



KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE

TERM 3 – WEEK 2

RĀAPA 5 HERETURIKŌKĀ

WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2026

This week...

Wednesday 5 August	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm
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Friday 7 August	Wheels Day
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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>

Friday 14 August – Ākonga Led Learning Conversations cont

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:

1. Tell me about what you are learning at the moment?
2. What are you most proud of? Why?
3. What do you need to learn next? What are your next steps?
4. What learning do you find easiest or trickiest? Why?

What could we do together to help you?

Ngā mihi,
Danielle Sanders

Kapa Haka – Kahui Ako Whakanui Ahurea Cultural Festival

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our wonderful Kapa Haka performers will be performing at the Kahui Ako Whakanui Ahurea Cultural Festival on **Thursday, 6th August** at Wellington College (15 Dufferin Street). This is in week three of term three. This event is a Wellington-wide celebration of primary and secondary schools to come together and perform for each other.

Whānau can attend if they wish. Timetables have been finalised, and Kelburn's performance slot will be at **12.45 pm**. These are 15-minute slots. We suggest arriving earlier to ensure you can see them perform.

Please note that parking at the college on the day of the performance can be a challenge, depending on what else the college has on. Should you wish to attend your child's performance, we suggest arriving early and finding parking outside the school premises.

Can you please ensure your child is dropped off at school by **8:30 a.m.** on this day?

Ngā mihi nui,
Rebekah Rasmussen

Onesie Day to Support Wellington Free Ambulance



Snow Photos



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 Kura 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](#)

Touch

This term, tamariki have the opportunity to take part in touch sessions, facilitated by Total Touch. Whānui and Tupu had their sessions in weeks one and two, and Whanake and Maia will have theirs in weeks 9 and 10.

Total Touch runs six week team competitions in terms four and one, and we are now looking for expressions of interest, both in joining a team and coaching/managing a team. Please email sophieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz if you are interested.

Swimming Sports Results and Western Zone Competition

Congratulations to all tamariki who participated in our school swimming sports at the end of last term. Please find the results of competitive races below. The Western Zone swimming competition is now being run by Swimwell. They have planned the Western Zone meet for **Tuesday September 1st**. If your child placed in the top two for any of our school races, and they are interested in entering the Western Zone competition, please email sophieb@kelburnnormal.school.nz. **Please note that both transport and supervision will need to be provided by parents for this event.**

Teaching Pool Races

Freestyle	Girls		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 3	Emilie S	Imogen W	Emily B
Year 4	Eileen T	Mila S	Kaia T

Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd
Alex S	Henry C	Aayansh S
Michael P	Sam W	

Backstroke	Girls		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 3	Emily B	Imogen W	Emilie S
Year 4	Kaia T	Matilda W	Lola S

Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd
Tyrone H	Mahith W	
Ted C	Roman S	Joseph S

Main Pool Races

50m Freestyle	Girls		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 4	Eden R-Z	Frankie H	
Year 5	Sophie D	Quinn N	Maeve D
Year 6	Liv Y	Nina C	Lydia P
Year 7	Madeleine C	Claudia H	
Year 8	Zoe S		

Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd
Robbie O	Dan B	Hugh W
Caleb	Ewan C	
Atlia G	Jude H	
Chao W		

50m Backstroke	Girls		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 4			
Year 5	Isobel M	Maeve D	Greta W
Year 6	Liv Y	Lydia P	Caroline M
Year 7	Madeleine C	Claudia H	
Year 8	Zoe S	Izzy S	

Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd
Hugh W	Odin W	
Caleb		
Chao W		

25m Breaststroke	Girls		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 4	Clementine W		
Year 5	Sophie D	Sophia Y	Chloe
Year 6	Liv Y	Lydia P	Nina C
Year 7	Madeleine C	Claudia H	
Year 8	Zoe S		

Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd
Robbie O	Hugh W	Ollie M
Caleb		
Chao W	Kieran B	

25m Backstroke	Girls		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 4	Clementine W	Melis G	
Year 5	Sophie D	Isobel M	Chloe
Year 6	Liv Y	Nina C	Phoebe H
Year 7	Madeleine C	Ava C	Claudia H
Year 8	Zoe S	Izzy S	

Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd
Robbie O	Eddie K	Hugh W
Caleb		
Chao W		

25m Butterfly	Girls		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 4	Clementine W		
Year 5			
Year 6	Lydia P	Liv Y	Nina C
Year 7	Madeleine C	Claudia H	
Year 8	Greer Y	Zoe S	

Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd
Hugh W		
Caleb		
Chao W		

25m Freestyle	Girls		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 4	Eden R-Z	Clementine W	Frankie H
Year 5	Sophie D	Sophia Y	Quinn N
Year 6	Liv Y	Lydia P	Nina C
Year 7	Madeleine C	Claudia H	Ava C
Year 8			

Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd
Theo C	Henry H	Joseph S
Robbie O	Jarvi	Dan B
Caleb		
Atlia G	Jude H	
Chao W		

Egg and Spoon Races				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Year 7/8	Ngaio	Kowhai	Rata	Rimu
Year 5/6	Ngaio	Kowhai	Rimu	Rate

Competitive Relay				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Year 5/6	Ngaio	Rimu	Rata	Kowahi

Term Dates 2027 – please note there have been no MoE curriculum days allocated at this stage

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Term 4 10 wks	Monday 11 October	Thursday 16 December - finish at 2 pm	Monday 25 October - Labour Day

Winter Illness

We are currently experiencing a high volume of sickness across multiple areas, including a confirmed case of Influenza A in the Tupu ara. To help us protect our community and stop the spread of these winter illnesses, please keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell or showing any symptoms. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our children and staff healthy.

Wheels Day – Friday 7 August

We have moved Wheels Day to Friday 7 August and we are hoping for sunshine! Tamariki can bring their wheels to school, and each home learning team will get a turn to roll around the bottom court and have a wheely-good time! Please bring a gold coin donation to help us fundraise for an adaptive bike for one of our students. Or donate by direct credit to Kelburn Normal School Board 12-3223-0190001-00 using “wheels day” as a reference

Orchestra Wellington Show – POW!

The fun keeps going on Friday 7 August, as in the afternoon Orchestra Wellington will perform their new percussion trio show: POW!

This show depicts the story of one of the percussionists getting a bit antsy - he wants to travel the world...but where should he go?? With a pile of percussion instruments from all around the globe, the POW! Trio explore the music and cultures from which these instruments were born to help him decide on a destination for his travels.

We ask for a donation of \$2 for this show. This will be added to your child's statement and can be paid by direct credit to Kelburn Normal School Board 12-3223-0190001-00 using your child's name as a reference, or by eftpos at the office.

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.

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.



Teacher Only Days Term 3

Please note that we have two Teacher Only Days scheduled for Term 3:

- **Friday, 14 August** - we will be holding our 3-way Learning Conversations and Goal Review. Booking information will be shared closer to the date.
- **Monday, 24 August** - Teacher Only Day Maths Workshop

Please update your calendars with these dates. We sincerely apologise for the error in our previous newsletters, which incorrectly listed 28 August as a Teacher Only Day. Kelly Club are open on this day, see their notice further down in the newsletter.

Looking Ahead Term 3 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 3 Cook Islands Language Week	Wednesday 5 August	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm
	Thursday 6 August	Whanake and Whānui Gymnastics Whakanui Ahurea Kapa Haka from 9.30am to 2.30pm
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	Friday 14 August	Teacher Only Day - Ākonga Led Learning Conversations
Week 5	Monday 17 August	Whānui Swimming from 12.15pm
	Friday 21 August	School hui hosted by Tupu @ 1.50 pm
Week 6	Monday 24 August	Teacher Only Day - Maths PLD
	Tuesday 25 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
	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
	Friday 11 September	Wellington Free Ambulance Onesie Day
Week 9	Monday 14 September	Whānui Swimming from 12.15pm
	Friday 18 September	Music Assembly from 1.45pm

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

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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.

Introducing the New Manager for Kelly Club

Kia Ora Parents/Caregivers,

My name is Mia, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Programme Coordinator at Kelly Club Kelburn.

I'm passionate about creating a safe, fun, and welcoming environment where every child can learn, grow, and enjoy their time with the Kelly Club Team. I look forward to getting to know all of the children and building positive relationships with you and your families.

Please feel free to say hello or reach out if you have any questions. I'm excited to be part of the Kelly Club Kelburn community and look forward to meeting you all!

Nga Mihi, Mia Sturm

kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz 021 744 636

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.





Contact: Mia Sturm
Phone: 021 744 636
Email: kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz
Website: kellyclub.co.nz/kelburn-normal



KELLY CLUB KELBURN UPDATE

What's been happening...

We enjoyed Red Nose Week and all the activities that came along with supporting Cure Kids. This week at Kelly Club come along and enjoy all the staff's favourite activities. These include making Winter wrappers, salt dough fossils and sprinkle cupcakes! It's a fun filled week, so come along!

What's happening next week!



THEME: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Term 3 Week 4, 10th 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 Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheese Toasties & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Cookies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Tap Ball	Game: Snowball Tag	Game: Stuck in the Mud	Game: Guess Who?	Game: Charades
3:45 – 4:30 pm	CRAFT Recycled Animals 	GAME Recycling Chaos 	DISCOVERY Cardboard Robots 	SPORT Recycling Relay 	COOKING Green Smoothies 
4:30 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 – 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Dried Fruit	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time Vege Chips	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: Mother May I? & Projects	Game: Where's Wally? & Projects	Game: Sharks, Wolves & Fish & Projects	Game: Sheeps & Wolves & Projects	Game: Slide Tag & Projects

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