



# Kelvin Road School Newsletter

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

19th February 2021  
Term 1 Week 3

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## Upcoming dates

**Thursday 3rd Mar**  
Senior School  
Swimming Sports -  
Massey Park

**Thursday 3rd Mar**  
Middle School  
Swimming Sports -  
KRS pool

**Wed 17th Mar**  
Meet the teacher  
evening

**Friday 1st Apr**  
Good Friday - School  
Closed

**5th and 6th April**  
Easter holiday -  
School Closed

**Friday 16th Apr**  
Term 1 ends - 2.30pm

**Monday 3rd May**  
Term 2 starts -  
8.30am

**Friday 4th June**  
Teacher Only Day -  
School Closed

**Monday 7th June**  
Queens birthday -  
school closed

**Tuesday 8th June**  
Teacher Only Day -  
School Closed

**Friday 9th July**  
Term 2 ends - 2.30pm

**Monday 26th July**  
Term 3 starts -  
8.30am

**Welcome** to all returning tamariki and their whānau. 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 12th February in the school hall to formally welcome in all our new staff from after Term 2 2020 and from the start of this year;

Whaea Sumandana - Room 1  
Mrs Warren - Room 7  
Mr Warren - Room 19  
Matua Waata - Room 3  
Whaea Ruby - Kaiawhina  
Whaea Alexis - Kaiawhina

and our new tamariki and whānau 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. Your child's wellbeing is our priority. At Kelvin Road School we take pride in looking after our people and our school.

## Ka Ora Ka Ako Healthy Lunch programme

We are thrilled to inform you that Kelvin Road School has joined the Ka Ora Ka Ako Healthy School Lunch scheme this year.

This means **EVERY** child will receive a free, healthy lunch **EVERYDAY**.

The children have been enjoying this daily since the beginning of the term and the feedback from them has been very positive! There has been plenty of variety in the meals including wraps, sandwiches, pretzels and fruit.

The meals are delivered in 100% compostable, bento style lunch boxes with no packaging and all waste is taken away and composted by our supplier. **Eat My Lunch** is our supplier and their menus are designed to utilise the freshest produce each season and menus will adjust accordingly throughout the year providing variety and ensuring the highest quality of fresh produce possible.

They also aim to provide menus to suit the climate they will be consumed in, therefore the Term 1 menu is tailored to a warmer summer climate. In Terms 2 and 3 they will provide menu options that contain some more hearty/hot menu items such as a lasagne or soup etc.

All dietary requirements are taken into account. Please let us know if your child has any special requirements ie allergies, vegetarian, halal. **All food is nut-free.**

Children will still need to bring morning tea and a drink bottle.



Below is some feedback we have gathered from teachers, children and parents;

- A good variety of meals provided for the children, which is great to see. Every tamariki has a meal for the day. Children are getting used to eating healthier which is really good for their mind and body. Students seem more focussed in the afternoons and have more energy which is great to see. Overall, pleased with everything. Children and teacher are happy :)
- Eric: They are very yum. I love the apples and the chicken sandwiches.
- Jayson: I like this food Whaea. These sandwiches are the bomb! I could eat them all day. Can I have another one?
- I really love the salads - feels like I'm on a diet! I wouldn't normally eat this stuff.
- I am so thankful my child is getting these lunches, it has saved me lots of time in the morning. I like them because they are nice and healthy for my kids.

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. Prior to the Level 3 lockdown this year up to 85% of our children were attending.

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>	Kelvin Road School is now part of the Ka Ora Ka Ako Healthy lunch scheme. Lunches are provided for every child, every day.
<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 whānau. 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
- Facebook and Skooloop messages
- Electronic board with updates of attendance and upcoming events
- Refer absentee students to SWiS (Social Worker)/ truancy

**If you would like to report an absence please call 092988417**



**(press 1 for absences)**

**Or**

**Text 021 089 17417**

### Uniforms

Thank you to those parents that are sending their children to school in correct uniform. Please remember the Kelvin Road School Uniform consists of a blue polo shirt and navy blue shorts. These are sold at The Uniform Shop on Wood st in Papakura.

**Please ensure all clothing is named**, this makes it much easier to find items when they go missing.

### Teacher only days 2021

Friday 4th June  
 Tuesday 8th June  
 Thursday 24th June  
 Friday 19th November

### Parking

A reminder that all visitor parking is on the road outside of the school gates. This includes dropping off and picking up your children before and after school.

**Please DO NOT park in the school driveway in front of the main gate.** This is our only entrance for staff and by blocking it causes congestion and delays on Kelvin Road.

### 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.

## 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

### Concerns and Complaints

This policy provides staff members, parents/caregivers, and the wider school community with clear guidelines for raising and resolving concerns and complaints.

We encourage open communication and prefer that you come to us to talk through any issues rather than discussing them in the community.

We have procedures in place to ensure that complaints and concerns are handled appropriately. Our procedures enable us to:

- maintain a safe environment for our students and staff
- treat all people fairly, transparently, and with dignity and respect
- resolve matters of concern early, if possible
- respond to feedback and concerns constructively
- deal with complaints fairly, effectively, and in a timely manner
- take into account individual circumstances
- maintain confidentiality
- preserve and enhance school and community relationships
- monitor and record complaints and concerns about student safety and wellbeing.

Most concerns can be resolved informally through discussions with the people concerned. See Guidelines for Raising Concerns. The school also has a procedure for making a formal complaint if informal discussion doesn't resolve the issue. We will be able to manage your concerns and complaints more effectively if you raise them with us promptly.

### Reverse Evacuation/Lockdown

In certain situations it may be necessary to move, or keep, all students inside. These situations include severe storms, a major accident in the school vicinity, or other dangerous situation. The school has a detailed plan for this event, and regularly practises it with students and staff.

As appropriate to the situation, the school contacts parents and caregivers when it can (in some situations this may be after the lockdown has finished), using the available communication options. Parents must follow any instructions issued by the school, including not coming to the school to see or collect their children. This is particularly important when the school is in lockdown under Police instruction.



**Room 6** have been making the most of the hot weather by swimming as often as possible and getting outside to enjoy the cool breezes.

In the pool the children are gaining confidence in floating on their backs and holding their breath underwater as well as how to keep themselves safe in and around water. Sunny afternoons are perfect for sharing a book under a shady tree.

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- 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.



## Swimming



Please ensure your child has their togs in their bags everyday.  
Swimming is part of the school curriculum therefore the only time children should not be swimming is for medical reasons.  
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 are in the pool.

## Board of Trustees Vacancy

Our school currently has a vacancy on our Board of Trustees. It has been agreed that this vacancy will be filled 'by selection'. This will still leave the majority of parent representatives having been voted onto the board.

If you have an interest in supporting the school to provide the best learning experience and outcomes for our children/tamariki we would love to hear from you.

Our members meet monthly via zoom (Chromebook and training are available if necessary) sharing their expertise to contribute to the wellbeing of the school community and support the staff as necessary.

For further information do make contact with Heather Tanner, the Principal or Trish Burke, the Board secretary.

## Meet the Teacher Evening Wednesday 17th March

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

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