



KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE

TERM 2 – WEEK 5

RĀAPA 20 HARATUA

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2026

This week...

Wednesday 20 May	Gymnastics Tupu and Māia Whanake Te Papa Trip
Thursday 21 May	Lockdown Training
Friday 22 May	School hui hosted by Whanake at 1.50 pm
Monday 25 May	Playhouse Theatre Puss in Gumboots
Wednesday 27 May	Year 7 Boostrix and Gardasil Vaccinations

Lockdown Training at Kelburn Normal School on 21 May 2026

To keep our school safe, we need to respond quickly and safely to a range of emergency situations. **We are holding lockdown training tomorrow, Thursday, 21 May 2026 at approximately 2 pm.**

We work alongside an independent company, Harrison Tew® Ltd, which specialises in emergency management planning for schools, whose procedures have been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand.

As part of maintaining our emergency procedures in our school, specialised training is being conducted with our senior leadership and staff by Harrison Tew® Ltd.

The students will also receive information on how to respond in an emergency directed at their respective age groups from either their teacher or Harrison Tew® Ltd.

We will then be conducting a lockdown exercise under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew® Ltd.

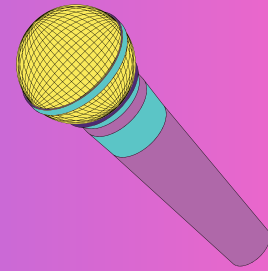
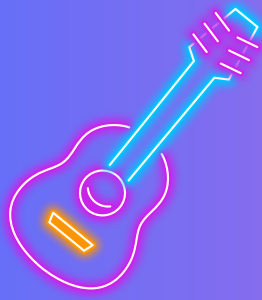
During the exercise, you will receive a notification from the school, so it is important that your emergency contact details are up to date and correct. The notification will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website.

In a genuine incident, should you become aware of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

Whānau can sign up to the [eTap app](#) to receive messages, update information, notify absences and a whole lot more. Instructions to download the app are [here](#)

We thank you for your support.

School Disco - Thursday 4 June



Junior Disco

The Year 1-4 is from **3.30 pm to 4.30 pm.**

The \$10 entry fee includes a DJ & lights, a lolly bag, and a juice box.

There will be no additional candy/drink sales for the junior students, so please do not bring cash to the junior disco.

Senior Disco

The Year 5-8 disco is from **5.00 pm to 6.00 pm,** with Y7/8s finishing **at 6.30 pm.**

The \$10 entry fee includes a DJ & lights, and a slice of pizza. The students will be able to purchase candy and drinks at the disco.

Please, no big banknotes, as they deplete our float.

This is the Student Council's major fundraising event for the year, which supports our sister school, Tamariki Education Centre, [Nairobi, Kenya.](#) Our kura has been supporting them for the last 6 years!

The Student Council is holding a disco on Thursday 4 June, in the school hall. The entry is \$10 to cover the DJ and some refreshments. Please note that all tickets for the disco need to be **pre-paid by 11am Tuesday 2nd June.** This is to ensure a smooth entry for your child and to avoid any last minutes cash handling hassle. You can make the payment by EFTPOS at the school office or by direct debit to our school account: Kelburn Normal School Board 12-3223-0190001-00 using your child's name and 'disco' as a reference.

The staff will fully supervise the disco; however, junior parents are most welcome to attend with their child and **must supervise their child between 3 pm and 3.30 pm.** Please ensure an adult collects your child from the school hall at the appropriate time for the disco conclusion.



WZ Cross Country – permission slips needed

Congratulations to all of the tamariki who placed at our cross country last week. The top six runners from each category have now qualified for the **Western Zone Cross Country Competition**, where they will compete with their peers from schools across the Western Zone.

This event is taking place on **Tuesday, June 2nd** (postponement date June 4th), at Karori Park.

If your child has qualified for this competition, **please read and complete the permission form** below by Friday, 29th May. You can find the list of these tamariki here: [List of Tamariki](#).

Please contact Sophie Bishop if you have any questions (sophie@kelburnnormal.school.nz).

[WZ Cross Country Permission Form](#)

NZSO Petrushka Schools' Concert

On Thursday, 4 June, our lucky **year 3-6** will step up to the fair and discover the magical and mysterious story of Petrushka at the Michael Fowler Centre. Tamariki can expect the sounds of a magical puppet show to fill the air as the NZSO brings Igor Stravinsky's famous tale of Petrushka to life!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Meet the three puppets - Petrushka, the lively clown, the graceful ballerina who captures his love, and his swaggering enemy, the pirate. But beware! The fair is not all fun and games, and Petrushka's fate takes a mysterious turn... Alongside this captivating story, students will also experience the thrill of Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain, the dramatic power of Prokofiev's Dance of the Knights from Romeo and Juliet and even join in with an original song created just for them.

For this trip, we will require whānau helpers from each home learning team in Whanake and Whānui. We will depart from school around 10.15am, and return by 12.30pm. If you are able to help, please email your home learning team teacher. The donation request for this exciting activity is \$14, and it will be added to your child's statement.

