



KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE

TERM 1 – WEEK 6

RĀAPA 2 POUTŪ-TE-RANGI

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2026

This week...

Wednesday 11 March	Road Patrol Training 9 am - 12 noon Whanake Swimming
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
Tuesday 17 March	Māia trip to Portrait Gallery
Wednesday 18 March	Whanake Swimming



DON'T MISS OUT ON A GOOD TIME!

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL WHĀNAU BBQ

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

**BRING CASH!
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**POSTPONED!
NEW DATE FRIDAY 20TH
MARCH**

BAKE SALE
BURGERS
SAUSAGES
BOOK FAIR
ENTERTAINMENT

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



School Picnic Postponed to 20 March 2026

Unfortunately, due to the forecasted rain showers this Friday, the PTA have made the difficult decision to postpone the Annual School BBQ/Picnic. **The new date will be Friday 20th March 4.30-7pm.**

We understand the excitement and anticipation surrounding the school picnic, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

If you have kindly volunteered and can no longer do your shift, please can you update the volunteer spreadsheet below accordingly. Equally if the new date means you are able to assist please add your name. We hope to see you all on the 20th March.

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



A FUN PROGRAMME
THAT KIDS **LOVE!**

Friday 27th March

TEACHER ONLY DAY PROGRAMME

**OSCAR
PROGRAMME
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE!**

*Conditions apply

KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL

Grab your wand & step into a magical world! Join our wizarding school filled with spell-casting, potion-making, magical games, and creative challenges. Young witches and wizards will work in teams, earn house points, and discover their magical talents. Costumes encouraged — the magic awaits. Book online now and we'll see you there!

Full Day: \$60
8am-6pm

School Day: \$48
8:45am-3:15pm

Half Day: \$40
8:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30pm – 6:00pm

Contact: Mikyla Hutana

Email: kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz

Phone: 021 744 636

Facebook: @KellyClubKelburnNormal

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



SCHOOL PHOTOS 2026

Book your
sibling
photo



Official School Photos 2026

It's that time of the year again, school photos are quickly approaching. Here's what you need to know:

Dates

- Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th March
- We will provide a timetable of all the class and ensemble photo days

To book sibling photos

- Go to clairefraser.nz/schools
- Click Sibling Photo Booking
- Enter the passcode 2026SIBS
- Click on your school
- If you need to change or cancel your booking, please contact me directly.

To consider

- Check your child looks tidy for photo day. Younger students will be photographed in the morning.
- Up to five portraits will be taken per student, so you will be able to choose your favourites.
- Sibling photos will last for five minutes. Families will have a selection of photos to choose from.
- Music and cultural groups will be photographed too. Look out for notices from the school with dates and times for these.

Get your early bird discount

- For five days after the online shop opens a 10% discount is applied to all orders.
- You will receive emails from the school and Claire Fraser Photography letting you know when the shop is open.

I'm looking forward to seeing some beautiful smiles. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks!

Claire

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Netball Update

Registrations close 23 March

Message from Juliette, the manager of Year 7s and Year 8s. Try out on **Sunday 22 March** on the bottom courts from 2 pm

Uniform and kit bag pick up from **1 pm on 22 March** on the bottom court for registered players in the 2026 season.

Any old uniform please return on this day.



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](#)

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.

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 if you are able to help us out.

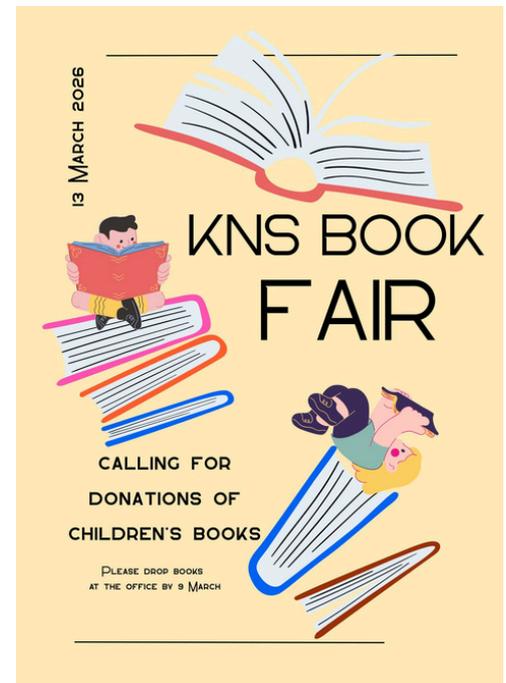
Details of the exhibit we are visiting at the Portrait Gallery are below:

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

PTA News

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 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

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

Looking Ahead Term 1 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 6	Wed 11 March	Road Patrol Training 9 am - 12 noon Whanake Swimming 12 pm - 2.30 pm
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	Friday 13 March	School hui hosted by Whānui @ 1.50 pm
Week 7	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
	Friday 20 March	PTA School Picnic 4.30pm - 7pm
Week 8	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
Week 9	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

Wellington Girls Principal Talk with Y8 girls and whānau

Julia Davidson talks to year 8 girls & whānau on Wednesday 6 May at 3.15 pm in the Māia teaching space.

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.

School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lyrice – 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 – to be advised	Chess Club to be advised	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 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 nd April	Friday 6 February - Waitangi Day Friday 27 March - Teacher only Day 3 Way Learning Conversations
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

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



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

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.