



# Kelvin Road School Newsletter

“Be the best you can be...  
Kia toa, Kia Manawanui

21st February 2020  
Term 1 Week 3

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## Upcoming dates

**Tuesday 10th Mar**  
Summer Sports day  
Year 3 & 4 Swimming  
Sports

**Wednesday 11th  
March**  
Meet the Teacher  
evening

**Thursday 12th Mar**  
Junior Swimming  
Sports

**Wednesday 1st Apr**  
Whanau Hui

**Thursday 9th Apr**  
Term 1 ends - 2.30pm

**Monday 27th Apr**  
Term 2 starts -  
8.30am

**Friday 22nd May**  
Teacher Only Day -  
School Closed

**Tuesday 2nd June**  
Teacher Only Day -  
School Closed

**Friday 3rd June**  
Term 2 ends - 2.30pm

**Monday 20th July**  
Term 3 starts -  
8.30am

**3rd - 7th August**  
School art exhibition -  
school hall

**Friday 25th Sep**  
Term 3 ends - 2.30pm

**Monday 12th Oct**  
Term 4 starts -  
8.30am

**Monday 9th Nov**  
Teacher Only Day -  
School Closed

**Wednesday 15th  
Dec**  
Term 4 ends

**Welcome, Haere Mai, Nau Mai, Malo e me'a mai, Afio mai, Kia Orana, Xin chao,  
Magandang umaga, Fakaalofa atu ki a mutolu, Bula, Namaste**

Welcome to all returning tamariki and their whanau. We are so pleased that you are with us for another incredible year of learning at Kelvin Road School.

A powhiri was held on the 7th February in the school hall to formally welcome in our three new teachers (Ms Bettridge - Room 10, Mrs Kaur - Room 9, and whaea Maria Heihei - Ruma Rima) and our new tamariki and whanau to our school. I would like to acknowledge the leadership and courage of our senior students who support our whole school during our powhiri.

As you enter the front gate and on the wall in our reception office you will see our vision statement:

**Kia toa, kia manawanui**  
*Be the best that you can be*

We want everyone within our school community to reach their personal best, uphold the school values and to form trusting and positive relationships where our tamariki are at the heart of all we do. At Kelvin Road School we take pride in looking after our school and our people.

If you have visited the school recently you would have noticed all of the property developments throughout the holiday period and some still currently underway. Rooms 7-12, 16 and 17 have been upgraded. Room 18 and 19 are now getting a 'face lift'. Our magnificent Whakairo (carving) at the entrance of the school is almost at completion. The bike track is taking shape quickly on our school field, it has a pump track, chicane, and bridges for our children to enjoy and challenge themselves.

We gain inspiration from those that come before us, amongst us and those people who are shining examples on a world stage. I would like to reference the dedication that Taika Waititi made during his Oscar award ceremony:

*To all of the indigenous kids around the world who want to do art, dance and write stories we are the original story tellers and we can make it here (in Hollywood) as well.*

**Taika Waititi**

Our 2020 Curriculum Planning at Kelvin Road School will encompass all curriculum subjects with special attention given to; Reading, Writing, Mathematics, The Arts and Dance, Health and Safety, History and Te Ao Maori to ensure that our children are confident, capable and engaged learners who strive to achieve their very best.

Thank you to Meridian and Kids Can for the donation of over 200 bucket hats that will be distributed for our children to use at school.



**Meet the  
Teacher  
Evening**

**Wednesday 11th  
March**

**Notices with more  
information will be  
coming home in  
the next couple of  
weeks**

You may have heard the saying that, 'in Education Everyday Counts.' Research shows that this saying is very true and that our children have to attend school 90% of the year or more to raise student achievement. Conversely, if children have less than 90% attendance they do not have a whole years' worth of learning and effectively are going backwards.

Data also shows that if a child misses 10% of school that they lose four weeks of learning. This is a sobering message for our community. If we want our children to achieve and succeed they need to be attending school regularly and on time.

We want your child at school every day. You would have read in the last newsletter that we have come up with some solutions to raise student attendance.

PROBLEMS	SOLUTIONS
<b>Uniform dirty/wet</b>	Send your child to school in mufti and we can provide a uniform for the day which they return before they go home.
<b>No lunch</b>	School can provide lunches as a stop gap measure, ie sandwiches, muesli bars, fruit. If this is an ongoing problem we can also provide help through our Social Worker in School.
<b>No breakfast</b>	We are lucky enough to have volunteers who run a Breakfast Club five days a week from 8:00 am - 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome to come along for some weetbix.
<b>Raining</b>	The school provides raincoats through KidsCan to help keep children dry on the way to school. Another way to help is to put your child's uniform in a plastic bag in their school bag and when they get to school they can dry off and change back into their uniform.
<b>No one home in time to pick up child from school</b>	<b>SKIDS</b> provides an after school care programme. They also offer WINZ subsidies. Their contact details are 09-265-2422 or 021-300-146

We want to make sure that there are no barriers to your child attending school. We will be monitoring and reporting on our attendance and lateness so that you know that we are serious about fixing this up. But, we need your support and the support of your whanau. Now and in the future, we will be letting you know our attendance rates, by newsletter and on the electronic board at the front of the school. Hopefully we will be reporting good news with higher percentages.

