



KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI
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Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence in preparing for lifelong learning
Kia auaha te ako a ngā ākonga me te whai i te iti kahurangi mō te akoranga tūroa

This week...

Monday 31 March	BSLA Tupu Tahi and Tupu Rua 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Tuesday 1 April	Māia Tech Session 8:30am - 12:30pm
	WZ Football 9.00am - 3.00pm (pp 3 April)
Wednesday 2 April	Māia Rua 3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting
Thursday 3 April	Music Assembly 2pm
	BSLA Tupu Toru 5.30pm-6.30pm
	Māia Rua 3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting
Friday 4 April	Whanake Swimming - Departing KNS - Tahi 12 pm, Toru 12.30 pm, Rua 1; Māia Rua 3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting

Principal's Intro

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

What a stunning evening on Friday we had for our get-together! I hope you enjoyed the PTA Kura Barbeque on Friday; I certainly did. It was wonderful to see such a good turnout of families. Thank you to the PTA for their mahi organising and running this successful evening. What a great team you have! We were all impressed by the baking donations too, so thank you to the whānau who contributed.

If you have ākonga in Te Ara Tupu, I hope you got to attend their hui on Friday. I was out at another hui that day, but I saw the video of their mahi and was impressed by how well our younger tamariki spoke on stage and how confident they were sharing their learning, kei reira katoa. (fabulous)

It was exciting to see our tamariki celebrated for their pūkengatanga through the H.E.A.R.T. awards, presented to: Caiden A, Jesse A, Isabella K, Harriet G, Qiana R, Adele D, Claudia H, Nina C, Henry B, Greer Y, Ryan S, Ellie N. Koia kei a koe! (you're awesome)

Cross-Country & Fun Run

We were again lucky with the autumn weather with our kura cross-country on Wednesday. Many tamariki took the chance to extend themselves and chose to enter into the competitive part of this event, which was encouraging. Not only do they earn house points for their house but they also get a chance to represent our kura at the Western Zones event in term two. Congratulations to tamariki who placed in this event; you tried your hardest. Please take a look at the results below.

In the Fun Run event, I was impressed by how committed some of our tamariki were at trying to do their best and to keep on the circuit until the timer horn went off! Tino pai rawa atu!

Cross Country Results

	Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
Place	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1	Sophia Y	Robbie O	Phoebe H	Tate W	Molly M	Louis D	Ellie N	Chao W	Mahlia B	Harry T
2	Quinn N	Odin W	Liv Y	Max N	Julia R	Arthur C	Greer Y	Elliot S	Anna SP	Carlos R
3	Adele D	Hugh W	Guinevere C	Ambrose H	Annabel T	Ben B	Izzy S	Finn R	Annabel P	Ryan S

Principal's Intro cont...

Staffing

Please join us at the beginning of term 2 to welcome our new tumuaki Kent Favel to our kura with our mihi whakatau, 10:30am in our kura hall on Monday 28 April. This will be followed by morning tea supported by the PTA.

Matau Jason will be on medical leave for the rest of this term as he has had an operation. I popped in to see him over the weekend; he is recovering well and is in fine fettle. Tamariki and staff miss him, and everyone is pitching in to help, including Nicholas, a uni student whom we have employed for a couple of hours a day to help around the grounds. I know Matau is missing us all, so if you would like to wish him well or drop a card off at the office, please do; this will help to keep him in good spirits.

Playing games well

At our kura, participating in sports and physical activities offers more than just physical benefits; it also provides a valuable opportunity for tamariki to practise the Key Competencies, particularly their resilience being a good sport. Being a good sport encompasses playing fair and by the rules; showing respect to teammates and the opposing team; respecting the decisions of the referee or the group decision; and handling both victories and defeats with grace. These are tricky skills that kaiako teach directly through in-the-moment discussions during P.E and games; in small group problem-solving discussions, particularly after break times; through lessons using drama and role play, and picture books.

As a kura, we are focusing on these skills for the term so tamariki can use them in their unstructured play before school, and at break times. Please help to reinforce these at home by talking to your child about how they may respond in different situations and how they can encourage others by:

- Playing by the rules.
- Be honest.
- Wait for your turn.
- Comment on the other players' good moves.
- Allowing other players to have a reasonable amount of time to have their turn.
- Say positive things to the other players.
- If you have bad luck or get out, accept it and move on.

After School Pick-up

The safety of tamariki is important, and we would like to remind you that school finishes at 3:00pm, and children should be collected promptly. Staff are not available to supervise students after this time, and leaving them unattended in the playground or on school grounds can pose safety risks.

