



Te Ara Māia Newsletter

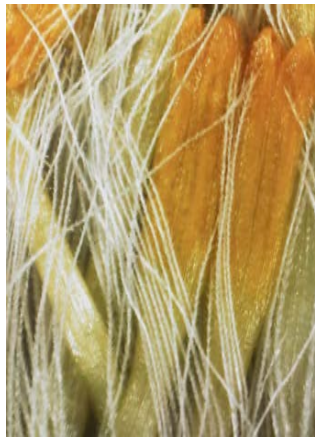
Term Rua 2025

Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence, preparing for lifelong learning
Kia auaha te ako a ngā ākonga me te whai i te iti kahurangi mō te akoranga tūroa

2 May 2025

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

We are delighted to have the rangatahi back at Kura! The wild and woolly weather this week has not dampened spirits, and it is great to see the children enjoying each other's company. We have started the term with some discussions around rights, responsibilities, and privileges. A privilege the Māia students will be looking to earn this term is walking to the shops in Week 9 to purchase their lunch (we promise this newsletter is not sponsored by Volco). Our students are learning that every interaction either builds or erodes trust, and that can impact the privileges afforded to them. We are working to support every child to be the best version of themselves.



Science

We are so lucky to be such a well-resourced Kura. Several years ago, the PTA funded some microscopes for the children to use in Science. As an extension of our plant biology unit, we have been investigating plant material under the microscope and documenting our observations.



Map Competition

You will remember that last term students created imaginative maps for a competition run by Victoria University of Wellington. Congratulations are in order! Simone's artwork, *The Thread of Infinity*, has been selected for an international map competition! The **Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition 2025**, is run by the International Cartographic Association and Simone's picture will be exhibited along with the other selected entries in Vancouver later this year.

Key dates for Term 2:

Week 2	Mon- Fri School Photos Tues- Tech Session 4/7 Tues-3.30pm, Julia Davidson visit
Week 3	Tues- Tech Session 5/7 Road Safety Week Support Staff Week
Week 4	Mon-Hearing and Vision Screening Tues-Tech Session 6/7 Wed- Y7 Immunisations Wed- Celebration of Learning
Week 5	Tues- Tech Session 7/7 Tues- WZ Cross Country School Disco!
Week 6	
Week 7	Wed- BLAKE VR session
Week 8	Tues- WZ Miniball Wed- Community Matariki Celebration evening
Week 9	

English

During weeks 1-4, we are consolidating our learning from our My Special Place unit and creating multi-modal representations, which we will share with you at the Celebration of Learning event in Week 4.

For the remainder of the term, we will be introducing Shakespeare, a tradition at KNS that our students love. We will consider his social context, his inventive vocabulary, and why the themes of his work are still relevant today. We approach this in a playful and accessible way, so look forward to your children galloping whilst speaking in iambic pentameter. Each class will be performing their take on a Shakespeare play at the end of Term 3 (Thursday 11/09).

Physical Education

This term, we will be focusing on football - or futebol, as we are affectionately calling it. Our players in Māia will be following a sequence of warm-ups, skill work and gameplay to build competence and confidence to participate in football. Over the course of the term, students will learn the rules and skills needed to understand, play and enjoy the sport of football. For the Ronaldos in our Ara, this is an opportunity to step up and take on a tuakana role. We look forward to seeing you on the field!



Te reo Māori

We are fortunate to have Matua Jason back in the class teaching Te Reo this term. We also have Kapa Haka with Matua Jeremy as an ara on Monday afternoons. Alongside these excellent learning opportunities, we integrate te reo, te ao, and tikanga māori into our teaching practice. This week, our student teacher, Ella Ayto, has been teaching students about Art and Artists' statements with a focus on representations of the Atua.

Mathematics

We are consolidating our learning about the four operations in combination and in isolation. Our next focus is adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. We will explore a range of techniques to solve problems involving fractions before moving on to decimals.

Tech

Thank you for ensuring that your child gets to school at 8.40am for Tech on Tuesdays! The students are having a brilliant time, and the quality of the creations they are making is impressive. Please note:

- Students should have long hair tied back
- Covered shoes need to be worn (not crocs)
- Food tech students need to bring their own container
- If you are dropping your child off directly at tech please contact our school office or your child's classroom teacher to let them know
- If you are picking up your child from tech you must report to the KWNS office and sign in to collect a sticker, you will not be able to pick up your child without a sticker as is the school health and safety policy



College Transition

I know it seems that only yesterday these little angels were starting at KNS in Tupu, but it's almost time for them to go to college. Julia Davidson, Principal of Wellington Girls College, will be in the Māia space at 3.30 pm on Tuesday to speak with parents and students who are interested in attending. At the end of this notice is some information about the various colleges in Wellington and their open days.

Some of the things we do to ensure our students are prepared for College are:

- Provide information about each child's academic history and learning needs
- Meet with the Year 9 deans to discuss class placements and student needs
- Make arrangements for extra transition meetings for students who need it
- Interview year 10 students who were previously students at KNS to establish which parts of our programme we can improve to support College transition
- Utilise our health programme to ensure that children are prepared for some of the challenges they may meet in College and how they might face them

Home Learning

Please note that our expectations for home learning are designed to support learning in class and not overwhelm students who are busy with after-school activities and enjoying their youth.

- We expect that a Māia student will read independently for at least **30 minutes each day**. The focus here is on encouraging learners to make reading a recreation they can turn to throughout their lives. By encouraging the reading habit, we help the tamariki to develop critical life skills independently.
- Your child will also have a Maths Buddy log-in. **Maths Buddy** is an online program that we expect students to utilise for **10-15 minutes 3 times per week**. Students each have their own login details for this that they have sent to their school email accounts.



As always, if you have any questions about our programme or would like to discuss anything concerning your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are only too happy to help.

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College open days 2025

College	Open day	How to
St Mary's College Open Day	OPEN DAY DETAILS Date and Time: Tuesday 20 May 9:00-11:00am Meeting Place: Gabriel Hall	TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SUBMIT. St Mary's College Open Day - Tuesday 20 May 2025
St. Patrick's college	OPEN DAY Tuesday 27 May or Thursday 29 May	A link will be posted in late April for you to register; please visit back or keep an eye out for information on our social media channels.
Wellington High School WHS	Open evening Monday 9 June	Details not provided yet Please check website for updates
Wellington East Girls college WEGC	OPEN DAY / EVENING: Thursday 12 June 2025	For further information please see How to Enrol - https://www.wegc.school.nz/enrolments
Wellington Girls college WGC	20 June 2024: Open Day – sessions for students and whānau at 9am, 9:45 and 11:45 am	Booking essential. Please book here. 24 July: Enrolments for 2025 close Please visit our website https://wgc.school.nz/enrolment/ for all Enrolment information
Samuel Marsden Collegiate	May Open Day 2.00pm–.00 4pm, Sunday 4 May 2025.	Please register below Open Day Registration Samuel Marsden Collegiate School
Wellington College	Open Morning Tuesday 17 th and Wednesday 18 th June	Monday 16/06/2025 – Tuesday 17/06/2025 09:00 - 11:30
Queen Margeret College	Queen Margaret College's Open Day in 2025 is not yet officially announced	
Onslow College	Onslow College's Open Day in 2025 is not yet officially announced	
Newlands College	Open day Thursday 12 th June	School in action 9:15-10:45am Open evening 6 – 7:30pm
Rongotai college	Open evening Tuesday 10 th June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also, Friday 6 June – Rongotai Experience 	Call school for further details