



KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE

TERM 3 – WEEK 4

RĀAPA 12 HERETURIKŌKĀ

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2026

This week...

Wednesday 12 August

Thursday 13 August

Friday 14 August

Monday 17 August

Whanake and Whānui Gymnastics

PTA Pie Deliveries

Teacher only Day - Ākonga Led Learning Conversations - Kelly Club is open, see their notice further down in the newsletter

Whānui Swimming from 12.15pm

Lyrice perform at NAMSA conference Wednesday 19th August 12:30pm

Lyrice has the opportunity to showcase their talent to a room full of educators on Wednesday, 19th August. This year the New Zealand Normal Schools Association (NAMSA) is holding their national conference in Wellington. To celebrate what our talented tamariki can do here in Wellington, Lyrice will perform two songs to a captive audience at Te Wharewaka on the waterfront.

To enable us to take tamariki on this trip, we need one parent helper. You will need to be available from 11:45am to catch the bus to the venue with us, the children will perform at 12:30, and then we will catch the bus back to school at 12:50pm. Please email libyam@kelburnnormal.school.nz if you are available to support with this event.

Enrolments 2027

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. Alternatively if you plan to leave KNS at the end of the year please let us know. This helps us greatly with planning for the year ahead.

Wheels Day

Wheels day was a great success and we are pleased to advise that we raised \$294.80 towards our students adaptive bike. Thank you for your support.

Onesie Day to Support Wellington Free Ambulance



Friday 14 August – Ākonga Led Learning Conversations

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

We are excited to hold our Ākonga Led Learning Conversations on Friday 14 August. The kaiako and children have put a lot of effort into preparing for these worthwhile conversations. *Kura is closed for the day* to allow our kaiako the time and space to meet with ākonga and their whānau.

What are Ākonga Led Learning Conversations?

These 15-minute sessions are a great opportunity to spend time listening to your child talk about their learning. Teachers are there to support your child to share their learning if needed, but the best people to talk about their learning are the learners! Research shows that placing the learner at the centre of these conversations strengthens ākonga learning power and achievement and fosters responsibility and agency. This dialogue is crucial to developing the triangle of ākonga, kaiako, and whānau - learner, teacher, and family.

During this time, your child will talk about what they can do well, what they are learning to do, and their next steps. They may share writing from their writing book; show or talk about the books they have been reading; share examples of their mathematics learning, etc. How you can help at home will also be apart of these discussions.

How can you help:

- *Come along with your child.*
- *Turn up on time and leave on time.* The teachers make every effort to stick to time allocations.
- *Listen;* your child will do most of the talking.
- *Keep the conversation focused on learning and learning dispositions.* If you wish to talk further with the teacher about behaviour, social issues, or other concerns, make another appointment.
- *Be positive and **celebrate** your child's mahi and successes.* Learning is hard work!

How do I book?

- Follow this link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/s3tpd>

Important reminders:

- Your child must attend.
- Whānau are welcome to attend, but please minimise any distractions younger siblings may cause.
- Be encouraging and positive. All learners make mistakes, and some work may not be finished; this is all part of the learning process.
- You do not need to sign in at the office.
- During the year at home, keep engaging in learning conversations with your child, focusing on their goals and successes.
- If your child receives extra assistance with English Language Learners (ELL), you may want to book a time with Rachel Smith, our English Language Teacher.

Helpful questions to support your child's conversation about their learning at kura and at home:

- Tell me about what you are learning 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 to help you?

Ngā mihi,
Danielle Sanders

Sports Update

Western Zone Netball

On **August 25th**, selected **years 5/6** tamariki have the opportunity to participate in the Western Zone Netball tournament. These WZ days are designed to be non-competitive, where tamariki who are interested 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 a way that shows respect and upholds our kura values. It is a privilege to represent Kelburn Normal School at these events.

If your child has been selected to participate in this tournament, please complete the permission form below by Friday, 6th June. Your child should know if they have signed up, or a copy of the team lists can be found [here](#).