If you are unable to pick up your child on time, please arrange alternative care to ensure their well-being or enrol them in Kelly Club. If you are running late, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can let your child know. Thank you for your support in keeping all our tamariki safe.

Reminders

- Join us for our Music Assembly this Thursday at 2pm. Performances from the Orchestra, Piccolo, Xylobeats (tbc), Little Xylofun, Tui, and Lyrica.
- Don't forget to book for our 3-way Learning Conversations next week. To make a booking, click on the [schoolinterview link](#), or visit the website and enter the code **z6cqd**
- [RSVP here for our Kura Whānau Group Hui](#). This group is for all who are interested in learning about and supporting tikanga, matauranga, me te reo Māori at Ngā Tātarakihi o Ahumairangi Kura. Our first session in term two will focus on: Mihi mihi, and aspirations for the group, our kura, and future learning. The date is: Wednesday 30th April 5:30pm -7pm.

Library Appeal

We have recently noticed an increase in water-damaged books. Please help your child by checking that their water bottle is not leaking and, for our younger children, that those library books are returned to school in their book bags. Thank you very much for your help.

This is also our annual appeal for help with our new library books. Help from parents/whānau significantly speeds up getting books ready for tamariki to read. We have a small but brilliant team of parents helping us, though many hands make light work. We have kits to go out to parents/whānau to duraseal new books at home in your own time. There are approximately 10 - 20 books in each 'home kit'. We prefer that parents have some experience with durasealing in general.

Please email library@kelburnnormal.school.nz if and when you can help and for any other library-related questions. Thank you from your KNS library team.



Reminders

3-way Learning Conversations and Goal Setting

Our 3-way Learning Conversations and Goal Review will be held in Week 10. These will be held across three evenings: Tuesday, 8th April from 3.20 pm to 4.50 pm, Wednesday, 9 April from 3.20 pm to 6.05 pm and Thursday, 10 April from 3.20 pm to 6.05 pm.

There are some variations of times and days for some staff members, Libya Munn will hold hers earlier. We think the best way to strengthen ākonga learning power is to include the learner at the centre of these conversations as they learn to take responsibility and develop agency as learners. This dialogue is crucial to developing the triangle of ākonga, kaiako, and whānau - learners, teacher, and family.

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Kura Whānau Group

Amy, one of our whānau, had a great idea to start a Kura Whānau group for all who are interested in learning about and supporting tikanga, matauranga, me te reo Māori at Ngā Tātarakihi o Ahumairangi Kura.

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Looking Ahead

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	Thursday 3 April	Music assembly 2-3pm BSLA Tupu Toru 5.30pm - 6.30pm Māia Rua 3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting
	Friday 4 April	Whanake Swimming - Departing KNS - Tahī 12 pm, Toru 12.30 pm, Rua 1 pm Māia Rua 3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting
Week 10	Tuesday 8 April	Māia Tech Session 3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting from 3.20 to 4.50 pm
	Wednesday 9 April	3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting from 3.20 to 6:05 pm
	Thursday 10 April	3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting from 3.20 to 6.05 pm

Looking Ahead Term 2

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Week 1	Monday 28 April	Mihi Whakatau - Kent Favel 10.30am
	Tuesday 29 April	Māia tech session 9am - 12.20pm
	Wednesday 30 April	Kura Whānau Hui 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Week 2	All week	School photos all week
	Monday 5 May	PTA meeting Tupu Space 7.00pm - 8.00pm
	Tuesday 6 May	Māia tech session 9am - 12.20pm WGC Principal visit yr 8 students and whānau

Winter Netball 2025

Winter netball registrations are now open for players from years 3-8. Games are held on Saturdays during Terms 2 & 3 at Cardinal McKeefry School, with the season starting on Saturday 3 May. Registrations close on Sunday 30 March. For more information, or to register, visit <https://www.sporty.co.nz/kelburn/> or email kelburnnetball@gmail.com.

Parking - Kowhai Road Quick Stop Zone

Please do not leave your car unattended in this zone. It is a quick drop off or pick up - tamariki need to be able to get in and out of your car unassisted. If the zone is full you will need to exit Kowhai Road and try again or park further away and walk back to school. Do not stop on the broken yellow lines.

Parking on Boundary Rd

Please do not park in front of the garages on Boundary Road. We have received complaints from neighbours who regularly have their vehicles blocked in by parents who have parked in front of their garages.

Security Cameras

Please be aware that security cameras are operating on school grounds to deter and investigate any vandalism to school property and other antisocial or illegal activity. The cameras are not operating inside school buildings and are programmed to only record activity outside of school hours.

