



KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE

TERM 1 – WEEK 7

RĀAPA 2 POUTŪ-TE-RANGI

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2026

This week...

Wednesday 18 March	Whanake Swimming
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
	Mon 23 to Thur 26 March - <u>School Photos Schedule</u>
Tuesday 23 March	Tupu visit to Marine Centre Tupu Toru and Tupu Rua
	Wellington Zone Football (pp 26 March)
Wednesday 25 March	Whanake Swimming

Annual KNS School Picnic Whānau BBQ is this Friday 20 March

The Annual KNS School Whanau BBQ is this Friday 20th March (4.30-7pm) on the school grounds.

The PTA are selling:

Sausages for \$2.50 - Burgers for \$7.50 - Drinks for \$2.50 - Moosies/juicies for \$2.50
(veggie options will be available)

We will be running a bake sale, please drop any baking donations into the school hall kitchen before or after school on Friday 20th March.

We will be running a book fair on the day. Books will be \$2 each or 3 books for \$5 with new releases at \$5 each.

We rely on parent volunteers on the day, please if you haven't already done so put your name down to help. Thank you!

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

We will have only ONE EFTPOS machine (no contactless) so CASH or bank transfer is preferred.
Thank you, PTA

School Closed Friday 27 March – 3-way Learning Conversations

The school is closed on Friday, 27 March 2026, and we will be holding our **3-way Learning Conversations and Goal-Setting**. 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.

To make a booking, click on the [schoolinterview link](#), and enter the code **pkxy3**

Kelly Club will be running a holiday programme on this day. For further information, please read the Kelly Club notice further down in the newsletter.



SCHOOL PHOTOS 2026

Book your
sibling
photo



**Sibling Photos -
Limited spaces
still available**

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**
- Click the link to view the updated [photo schedule](#)

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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Tupu Updates

Super Hero and Rock Pool Adventures for tupu

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

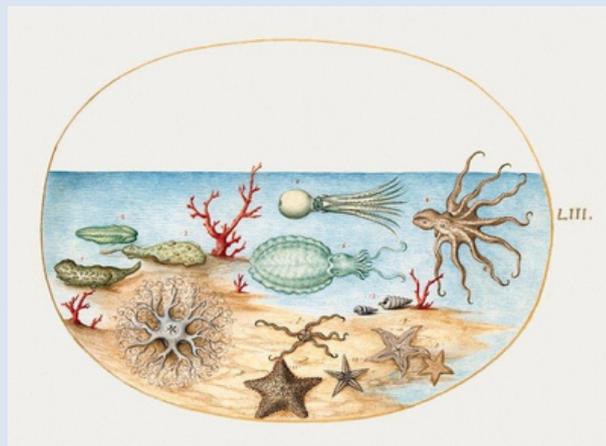
The Tupu team are excited to be heading off to visit the Island Bay Marine Education Centre and the rock pools that surround them.

To contribute to a successful trip, please make sure that your child comes to kura with sensible beach/rockpool shoes and clothes, and a few extra treats in their lunchboxes on Monday 23rd March for Tupu Tahī (Susie's team) and Tupu Whā (Wendy's team) and on Tuesday 24th March for Tupu Rua (Jodie's team) and Tupu Toru (Marianne's team).

We look forward to having our whānau helpers with us. It is going to be a great adventure.

If you have any questions, do come and ask.

Ngā mihi, Jodie, Marianne, Jo, Wendy and Susie



End of Term 1 in Te Ara Tupu

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

We are sharing with you what we have planned for the remainder of this term which is only three weeks.

We are looking forward to our Easter delights and all the extra hands that we have helping. What lucky tamariki we have.

The last day for reading books to come home will be Tuesday, 31st March. The last day for poetry coming home is Friday, 20th March. The last BSLA information sheet for the term will be on Monday, 23rd March, and the last week will be a revisiting week. Mathematics, printing and writing will continue until Wednesday, 1st April.

The Sunshine Online reading and mathematics programme, a valuable resource for your child to use over the holidays, will be updated and ready to use by the last week of school. If you are new to kura, in the last week of term, you will receive an information sheet with your child's username and password, which you can use to access the programme.

Please return all library books by Wednesday, 9th April.

Any artwork will be coming home in the last week of term.

If you have any questions, please come and ask.

Nga mihi nui,

Wendy, Marianne, Jo, Jodie, and Susie



Child Contact and Permission Information on School App

Please take a moment to check your contact details on the school app to ensure your address and phone numbers are up to date. If you need to make any changes, kindly inform the school office. You can also update your child's details through the school app. Click on My Child icon in the school app and then update the contact and permission information as required.