[WZ Netball Permission Form](#)

PSW Futsal Tournament

On Wednesday 9th September children from schools across Wellington will be taking part in the Primary Sport Wellington and Capital Football's annual futsal festival. This event is taking place at Akau Tangi, and is one of three festival days. Team entries were limited, but Kelburn has managed to enter the following teams:

- 1x year 5/6 (girls only grade)
- 3x year 7/8 (mixed team grade)
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Your child should know if they have signed up, or the list of children selected to participate can be found [here](#). If your child is on the list, please ensure you complete the following permission form by Friday 14th August, as there is a waiting list of children who will be offered any spaces after this date.

[Futsal Permission Form](#)

Kelburn Touch Teams

Following this term's in-school touch sessions, we are looking to offer Touch Rugby at Kelburn Normal School. Touch Rugby is a great game for all students from Year 1 all the way to Year 8. It is social, participation driven and a great opportunity for children to learn skills and be introduced to team sports.

Teams would be playing on Wednesday afternoons for 6 weeks at Wakefield Park, with games starting from 4pm, and running for half an hour.

We are currently looking for expressions of interest, to see if we have the numbers required to form teams. If this is something your child would be interested in, please complete the form below.

Students will require a school shirt and sports shoes or moulded boots (no metal sprigs) to play in. Fees are \$30-35 per child (this will depend on registration numbers).

Please note we are also looking for a parent to be the school touch team manager. If this is something you would be interested in, please email sophieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz.

[Touch Team Expression of Interest](#)

Māia Updates

Wellington Girls' College – Year 8 Orientation Hui: Tuesday 24 November 2026

Year 8 students joining WGC in 2027 are invited to Y8 **Orientation Day Hui**. This day is all about giving the students a great first look at our school and helping them feel comfortable before they start next year.

What to know for the day:

- When: The day runs from 9 am to 3:20 pm.
- Getting there: Families need to drop off their students at WGC in the morning.
- Getting home: We have school buses that can take students home to Karori, Wilton/Northland, and Brooklyn. If a student doesn't want to take the bus, their family will need to arrange for them to be picked up at 3:20 pm.
- What to bring: Students should bring their own morning tea and lunch. Please have them wear comfy clothes and shoes that they can easily move around in.
- Where to go: When they arrive, they should use the Murphy Street Sports Entrance. This will take them right to the school gym to sign in and start the fun!

If a student can't attend our Orientation Day, they should inform you of their medical absence or go to their school as usual. We look forward to meeting everyone and welcoming them to WGC!

Ngā mihi nui

Rebecca McLean
YEAR 9 DEAN 2027

Maria Moran
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Wellington College 2027 Enrolments

Wellington College would like to encourage Year 8 parents and whānau who intend to enrol their sons at Wellington College for the 2027 academic year to do so by Wednesday, 22 July 2026.

Applications can be made through our online enrolment form -
<https://wc.school.kiwi/index.php/enrolment>

Please note: In-zone enrolments are guaranteed a place. However, receiving your applications by this date greatly assists us with our planning for 2027, including resource allocation, managing class sizes, facilities, and staffing.

PTA News

PIES

Thank you to the KNS community who collectively ordered 427 pies! This meant we didn't need to pay extra for delivery and it is our best order yet! Pies will be delivered this week on **Thursday 13 August** and will go home with your child.

PTA Minutes 22 July

PTA minutes from 20 July can be found here - [link](#). The next meeting will be on Monday 31 August from 6:30pm in the Tupu space. Please note the earlier time. All welcome.

KNS PTA Fundraising: entertainment book



Throughout June, every Entertainment Membership purchased not only unlocks incredible savings on dining, attractions, travel and experiences, but also gives supporters the chance to win a \$5,000 Entertainment Travel Voucher. Plus, every Membership purchased this year goes into the draw to win an unforgettable expedition to Antarctica.

We are also thrilled to announce that from Friday 26 June - Wednesday 1st July, we will be running a Buy One Membership, Get One Free promotion, giving supporters even more value!

Each \$75 book sold donates \$15 to the KNS PTA.

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.