If we want our children to have good jobs with a good family and good lives they need to be engaged in learning. Parents are a big part of ensuring that their kids have a better life and have the tools and skills they need to be ambitious and aspirational.

School is a fun, exciting and interesting place for your child to be, making friends and learning new things every day.

**Help us to help your tamariki and mokopuna.**

**Ways in which we are trying to combat attendance issues:**

- Text parents/caregivers through our Student Management System
- Send letters to parents asking for reasons for children's absences
- Newsletter updates
- Electronic board with updates of attendance and upcoming events
- Refer absentee students to SWiS (Social Worker)/ Solomon Group (truancy)

### Teacher Only Days

We have planned for 3 teacher only days this year. The school will only be open for teachers on these days. The dates are:

Term 2 Week 4 - Friday 22/5/20

Term 2 Week 6 - Tuesday 2/06/20  
(This one impacts on a few schools in Papakura)

Term 4 Week 5 - Monday 9/11/20



### Active Families Free programme

All ages and fitness levels welcome, bring the whole family.

Smith Ave Hall  
Tuesdays 4.00-5.30pm

Fitness and nutrition

Run by Otara Health Services  
021 022 86521

### Caregiver contact details

If you have had a change of address or phone number you will need to contact the school office to update your details. This is very important in case an emergency occurs at school involving your child and we need to contact you.

These details are only kept on file for this reason and are confidential.

**If you would like to report an absence please call**

**092988417**

**(press 1 for absences)**

**Or**

**Text 021 089 17417**



## SchoolDocs - Policies and Procedures

If you would like to view any of the school's policies or procedures you can view these at any time using the login below.

[www.schooldocs.co.nz/home](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz/home)

**Search school:** Kelvin Road School

**Username:** krs

**Password:** manawanui

## Swimming

Please ensure your child has their togs in their bags everyday. Please make sure **ALL** of your child's clothing items are clearly named and send a large plastic bag for them to store their clothes while they swim. See your child's teacher for specific details of what days/times they're in the pool.



**Room 6** have been spending the last few weeks getting to know each other and establishing new friendships. We have been focusing on a lot of collaborative learning experiences. The children in Room 6 are settling into the new school year incredibly well.

So far their favourite thing to do at school is swimming where they are learning how to float on their backs, blow bubbles in the water and make their way in and out of the pool safely. They have also been engaged in a range of art experiences and I can see we have some very creative tamariki in our class. We are all enjoying our journey in Room 6 so far and I can tell it is going to be a fantastic year!



## Skool Loop App

Some of you may have noticed that our Skool Loop App now has a new feature whereby you can send an absence message straight from the App. See the instructions below to download the App to your phone.

Download Our School App

- Events • Cancellations • Notices
- Absentees • Parent Teacher Interviews
- Instant Messages • Permission Slips • Newsletters



Simple free download:

In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



# 4 WEEK FREE FAMILY EVENT

**WHEN** FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL

**TIME** START 6:30-8:30  
Be there by 6pm

**WHERE** PAPAURA HIGH SCHOOL,  
12 WILLIS ROAD,  
PAPAURA NORTH



X4 sports codes running simultaneously

- RIPPA RUGBY 5'S
- FAST 5 NETBALL
- BASKETBALL 4 A SIDE
- FOOTBALL (FUTSAL) 5'S

You have to pick x1 only code for the 4 weeks

**FREE Registration:**  
[www.kuraconnect.co.nz](http://www.kuraconnect.co.nz) or  
[info@kuraconnect.co.nz](mailto:info@kuraconnect.co.nz)

Register up to 10 Players per sport code (5 aside with up to 5 rolling subs)

### SOCIAL GRADE CRITERIA

On court at all times:

- 1x under 12year old (no younger than 4year old)
- 1x over 40 old

### COMPETITIVE GRADE CRITERIA

On court at all times:

- Minimum 1x female player

Two games at night.

Two 10 min halves.

You can sign up on the night and if you don't have a team, we will find you one.

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**



**FREE PARENTING HELPLINE**  
**0800 568 856**

all issues - all ages  
9am - 9pm, 7 days a week  
[www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)





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