Keeping your details current helps us stay connected and ensures you receive important school updates. Two emergency contacts in addition to parents/caregivers are essential in case we are unable to contact you during an emergency.

Please also check your child's permissions under the school app to ensure they are correct and up to date. If any changes are needed, kindly inform the school office as soon as possible.

MY CHILD

CONTACT

MEDICAL

PERMISSIONS

OTHER DETAILS

ATTENDANCE FOR TODAY

Note Worthy Game Testing



NoteWorthy

NoteWorthy uses the language of games to teach the language of music, providing a low friction experience for young learners as they practice reading notes on the staff, as well as reinforcing other basic music theory concepts through play.

Noteworthy is optimised for 5 minute sessions - easily fitting in at the beginning or end of a lesson.

Johno Powell is a music teacher and the founder of Low Hanging Toot. He has developed a mobile game/app to support music literacy, NoteWorthy. Note Worthy aims to reduce friction for young musicians who are just beginning to read notes on the staff (traditional sheet music).

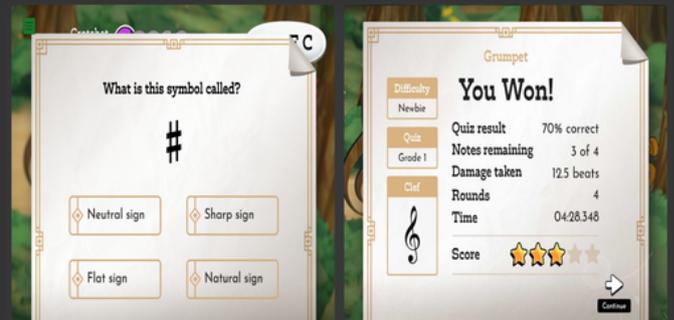
Johno will be in **next week on Wednesday, 25 March**, to trial his app and would love some budding musicians and tamariki learning to read music to trial his app and give him some feedback. This session will be during school time, and a teacher will be present at all times. If you think your child would enjoy a short session trying out this game, please email Loraine at admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz.

Gamified Learning

Every moment of NoteWorthy has been carefully crafted to allow for educational immersion.

Moment to moment gameplay revolves around navigating the lines and spaces of the staff in order to avoid an enemy's incoming note attacks. Implicit musical relevance exists throughout the game's core mechanics - all characters stats, abilities, and naming schemes have been designed to aid young learners in picking up on foundational concepts.

Explicit music theory is present in the form of flash-card style quiz prompts, which are scalable to match the skill level of the player.



Netball Update

Winter Saturday Netball – Registrations Due 23 March and uniform pick up school on 22 March

If your child is interested in netball, they can join a Kelburn Normal team!

Registrations are now open for Wellington West Netball's winter Saturday competition. Please register your child **by 23 March** using the link below:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/114286>

March 22 will be a netball uniform pick up day for all registered players at bottom court at 1pm plus kit bags for the teams at Kelburn Normal.

Full season details, draws, and updates, visit the Wellington West Netball website:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/wwnetball/>

Or for more info you can email Antonio at

kelburnnetball@gmail.com

Or send a WhatsApp message to +64 22 154 5789



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](#)

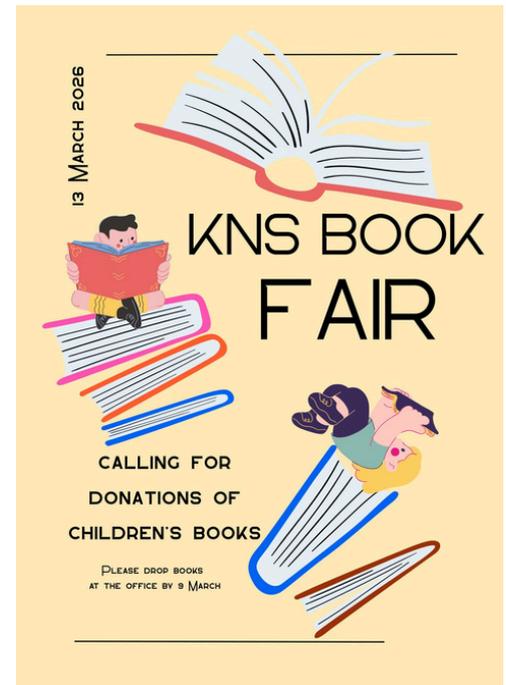
Movin' March

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.

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

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!

Looking Ahead Term 1 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 7	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 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm
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	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 & Goal-setting
Week 9	Monday 30 March	BoT Meeting 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
	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



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

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.

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.