NZ Playhouse– Puss In Gumboots

On Monday, 25 May, the year 1-6 will attend the NZ Playhouse production of Puss in Gumboots. These shows are an annual and much-loved event at our kura. These original productions are written and produced each year, bringing together the best actors and creative forces in Aotearoa to create a play that is funny, educational, and inspiring. Our tamariki respond positively, and it is always useful for our tamariki to engage with drama professionals and their storytelling methods. A donation request of \$6.50 will be added to your child's statement for this show.

Mid-Year Report Timeline Update

We want to let you know about a small change to the timing of our mid-year reports. To ensure teachers have the time they need to complete high-quality reports—especially while we wait for our updated reporting template based on the refreshed curriculum and reporting guidelines to be completed by an external provider—we will be sending mid-year reports home at the end of Week 1, Term 3, rather than on the last day of Term 2. Reports sent home: Friday 24 July (Week 1, Term 3).

This adjustment helps us maintain the standard of reporting our community expects, while also supporting staff wellbeing during a very busy part of the year.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we work to provide clear, meaningful information about your child's learning and progress.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER PHOTOS



KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL
OFFICIAL PHOTOS

2026
PRINT
DEADLINE
5pm, Thursday
28th May

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

www.clairefraser.nz/schools

Thank you to those who have already placed their photo orders. The print deadline is approaching. If you are yet to place orders, please do so by 5pm, Thursday 28th May 2026. After this date you will still be able to purchase digital downloads of the individual and sibling portraits, however prints and class / group photos will no longer be available.

At the beginning of this term, Claire Fraser Photography sent you an email to access your photos including your passcode(s). If you didn't receive an email from Claire Fraser Photography - firstly check your spam - failing that email or text Claire directly. claire@clairefraser.nz 021 537 567

PRINT DELIVERY

Orders containing prints will be delivered to your school during week 8 of this term. Envelopes will be handed to your eldest child attending the school.

Immunisation Y7s – 25 May

Our public health nurses are coming to school in the week starting 25 May 2026 to provide immunisation for year 7 tamariki.

If you have changed your mind or your child's medical situation has changed please contact us at gw-nphsimmunisation@tewhatuora.govt.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.

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.

If your Year 8 child missed out last year and you would like them to catch up on their vaccinations, please collect a consent form from the school office

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at gw-nphsimmunisation@tewhatuora.govt.nz, or call us on 04 587 2949

Tupu Updates

BSLA-Whānau Invitation for whānau 2026

Dear Parents & Whānau,

Tupu Tahi and Tupu Rua have started this year with the Better Start Literacy Approach. Tupu Toru and Whā have been continuing with the Better Start Literacy Approach.

This approach is a research-based way of teaching reading and spelling. We are excited by the progress and developments that the tamariki are making. The WOW moments are numerous.

We would like to invite you to hear about this approach and learn how you can support your child's reading journey at home for the Tupu Tahi and Rua teams and for the Tupu Toru and Whā teams to hear about their next stage in the approach.

Day and Time: **Thursday 28th May at 5:30pm to 6:30pm**

Place: Tupu Nui space to start.

We look forward to you joining us. Sorry, this is just a meeting for adults.

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

PTA News

PTA Minutes 11 May 2026

PTA meeting minutes from 11 May 2026. The next meeting is Monday 8 June at 7pm in Tupu space, all welcome.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 4

Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 is here! Keep an eye out in school bags for the Issue 4 brochure.
ORDER ONLINE: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz or on the LOOP App before: Monday 8th of June

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

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

Yummy Fruit Stickers

The PTA is once again collecting Yummy Fruit Stickers for the school. Every sticker helps us work towards new sports equipment for our students. Sticker collection sheets are available from the office if you need one.



Time to COLLECT Yummy stickers for our School's share of

\$200,000

SPORTS GEAR

Download extra sticker sheets at yummyfruit.co.nz

EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!

KNS Hoodies – Expression of Interest

The PTA is seeking expressions of interest from students who would like to purchase a KNS hoodie. The approximate cost will be \$50, depending on numbers.

If your child is interested, please email pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz by Friday 29 May. This will help us determine if there is enough interest to proceed with a hoodie order

If any parent is willing to coordinate the hoodies (with support from PTA), please let us know.

PTA Pub Quiz

Sign up for a fun quiz night on Thursday 11 June 2026 - 7 pm at Kelburn Village Pub.

Join us for a fun Pub Quiz Night and help support our school community!

Round up some friends, enjoy a night out, and test your trivia skills at PTA the Pub Quiz.

A great excuse for a parents' night out – laughs, trivia, and prizes!



