KELBURN COMMS – WEEKLY UPDATE
TERM 4 – WEEK 5
RĀAPA 11 WHIRINGA-Ā-RANGI
WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2026

This week...

Wednesday 11 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm
Thursday 12 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30am, Rua @ 9.50am, Toru @ 10.25am, Whā @ 10.50am, Rima @ 11.25am
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Monday 16 November	PTA Meeting - Board Strategic Plan Consultation. All welcome
Tuesday 17 November	Interzone Athletics (ppt 19 Nov)
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Western Zone Athletics Results

Congratulations to the 40 tamariki who braved the elements last Friday to participate in the Western Zone Athletics competition. Despite the wet conditions, the children represented Kelburn well, demonstrating enthusiasm and positive attitudes while giving each event their best.

A special congratulations to the following tamariki, who placed in the top three for their respective events, and have now qualified for the interzone competition. This is a great achievement, well done!

Theo C - Vortex, 60m Sprint , Qiana R - High Jump, Oskar B-M - Long Jump
Elliot B - AWS Vortex, 60m Sprint, Max N - Long Jump, 100m Sprint, Nixon D - High Jump
Makayla W - High Jump, Finn R - Discus, High Jump

A Musical Refreshment – Wednesday 25 November 6pm

Ngā Tātarakihi o Ahumairangi - Kelburn Normal has a long history as a creative kura, with excellence in the performing arts. After all, the first four words in our kura vision are... "**where students learn creatively**..." Our Musical Refreshment performance is the annual end-of-year celebration of our ensembles held at St Andrew's on The Terrace.

This is always a memorable showcase of our ensembles, their collaboration and the exceptional skills of our music teachers. We will feature performances from the Orchestra, XyloBeats, Piccolo, Lyrica, Senior Kapa Haka, select music ensembles, and our music teachers. **Our orchestra performers are asked to arrive at 5:30pm, Lyrica at 5:40pm, and all other performers at 5:45pm.**

We look forward to seeing you at St Andrew's. We appreciate your koha contribution for hiring the venue. You can pay by cash on the night or by bank transfer - our bank account number is 12-3223-0190001-00 using MR as a reference.

Lyrica & Orchestra Practice @1 - 3pm, St Andrew's 25 November
The orchestra and Lyrica tamariki will walk down to St Andrew's for a rehearsal.

School Board Strategic Plan – upcoming community consultation hui

The Board of Trustees is keen to hear your thoughts on our proposed new Strategic Plan for our kura. We are required to have the new plan in place by 1 January 2027.

This year, the Board has been consulting on and drafting the new plan. We have used feedback from tamariki, staff and whānau to create and draft a plan. A big thank you to all who filled in our survey in July for your constructive and insightful feedback.

We have attached the draft Strategic Plan and a consultation summary to this newsletter.

We want to give you a range of possible times to engage with the draft plan, so we will hold three hui in the coming weeks:

Monday 16 November at 6.30pm - PTA hui in the staffroom—all welcome
Thursday 19 November at 5pm - in-person community consultation hui at school in Māia nui.
Tuesday 24 November at 7.30pm - online community consultation hui. Please click this link to join the hui

Please come along to one of the hui to hear about the process, share your thoughts, and help us finalise the draft plan.

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou,
Fiona McLean
BOT Presiding Member

2026 Rogaine in the Botanical Gardens

Who: Whanake, Whānui, & Māia
When: Māia- 8 December, 9am-12pm; Whānui - 12 - 2:30pm.
Whanake - 9 December, 9:30am - 1pm.

Coming up in December is the ever-popular Rogaine event. This team-building, map-reading, outdoor activity, which includes walking/jogging/running and clue-finding, has been an end-of-year fixture at our kura for many years.

To run this event, we rely on adult helpers, who will lead a group of tamariki from one clue to the next. **Ideally, we are looking for five to six adults per home learning team** to help out. Grandparents and teenage siblings are also great helpers. We will have a mixture of teams to cater to all levels of fitness and competitiveness. If you can help, please let your child's teacher know.

Compasses will not be used. Please leave your dogs at home. Ideally, we will put whānau who wish to run with students who want to run, and whānau who wish to walk with students who prefer to walk.

Māia Updates

Year 8 Leavers' Celebration

Our festive leavers' celebration will take place in the Māia space on Thursday, 10th December at 4:30 pm. Each student will receive a certificate detailing their achievements and contributions to the school. Students can bring two guests to the celebration; due to the nature of the event, it is not appropriate for siblings to attend unless they are adults. We understand that families come in all sorts of configurations, so if you require extra tickets, please send a request to the office so that we can accommodate you.

