www.nzportraitgallery.org.nz/exhibitions/2026/salome-an-angel-of-history>

## The Winter Project

The Winter Project is working with KNS to collect Winter clothes again this year.

The Winter Project is an organisation of Year 12 Marsden students who collect winter woollens and distribute them to schools with families in need in the Wellington region. These families might need some extra warmth for the cold nights ahead entering into winter.

Please donate second-hand winter woollens. Items could include: scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm tops/pants or shoes. Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. There is a box near Reception for donations. Thank you for your help!

## Movin' March

**Let's Get Movin' in March!** - We always engage in Movin' March. While the weather is good, we emphasise walking or wheeling to school. It certainly helps our congested parking around the school when tamariki walk and wheel to school, and get some exercise as well. If you travel from outside Kelburn, then don't forget the Park and Stride concept, which is parking away from school and enabling tamariki to walk or wheel from there. For classes in Y1-6, we will have the Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge program to celebrate walking or wheeling to school; once they have filled these, they can return them to school to enter the prize draw.

### Violin, Composition & Improvisation Lessons with Tristan

Tristan has a few spaces available this year for new violin students!

He offers a fun, supportive, and approachable way to learn the violin, with a strong focus on playing freely and without tension. Lessons build solid technique while keeping music enjoyable and expressive from the very beginning.

Violin students also have the exciting opportunity to join the Kelburn Normal Orchestra, which is currently looking for new string players. Learning with Tristan can therefore double as a rewarding pathway to reading music confidently and playing in a full ensemble – a fantastic way to develop musicianship, teamwork, and performance skills.

In addition, Tristan is offering creative music lessons this year for children who already play any instrument and would like to grow their creative skills, through learning to improvise, write their own songs or compose their own masterpieces.

These lessons are tailored to your child's interests and goals, and typically focus on:

- Developing deeper listening skills
- Exploring and communicating musical ideas
- Building confidence in creativity
- Enjoying the process of making up original music

#### About Tristan

Tristan Carter is a violinist, composer, and educator working across contemporary improvisation, cross-cultural collaboration, and new music creation. He performs throughout New Zealand with Moth Quartet, Shades of Shakti, and Bazurka, and creates music for theatre, dance, and screen. Career highlights include contributing to David Long's soundtrack for the BBC series of Eleanor Catton's *The Luminaries*, and touring internationally with Java Dance Theatre and Trick of the Light Theatre. Tristan is a dedicated educator and is involved with Ethno NZ, part of the global Ethno World initiative.

Whether your child is just starting violin or is ready to explore the creative side of their musicality, Tristan provides a supportive and inspiring learning environment.

Get in touch to find out more and secure a place! [carter.tristan@gmail.com](mailto:carter.tristan@gmail.com)

### Guitar (Electric/Acoustic) / Ukulele / Bass

Sam Montgomery (Bmus(hons)) is a stringed instrument specialist offering acoustic/electric guitar, ukulele or bass lessons at KNS. He has over 10 years of instrumental tuition experience, and can cater lessons to any student's level. Sam's lessons are fun and practical.

To find out more email: [sammonty101@gmail.com](mailto:sammonty101@gmail.com)

### Songwriting classes at Kelburn Normal School

We are excited to welcome Shan to our music teacher team. She will be offering song writing lessons. Have you a notebook full of lyrics? A great melody but can't get it onto paper? Hear a song you love on the radio and wondered if you could do the same?

Hi! I'm Shan and I think there is nothing more satisfying than playing a song you created yourself. I've been writing songs for a lot of my life and it is a passion of mine that I would love to share with you. I teach fun, friendly songwriting classes where you can bring already formed songs, ideas or just start from a blank piece of paper to create something amazing! You will gain confidence and personalised songwriting sessions where we work to have songs ready for a performance and a chance to record your own demo. Please contact Shan on 0276332807 or email at [shanjmusic@gmail.com](mailto:shanjmusic@gmail.com) to book or talk about songwriting! 🎵

## Looking Ahead Term 1 - dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
<b>Week 5</b>	Tues 3 to Fri 6 March	Māia Camp
	Wed 4 March	Whanake Swimming 12 pm - 2.30 pm
<b>Week 6</b>	Monday 9 March	Hearing and Vision Testing NE & Y7s PTA AGM @ 7 pm in Tupu space
	Wed 11 March	Road Patrol Training 9 am - 12 noon Whanake Swimming 12 pm - 2.30 pm
	Thursday 12 March	Māia Tech Session at KWNS 9 am - 12 pm Whānui trip to Space Place
	Friday 13 March	School hui hosted by Whānui @ 1.50 pm PTA School Picnic 4.30pm - 7pm (PP date 20 March)
<b>Week 7</b>	Tuesday 17 March	Māia trip to Portrait Gallery
	Wed 18 March	Whanake Swimming 12 pm - 2.30 pm
	Thursday 19 March	Māia Tech Session at KWNS 9 am - 12 pm New Entrant Chit Chat 5.30pm - 6.30pm
<b>Week 8</b>	Mon 23 to Thur 26 March	School Photos
	Monday 23 March	Tupu visit to Marine Centre Tupu Tahī and Tupu Whā
	Tuesday 24 March	Tupu visit to Marine Centre Tupu Toru and Tupu Rua Wellington Zone Football (pp 26 March)
	Wednesday 25 March	Whanake Swimming 12 noon - 2.30 pm
	Thursday 26 March	Māia Tech Session at KWNS 9 am - 12 noon International Student and Buddies Trip to Wellington Museum School hui @ 1.50 pm hosted by Tupu
	Friday 27 March	Teacher only day - 3 way learning conversations
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday 30 March	BoT Meeting
	Wednesday 1 April	Whanake Swimming 12 pm - 2.30 pm
	Thursday 2 April	Māia Tech Session at KWNS 9 am - 12 noon Last Day of Term - School finishes at 3 pm