Kelburn PTA presents

QUIZ NIGHT

**THUR 11
JUNE 7PM**

\$25 per person

Scan QR code or click on link [here](#)
to enter your team of up to 5. Single
entries will be assigned a team

Kelburn Village Pub
87 Upland Road

any questions: pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz



Help us fund gully maintenance by purchasing a

KNS Gully Tea Towel

**A GREAT GIFT
OR KEEPSAKE!**

100% cotton
Natural colour
Easily mailed
Long lasting



**\$20 EA
OR
3 FOR \$50**

You can buy these awesome tea towels at the school office
[EFTPOS AVAILABLE]

Looking Ahead Term 2 - dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 5	Wednesday 20 May	Gymnastics Tupu and Māia Whanake Te Papa Trip
	Thursday 21 May	Student Lockdown Training
	Friday 22 May	School hui hosted by Whanake at 1.50 pm
Week 6	Monday 25 May	Playhouse Theatre Puss in Gumboots
	Wednesday 27 May	Year 7 Boostrix and Gardasil Vaccinations
	Thursday 28 May	Tupu BSLA Meeting 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm
Dental van on site	Friday 29 May	Whānui and Māia Hockey Music Assembly at 1.50pm
Week 7 Dental van on site	Tuesday 2 June	Western Zone Cross Country 11am to 2pm (pp 4 June)
	Thursday 4 June	NZSO Petrushka Schools' Concert Y1-6 School Disco 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Week 8 Dental van on site	Monday 8 June	WHS Opening Evening Sessions - @ 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm PTA Meeting at 7 pm in Tupu space
	Wednesday 10 June	Māia tech session 9 am to 12.30 pm
	Thursday 11 June	Kamala's Recorder Student Concert @ 11 am PTA Quiz Night @ 7 pm Kelburn Village Pub
	Friday 12 June	School hui hosted by Tupu @ 1.50 pm
Week 9 Dental van on site	Monday 15 June	Wellington College Open Morning 9 am to 11 am BoT Meeting @ 6.30 pm
	Tuesday 16 June	Wellington College Open Morning 9 am to 11 am
	Wednesday 17 June	Māia tech session 9 am to 12.30 pm
	Thursday 18 June	Whānui Plays 5 pm to 6 pm Wellington Girls' College Open Day
Week 10 Dental van on site	Tuesday 23 June	Last day dental van is on site
	Wednesday 24 June	Māia tech session 9 am to 12.30 pm
Week 11	Friday 3 July	Last day of term

Wellington College Open Mornings

Monday 15 June 2026 at 9.00 am

Tuesday 16 June 2026 at 9.00 am

This is an opportunity for prospective students and their families to tour Wellington College facilities and meet the Senior Leadership Team.

Registration is not required. All students and their families are welcome to attend.

Wellington High School Open Evening

The WHS Open Evening for students in Years 8 and above who are considering enrolment in 2026 will take place on Monday 8 June.

We will be offering three sessions. Tickets for all sessions must be pre-booked.

- 4.30pm - Principal's address followed by tour of the school, finishing by 5.45pm
- 6.00pm - Principal's address followed by tour of the school, finishing by 7.15pm

To book, click here: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BDML>



For our rangatahi Māori and those ākonga passionately interested in learning in Te Ao Māori spaces, we offer the following programme starting at 4.30pm:

- 4.30pm - Welcome, kai and kōrero from our senior Māori students and kaiako involved in Toi Māori, Te Ao Haka, Te Reo Māori, Kapa Haka, Waka Ama. Hosted by Te Whānau a Taraika in Taraika Marae. This includes the Principal's address.
- 5.15pm - Tours around the kura, finishing time of 6.30pm

To book, click here: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BDMM>

Places for all events are limited. We encourage you to limit numbers to one adult per prospective student so that all who wish to attend are able to do so.

Onsite construction means there is no parking available for Open Evening 2026. Please use public transport. Buses 3, 18 and 27 stop along Taranaki Street and by Massey University on Wallace Street, and numbers 1, 4, 23 and 29 run along Adelaide Road past the Basin Reserve. From the Basin Reserve it is a short walk up to Wellington High School across Tasman Street.

Parking may also be available in nearby streets e.g. Tasman Street, Hopper Street, Rolleston Street.

The numbers attending mean you may need to wait outside for a few minutes before you come inside - please dress for winter weather!

If you require further information, assistance with booking tickets, or are in need of a mobility parking space, please contact admin@whs.school.nz or phone 02825508824.

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	Tūi 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
	Junior Kapa Haka – Yrs 1–4 1.40 pm – 2.10 pm Hall Mr Jeremy Desmond & Mrs Blair		Eco Club – Mrs Blair & Miss Mowbray	

Term Dates 2026

2026	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
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

School Reminders

Click to view [link to school reminders](#) published in previous newsletters

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



SHORTER DAYS BIGGER PLAYS TERM 2 2026

As the days grow shorter and winter starts to set in our after-school sports programmes are here to keep the afternoon bright, active and full of fun!! Join us to sharpen your skills, try new games and burn of that extra energy in a positive structured environment!

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 2 the sports we are focussing on are:

Football, Handball, Netball and Hockey (2 weeks of each).

Classes start on Wednesday 29 April 2026 (Week 2) and run for 8 weeks, 3.05pm-4.05pm

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