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

Looking Ahead Term 3 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 4	Wednesday 12 August	Whanake and Whānui Gymnastics
	Thursday 13 August	PTA Pie orders delivered
	Friday 14 August	Teacher Only Day - Ākonga Led Learning Conversations
Week 5	Monday 17 August	Whānui Swimming from 12.15pm
	Wednesday 19 August	Lyrica perform at NAMSA conference @ 12.30 pm
	Friday 21 August	School hui hosted by Tupu @ 1.50 pm
Week 6	Monday 24 August	Teacher Only Day - Maths PLD
	Tuesday 25 August	WZ Netball PP Thursday 27 August Whānau Group Hui in the staffroom at 5 pm. All Welcome
	Friday 28 August	School hui hosted by Whanake @ 1.50 pm
Week 7	Monday 31 August	Whānui Swimming from 12.15pm PTA Meeting @ 6.30 pm in Tupu nui
	Tuesday 1 September	WZ Swimming
	Thursday 3 September	Māia Plays at the Gryphon Theatre
	Friday 4 September	School hui hosted by Whānui @ 1.50 pm
Week 8	Monday 7 September	Whānui Swimming from 12.15pm BoT Meeting @ 6 pm in the staffroom
	Wednesday 9 Septemb	WZ Futsal Tournament Y5-8 at Akau Tangi Sports Centre in Kilbirnie
	Friday 11 September	Wellington Free Ambulance Onesie Day
Week 9	Monday 14 September	Whānui Swimming from 12.15pm
	Tuesday 15 September	Whanake and Māia touch in school session
	Thursday 17 September	Whanake and Māia touch in school session
	Friday 18 Setpember	Music Assembly from 1.45pm
Week 10	Monday 21 September	Whānui Swimming from 12.15pm
	Tuesday 22 September	Tupu Tahi, Tupu Rua and Tupu Rima drama sharing @ 12 noon Whanake and Māia touch in school session
	Wednesday 23 September	Tupu Whā amd Tupu Toru drama sharing @ 12 noon
	Friday 25 September	School term ends at 3 pm

Term Dates 2026

2026	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
Term 3 10 wks	Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September	Friday 14 August - Teacher only Day - Ākonga Led Learning Conversations Monday 24 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

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 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	Junior Yoga Club - Miss Corcoran 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	

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

WARM UP WINTER SPORTS

Our Winter Multi Sports Programme keeps your child active with a variety of sports (Cricket, Football, Turbo Touch, Athletics) helping them build skills, boost confidence and have fun during the colder months.

The sessions start On Wednesday 29 July 2026 and run for 8 weeks.

Go to www.kellysports.co.nz to enrol.

Kelly Sports Snapshot Term 3

Come and join our experienced football coach Merrick for some:

FRIDAY FUN FOOTY in the GREENROOM,

WESTS RUGBY CLUBROOMS at Ian Galloway Park, Wilton.

4 A-SIDE INDOOR FOOTBALL: AIMED AT 5-7YR OLDS

MORE TOUCHES, MORE GOALS & MORE CONFIDENCE!!

At Kelly Sports we focus on creating fun programmes for kids that lead to greater skill development.

4 A-SIDE FRIDAY FUN FOOTBALL

Dates: Fridays 28th August-25th Sept (last 5 weeks of term 3)

Times: 4-6pm

DURATION 2x13min halves (1min half time)

COST \$250 per team for the 5 weeks.

Never rained off.

On field coaching from the refs.

A perfect lead into the Summer Series Football starting in Term 4





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KELLY CLUB KELBURN UPDATE

What's been happening...

This week theme is Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and we are having so much fun. We have created some awesome Recycled Animals and played Recycling Chaos. We will also have a go at making Cardboard Robots and competing in a Recycling Relay.

Remember to book into Kelly Club for the Teachers Only day on the 14th of August! It's going to be a Kelly Club Party!

What's happening next week!



THEME: Kelly Club Rocks!

Term 3 Week 5, 17th August 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Kelburn

	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 Spaghetti on Toast & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Muffins & 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	COOKING Rock Cakes 	CRAFT Kelly Club Banner 	GAME Which kid is it? 	DISCOVERY Kelly Club Stars 	SPORT Party Obstacle Course 
4:30 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 – 4:50 pm	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Muesli Bars	Snack Time Potato Sticks	Snack Time Corn Thins
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: Where the warm wind blows & Projects	Game: Train Stations & Projects	Game: What's the time Wally? & Projects	Game: Zombie Tag & Projects

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