## School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lyrice</b> – Yrs 6–8 8.30 am – 9.30 am Mahler Room Mrs Anna Sedcole & Mrs Munn	<b>Orchestra</b> – Yrs 4–8 8.20 am – 9.30 am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier & Ms Smith	<b>Xylobeats</b> – Yrs 4–6 8.30 am – 9.30 am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier	<b>Piccolo</b> – Yrs 4–6 8.30 am – 9.30 am Mahler Room Mrs Anna Sedcole & Mr Miller	<b>Little Xylofun</b> Yrs 2–3 9.00 am – 9.30 am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier
	<b>Code Club</b> – to be advised	<b>Chess Club</b> to be advised	<b>Tūi Choir</b> Yrs 2–3 9.00 am – 9.30 am Hall Mrs Smith	<b>Kapa Haka</b> Yrs 5–8 8.30 am – 9.30 am Hall Matua Henare Parata, Ms Smith and Ms Rasmussen
	<b>Junior Kapa Haka</b> – Yrs 1–4 1.40 pm – 2.10 pm Hall Mr Jeremy Desmond & Mrs Blair		<b>Eco Club</b> to be advised	

## Term Dates 2026

2026	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
Term 1 9 wks	Monday 2 February	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Friday 6 February - Waitangi Day</b> <b>Friday 27 March - Teacher only Day 3 Way Learning Conversations</b>
Term 2 11 wks	Monday 20 April	Friday 3 July	<b>Friday 24 April - Teacher only Day PLD Maths Curriculum</b> <b>Monday 27 April - ANZAC Day observed</b> <b>Monday 1 June - Kings Birthday</b>
Term 3 10 wks	Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September	<b>Friday 14 August - Teacher only Day 3 Way Learning Conversations</b> <b>Friday 28 August - Teacher only Day PLD Maths Curriculum</b>
Term 4 10 wks	Monday 12 October	Wednesday 16 December - finish at 2pm	<b>Monday 26 October - Labour Day</b>

School BBQ

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DON'T MISS OUT ON A GOOD TIME!

**KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL WHĀNAU BBQ**

**Friday 13 March**  
4:30-7:00pm

BAKE SALE  
BURGERS  
SAUSAGES  
BOOK FAIR  
ENTERTAINMENT

We rely on parent volunteers to run a successful event. Scan QR code to sign up

Book Fair

We are calling for donations of children's books for our Book Fair, hosted on the same evening as the annual school BBQ. Please drop off your books at the office by the 9th of March.

Book Club

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 is here! Keep an eye out in school bags for the Issue 2 brochure.

ORDER ONLINE: [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) or on the LOOP App before:

SUNDAY 15 March

DELIVERY: Books will be delivered to school and given to your child during class or if you mark them as GIFT will be kept at the school office for you to collect

Q&A: [bookclub@kelburnnormal.school.nz](mailto:bookclub@kelburnnormal.school.nz)

Every order earns rewards enabling the school to order free books for the school library with no additional cost to you

13 MARCH 2026

**KNS BOOK FAIR**

CALLING FOR DONATIONS OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

PLEASE DROP BOOKS AT THE OFFICE BY 9 MARCH

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

We are seeking parent helpers to supervise next term's 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 you have another commitment during a normal shift)

This is a great way to be seen helping the school community, and saves the school around \$9,000 annually.

Please text Ginni on 027 823 8056 if you are able to help.

Morning duty = 8:20am - 8:50am. Afternoon duty = 2:50am - 3:15pm

P.S. Orange really suits you :)

**VOLUNTEER**

JOIN THE TEAM



## 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](mailto:kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz)

- Visit: [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)
  - e-mail: [kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz)
- or just pop into Kelly Club any day after school.

## Kelly Sports



TIP OFF 2026 - Wednesday's from 3.05pm-4.05pm

The New Year is underway so let's JUMP in with a Kelly Sports Summer Multi Sport Programme! Come and try some new sports, sharpen some existing skills!

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings - giving them confidence to join sports clubs in the future!

For term 1 the sports we are focussing on are:

Basketball, Football, Ultimate Frisbee, Rippa Rugby (2 weeks of each).

Classes start Wednesday 11 February 2026 and runs for 8 weeks

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

## 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.