What to expect:

- A high tea with sweet and savoury treats.
- We will assemble from 4.30 pm, with mixing, mingling and nibbles. The event will conclude before 6.30 pm.
- A cheerful, festive atmosphere (physically and emotionally).
- Year 8 students will each receive a certificate detailing their achievements and contributions.
- Students will present recollections of their primary school years; and for the last hurrah, there will be a waiata and an item from the team.
- A few short speeches.

Things to note:

- The event is semi-formal and children are asked to wear smart attire. Some children are pretty savvy about what is appropriate, but sometimes they require more support. Shorts, T-shirts, or jandals would *not* be appropriate. We find many of the children do like to take the opportunity to dress up.
- This is an alcohol-free event.
- This is for year 8s only, no younger siblings are to attend.

What we need from you:

- Please complete the following form https://forms.gle/GLNHc9tbMJPfxfXx8 , which will allow you to indicate the number of tickets you plan to purchase, as well as the ticket price. Please note, you will also need to purchase a ticket for the year 8 student attending. The cost of this event will be $20 per ticket.

The children do look forward to their Leavers' Celebration. The adults find it an entertaining and somewhat poignant event.

Best wishes,
The Māia Teaching Team

Whanake Updates

Zealandia Trips

As part of our science focus this term, Whanake will be visiting Zealandia for a self-guided tour. For this EOTC experience, there is an admission cost of $7.50 per child. This will be added to your school statement. Each team will need a number of parent helpers to make this trip possible. If you are able to attend, please contact your child's teacher.

Key Details:
Whanake Tahi and Whanake Rua: Thursday 19th November
Whanake Toru: Tuesday 24th November
Time: 11.40-2.45

Tupu Christmas Craft Activities – November 2026

Ho Ho Ho everyone,

At the end of this term, we would like to have a range of exciting Christmas activities and crafts. To make this even more fun and enjoyable, we would like to run the activities in small groups; therefore, we would love the help of parents, whānau members, or caregivers. The more the merrier!





If you would like to have a small group of children and run an activity/craft, e.g. baking, stockings, sewing, decorations, etc., on one or more of the following days, we would love to hear from you.

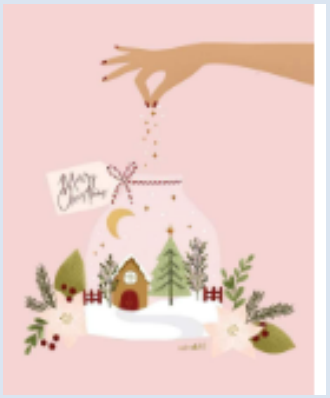
Wednesday 9th December from 9am to 10:30am
Thursday 10th December from 9am to 10:30am

Please complete the attached form and return it or email the class teacher by Monday, 30th November.

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

I would love to run a Christmas activity with a small group.

Name _____ Phone number _____



Please circle your choice

I would like to help but would prefer to be given an idea for an activity

Or I have an activity planned:-

Activity idea _____

Preferred day/s and time. **Please circle or highlight** (You may choose more than one if you are available, as we would love as much help as possible.)

Wednesday 9th December from 9am to 10:30am
Thursday 10th December from 9am to 10:30am

PTA News

TALENT QUEST 2026



The big day is nearly here! Tomorrow **Thursday 12 November!**

Juniors: 3.30pm to approx 5pm
Seniors: 5.15pm to approx 6.45pm

We are very fortunate that the Wellington **Rockshop** has donated prizes for this year.

Pizza slices will be available to purchase by pre-sale only on the day for $2.50 per slice. The pre-sale will take place straight after school and will close around the time that the show begins. The pizza will be available to collect during the short break in the talent quest - around the time of the junior section judge's deliberation. Eftpos will be available and correct change would be appreciated if possible.

If your child is performing please ensure they are in the hall, sitting near the front, ready for our 3.30pm start for juniors and approx 5.15pm for seniors.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow afternoon and celebrating our incredible performers.

Thank you!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the KNS PTA Peonies Fundraiser. Thanks to everybody's generosity, we sold over 467 peonies, which we think topped last year. We are incredibly grateful for your support and for helping make this fundraiser such a wonderful success.




A BIG thank you to Gina W and Natalie G for leading this year's PTA Peonies Fundraiser. Their creativity and flair brought the peonies to life through the beautiful wrapping and stunning ribbons, making each bunch extra special.

