

KAWAHA POINT NEWSLETTER

Our School

Ki Te Taumata- Aim for the Best
*Learn * Care * Grow*
*Kia Kaha * Kia Maia * Kia Manawanui*
** Kia Angitu*

Hello. Aloha. Namaste. Kia Ora. Welcome to end of term 3!

And Welcome to Our Board Bites

BOARD BITES

This is your update on all things board-related!

Staff Appreciation

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff for a fantastic term of learning with our students. The results have been incredibly pleasing, and we are grateful for your dedication, time, and commitment to our school, the children, and their whānau. We wish you a relaxing and well-deserved holiday break.

Farewells

This term, we said goodbye to two valued staff members.

- Amira Bland who moved on to new opportunities with the RTLB team.
- Gavin Cooke, our long-serving morning caretaker, retired. Gavin, thank you again for your early starts, for warming the rooms each winter morning, turning on the lights, and making sure the children were let in and comfortable. We wish you the very best in your retirement.

Property Updates

- **Heat Pumps:** The board is working alongside the Ministry of Education to install heat pumps in all classrooms. While the process has been slow, we are aiming for installation to begin in Term 4 or over the summer holidays.
- **Roofing:** Plans are underway to replace the roof of the main block, with work anticipated to begin either late 2024 or early 2025.

Vandalism Concerns

Unfortunately, the school has experienced several vandalism incidents recently. From grapefruits being thrown at windows, horses damaging the astroturf on our basketball courts, cars racing in the driveway and carpark, to the latest incident involving security cameras being intentionally damaged with a scooter. These events are impacting the school's budget, which is meant to support our children's learning needs.

In response, we are exploring ways to prevent further incidents. This includes the possibility of fencing the driveway and moving the fence line. In the interim, we have decided to lock the gates during weekends and weeknights from 7 p.m. Security patrols will also be increased. While we are disappointed to take these measures, we simply cannot continue to cover the rising costs of vandalism repairs.

Looking Ahead to 2025

The board has started planning for 2025 and is committed to maintaining small class sizes, especially in the junior school. We will retain four junior classes and continue to provide learning assistants in classrooms. We believe that building a strong foundation for our youngest learners is crucial, and this support will help set them up for success in their learning journey. The small class size and having learning assistants in the class can only improve student outcomes!

Thank you for your ongoing support and care for our school. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

We wish you a restful break with your children and look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Ngā mihi.
KPS Board



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Dates Term 4

Week One - Term 4 2024 14th October to Thursday 19th December 2024	
Monday 14th October	Term 4 begins
Friday 18th October	Newsletter day
	Sundaes for sale \$3
Week Two	
Wednesday 23rd October	PTA Meeting 5.30pm-Staffroom All welcome.
Friday 25th October	Teacher Only Day- School Closed
Week Three	
Monday 28th October	Labour Day- No school
Thursday 31st October	School Halloween Disco- 5.30-7pm
Friday 1st November	School Assembly- Taumata Hub Presenting
	Newsletter day
Week Four	
Monday 4th November	Board meeting- Board Room 5.30pm
Friday 8th November	PTA mufti day- for Christmas Hamper
Week Five	
Tuesday 12th November	CBOP fun for you day- Year 0-3 at KPS
Friday 15th November	School Assembly – Ngonogotahā Hub
	Newsletter Day
	Shop day 11-1pm Share the Learning Mufti

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Week Six- Term 4

Monday 18th November	Teacher Only day – No School
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Wednesday 20th November	Senior school athletics 11-1pm
	Junior School Athletics 9-10.30

Friday 22nd November	Christmas Movie Night- 5-7pm
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Week Seven

Wednesday 27th November	Ahurei- KPS on at 5pm (TBC)
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Friday 29th November	Grandparents day 1-3pm
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	Road Patrol Fun 9-12pm
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	Newsletter day
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Week Eight

Monday 2nd December	Board Meeting 5.30pm
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Wednesday 4th December	CBOP Athletics
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Thursday 5th December	Year 6 Celebration Camp Auckland
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Friday 6th December	Year 6 Campers Back
	Favourite Tee shirt day

Week Nine

Monday 9th December	Reports sent home- paper and on HERO
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	Hub Trip week- dates to be confirmed
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Tuesday 10th December	Parent Interviews 3-7pm
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Wednesday 11th December	Parent Interviews 3-6pm
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Friday 13th December	Pizza \$2
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	Assembly- Kaiweka Hub Presenting
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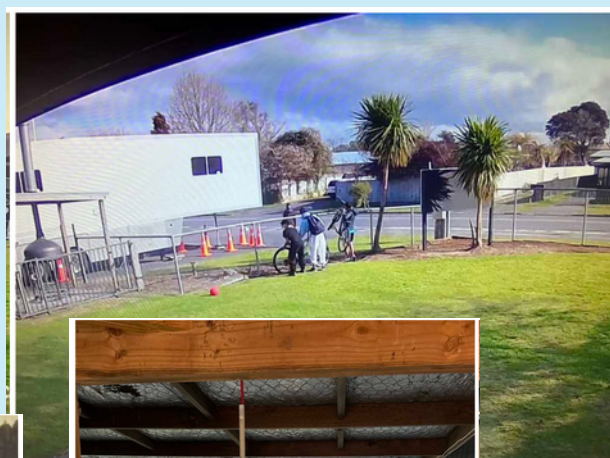
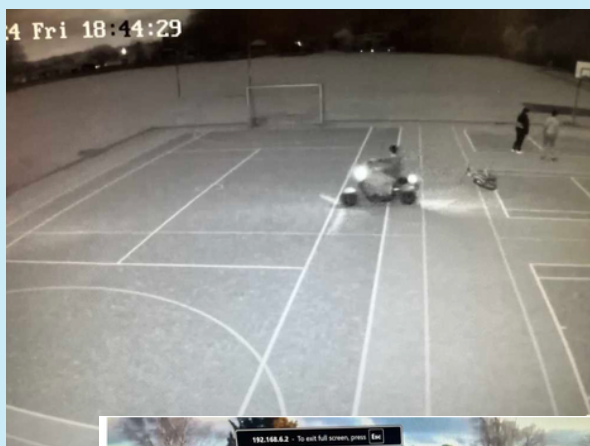
	Newsletter day
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*Kia Kaha- Be Strong * Kia Maia- Ne Brave*
Kia Manawanui- Be Kind. * Kia Angitu- Be Successful*

Week Ten

Monday 16th December	RECON assembly and Big Draw
	Morning tea for helpers
Tuesday 17th December	Year 6 Dinner 5pm – Formal Dress
	Meet your teacher 2025 afternoon
	Dance Party – 85% Attendance and NO step3
Wednesday 18th December	Prizegiving 9.30am
	Children fun picnic games and movie afternoon
Thursday 19th December	Final day at KPS
	Final Assembly and Farewell 12pm
Term 1 2025 begins Tuesday 28th January Meet and Greet Thursday 23rd January	

Just a few of the incidents We have had to deal with..especially after a weekend.



We would love to leave the gates unlocked for our neighbourhood- but we just can't anymore- these incidents are costing our school!