The Winter Project

This is a student-led charity group run by a group of Year 11 and Year 13 students from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter clothes and deliver them to schools in the greater Wellington region. Specifically targeting families who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead. What you can do: Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. There will be a box placed in your school reception to put the items in. Thank you so much for your help

Recorder lessons at Kelburn Normal School

Kamala has a few places for recorder students to begin lessons this term. Child-centred approach with a focus on the love of playing music. If interested, please contact: kamala.bain@gmail.com.

Violin Lessons, Music Composition Lessons

Tristan has some spaces available for violin students this year. He offers a fun and approachable way to learn the violin, with a strong focus on playing with no tension. The Kura orchestra is looking for some new string players as well so violin lessons with Tristan double as a fun and rewarding pathway to reading music and playing in a big ensemble.

Tristan is also offering **composition and improvisation lessons** this year for any kids already playing an instrument who are wanting to expand the creative side of their musicality. Lessons can be tailored to the particular interests/needs of your child, but generally will involve learning to listen better, explore and communicate an idea, and enjoy making up their own music!

Sunhats

A reminder: we are a sun-smart school, so all children must have a wide-brim sunhat at school each day in term one, regardless of the weather. Tamariki find it easy to have a hat that can be left at kura

PTA BBQ

The PTA would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended our PTA BBQ on Friday. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together in support of our school community.

A special thank you also to our incredible bakers, staff who ran the races, and volunteers on the night who helped make this event a success. We are very grateful for your hard work.

We would also like to extend our thanks to WoolWorths Karori for their generous \$100 donation towards the BBQ event.

We hope you all enjoyed the night as much as we did!



School Clubs & Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lyrica - Yrs 5 - 8 8.30 - 9.30 am Mahler Room Mrs Anna Sedcole & Mrs Munn	Xylobeats - Yrs 4,5,6 8.30 - 9.30am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier	Orchestra - 8.20 - 9.30am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier & Ms Smith	Piccolo - Yrs 4, 5, 6, 7 8.30 - 9.30am Mahler Room Mrs Anna Sedcole & Mr Miller	Little Xylofun -Yrs 2 & 3 8.30 - 9.00am Mahler Room Ms Katharina Vautier
	Code Club - 1.10 - 1.40pm Te Whare Toi Miss Bishop/Ms Sanders	Chess Club - 1.10 - 1.40pm Māia space Mr Miller	Tūi Choir - Yrs 2 & 3 2 - 2:30pm Hall Miss Wilby & Ms Smith	Kapa Haka - Yrs 5 - 8 8.30 - 9.30am - Hall Matua Henare Parata, Ms Smith & Ms Rasmussen
	Jnr Kapa Haka - Yrs 1-4 1.40 - 2.10pm Hall Mr Jeremy Desmond & Mrs Blair		Eco Club - 1.10-1.40pm Tupu space Miss Molloy & Mrs Blair	

School Term Dates 2025

Term	Start Date	End Date	Friday
Term 1	Monday 3 February	Friday 11 April	Thursday 6 February - Waitangi Day Friday 21 March - Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day
Term 2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June	Monday 2 June - King's Birthday Friday 20 June Matariki Friday 27 June Teacher Only Day (Maths Curriculum PLD)
Term 3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September	Friday 22 August Teacher Only Day (Maths Curriculum PLD) Friday 29 August - 3-way Learning Conversations and Goal Review
Term 4	Monday 6 October	Wednesday 17 December	Monday 27 October - Labour Day

Community Notices



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

Check us out on Facebook - [Click Here](#)

For enrolments and enquiries, contact the Supervisor on 021 744636 or kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz
Kelly Club Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment.

Kelburn to Enrol go to www.kellyclub.co.nz

Changes to Childcare Assistance - check if you qualify!

More families will now qualify for Childcare Assistance and the rate will increase for those already qualified, which means you may be eligible for assistance to send your child to Kelly Club. Please follow this link to find out more: <https://kellyclub.co.nz/before-and-after-school-care>

SUMMER SPORTS SPECTACULAR!

TERM 1 2025
KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL
Wednesday's 3:05pm-4:05pm
For years 0-4! Runs for 8 weeks
BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!
www.kellysports.co.nz

- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Ultimate Frisbee
- ✓ Dodgeball

Sessions start Weds 12 Feb 2025.
Contact: adminwgtm@kellysports.co.nz

GREEN ROOM, WESTS RUGBY CLUBROOMS, WILTON

FOOTBALL HP
TUES 15, WEDS 16, THURS 17 APRIL
TUES 22, WEDS 23, THURS 24 APRIL
9.30AM-12.30PM

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