A special thank you also to Fred R for collecting and delivering the peonies to the school, and to Mimi and Cara T for their help on the day.

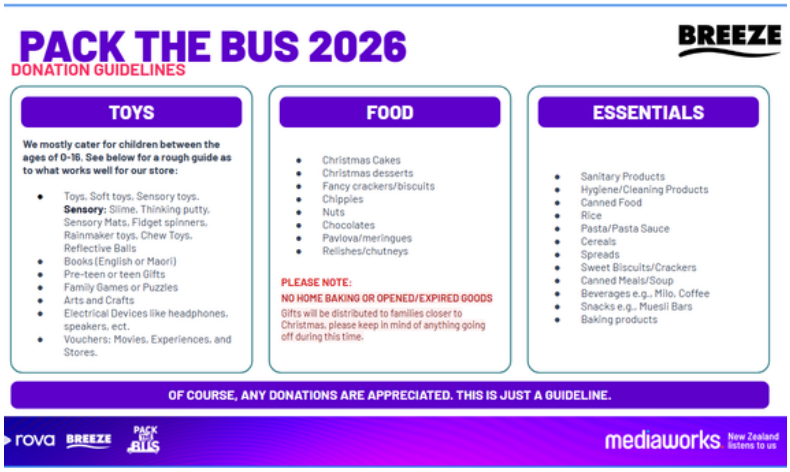
This fundraiser was a wonderful example of teamwork in action. Thank you all for your time, energy, and enthusiasm in making it such a great success!





PACK THE BUS IS COMING ON 24 NOVEMBER

We are super excited that Pack the Bus will be back at Kelburn Normal School on Tuesday 24 November at approximately 10.45am. Please find suggestions for donations below. Of course any donations of unwrapped new gifts and non-perishable food items are gratefully received. Items can be dropped to the office anytime until Tuesday 24 November at 9am.



Guitar Lessons with Mathew Enright

Mat has some spaces available in Term 4 for guitar lessons.

Mat started playing music at age 5, with keyboard lessons, and took up trumpet at age 8.
Since then he has been heavily involved in music and has played professionally since 2007, when he began to teach himself guitar, at one point completing 365 solo guitar and vocal performances in a year.

Mat taught guitar and ukulele at Berhampore school for 6 years, and taught at Amesbury school teaching keyboard, vocals, and drums, along with private tuition for the past 15 years.

Contact: mat.enright@gmail.com

Looking Ahead Term 4 – dates are subject to change

Week	Date	Event
Week 5	Wednesday 11 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm Hearing and Vision Testing from 9am
	Thursday 12 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30am, Rua @ 9.50am, Toru @ 10.25am, Whā @ 10.50am, Rima @ 11.25am Talent Quest, Jnrs 3.30pm to 5pm, Snrs 5.15pm to 6.45pm
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	Thursday 19 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30am, Rua @ 9.50am, Toru @ 10.25 am, Whā @ 10.50am, Rima @ 11.25am Zealandia Trip - Whanake Tahi and Rua Chit Chat Session for New Entrant families 5.30pm to 6.30pm Whānau Group in Staffrooom 5pm to 6pm
	Friday 20 November	Gardasil Vaccinations Y7 Second Dose School Hui hosted by Whānui at 1.50pm
Week 7	Tuesday 24 November	Zealandia Trip - Whanake Toru Pack the Bus @ 10.45am
	Wednesday 25 November	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm **Musical Refreshment at St Andrew's 6pm to 8pm**
	Thursday 26 November	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30am, Rua @ 9.50am, Toru @ 10.25 am, Whā @ 10.50am, Rima @ 11.25am
	Friday 27 November	Staff vs Y8 Netball @ 1 pm
Week 8	Monday 30 November	BoT Meeting @ 6pm in Staffroom
	Wednesday 2 December	Māia Tech Session 8.40am to 12.30pm Wellington High School Induction Day - please notify office via app or absence line if child is attending
	Thursday 3 December	Tupu Swimming - departing school - Tahi @ 9.30am, Rua @ 9.50am, Toru @ 10.25am, Whā @ 10.50am, Rima @ 11.25am
	Friday 4 December	School hui hosted by Whanake and Junior Performance Groups @ 1.50 pm
Week 9	Monday 7 December	Recorder Concert @ 10.30 am Road Patrol and Librarian thank you Pizza Lunch
	Tuesday 8 December	Māia Rogaine @ 9 am Whānui Rogaine @ 12.00
	Wednesday 9 December	Whanake Rogaine @ 9.30 am
	Thursday 10 December	Y8 Leavers Celebration

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	Friday 11 December	Meet Home Learning Teams for 2027
	Sunday 13 December	Lyrica - Carols at St Michaels @ 5 pm
Week 10	Monday 14 December	Christmas & Leavers school hui
	Wednesday 16 December	**Last day of school. School finishes at 2 pm**

Term Dates 2026

2026	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
Term 4 10 wks	Monday 12 October	Wednesday 16 December - finish at 2pm	**Monday 26 October - Labour Day**

Term Dates 2027

2027		Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher only days
Term 1 10 wks		Tuesday 2 February	Friday 9 April	**Monday 8th February - Waitangi Day Observance** **Friday 5th March - Ākonga Led Learning Conversations** **March 26th - Good Friday** **March 29th - Easter Monday** **March 30th - Easter Tuesday**
Term 2 10 wks		Tuesday 27 April	Friday 2 July	**Monday 26th April - ANZAC Observance Day** **Monday 7th June - King's Birthday** **Friday 25th June - Matariki**
Term 3 10 wks		Monday 19 July	Friday 24 September	**Friday 16th July - Teacher Only Day in Holidays** **Friday 20 August - Ākonga Led Learning Conversations**
Term 4 10 wks		Monday 11 October	Thursday 16 December - finish at 2 pm	**Monday 25 October - Labour Day**

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

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	**Chess Club -** Mr Miller	**Tūī 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
			Eco Club - Mrs Blair & Miss Mowbray **Junior Kapa Haka** - Yrs 1-4 1.40 pm - 2.10 pm Hall Mr Jeremy Desmond & Mrs Blair	

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 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.

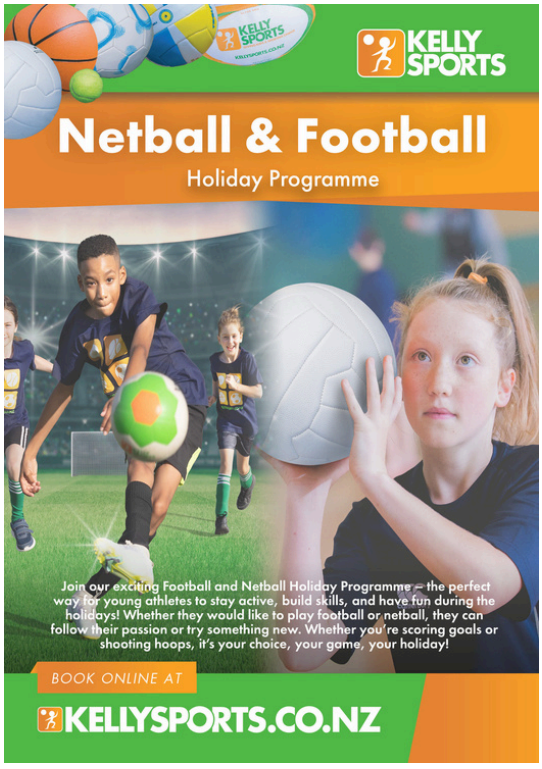
Kelly Club programmes at Kelburn Normal School can be searched here,
or you can contact Kelly Club directly:
Phone: *021 744 636*
Email: *kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz*

- Visit: *www.kellyclub.co.nz*
- e-mail: *kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz*

or just pop into Kelly Club any day after school.

Kelly Sports







Contact: Mia Sturm
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Website: kellyclub.co.nz/kelburn-normal

KELLY CLUB KELBURN NORMAL UPDATE

What's been happening...

We enjoyed last week theme of Kid's Choice. We have made it to Week 5 and this week's theme is Diwali Delight! This week will be filled with activities such as Cricket, Rangoli Art, Diwali dye and so much more!

Book in now!









What's happening next week!

KELLY CLUB

THEME: Happy Hobbies!
Term 4 Week 6, 16th November 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Kelburn Normal

	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 Rice Bubble Cakes & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sausage Rolls & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Pikelets & Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Frozen Tag	Game: All on One Side	Game: Midnight	Game: Seaweed	Game: Wacky Relays
3:45 – 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY Mini Replicas	SPORT Hockey	COOKING Scones	CRAFT Painted Postcards	GAME Board Games Champion
4:30 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 – 4:50 pm	Snack Time Vege Crisps	Snack Time Corn Thins	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Muesli Bars
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: Bom Bom Bom & Projects	Game: Catch the Dragon's Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Race & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	Game: Coin Rugby & Projects

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