



Kelvin Road School Newsletter

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

February 2023
Term 1 Week 3

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**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Term Dates

Thu 6th Apr 2023

End of Term 1

Mon 24 Apr 2023

Start of Term 2

Fri 30 Jun 2023

End of Term 2

Mon 17 Jul 2023

Start of Term 3

Fri 22 Sep 2023

End of Term 3

Mon 9 Oct 2023

Start of Term 4

Thu 14 Dec 2023

End of Term 4

A warm **welcome back** 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. We also warmly welcome all new tamariki and their families and look forward to supporting their learning journey. It's wonderful to have all of our tamariki back after the upheaval of the two cyclones and subsequent school closures. We look forward to more children resuming their education, and working in partnership with you.

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 be the best you can be for yourself and for others. The school community of Kelvin Road School values trusting and positive relationships where our tamariki are at the heart of all we do. Our kaupapa of being Kind, Responsible and Safe ensures that all that walk through, work and play within our school gates understand that they are an important part of our ever growing whānau. At Kelvin Road School we take pride in looking after our school and our people.

Welcome to our new staff members

Mickey Russell - Learning Coordinator

Tracy Clifton - Yr 3-4 Teacher Room 13

Wairemana Taiwhanga - Kaiako Year 0-4 Ruma Rima

Ruby Angell - Te Whatitoka Kaiawhina

Rodney Ukufia - Caretaker

Dominique Shorthouse - Cleaner

Cherie Reihana - Cleaner

Teacher Only Days

Thu 26 Jan 2023

Fri 26 May 2023

Wed 14 Jun 2023

Mon 6 Nov 2023

If you would like to
report an absence
please
call **092988417**
(press 1 for
absences) Or text
021 0868 7680



BOT Members 2023

Heather Tanner - Principal

Tina Matthews - Year 5-6 Teacher in Room 16

Joanna Harris - Joanna enjoys being involved in her children's education and her role on the board. She encourages all parents no matter their background, lifestyle, culture or religion, any one of us can be a parent representative on the school board.

Julie Hyland - Julie is a social worker who has worked in our community for many years, and is also an ex student of our school. She cares deeply about our community, and has been on our BoT since 2019

Riamondja Williams - Riamondja is a mum and active member in the community and school who wants the best for her child and yours. In her spare time, she likes to bake and do arts and crafts to unwind. She is looking forward to an awesome school year.

Kirti - Kirti has a background in computer software and hardware engineering, and loves experimenting and learning through it. Learning comes through challenges. She has started enjoying the challenge of being a businesswoman, a member of this amazing BOT team and of course, most importantly being a mum.

Amber Smythe - Amber is a full-time mother of three girls and a proactive community member. She is also a keen sports woman and is on the committees for both the KRS Netball Club and the Northland Stingrays Tag team. Amber is new to the Kelvin Road School Board of Trustees.

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

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.

Our Facebook page is "Kelvin Road Official", and our website is www.krs.ac.nz You will find school notices and updates on here, alongside our school app that you can download "Skool Loop"

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.

Download Our School App

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- Absentees • Parent Teacher Interviews
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In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



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 year's worth of learning and effectively are going backwards. We are aiming for 100% attendance this term.

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.

PROBLEMS	SOLUTIONS
Uniform dirty/wet	Send your child to school in mufti and we can provide a uniform for the day which they return before they go home.
No lunch	Kelvin Road School is now part of the Ka Ora Ka Ako Healthy lunch scheme. Lunches are provided for every child, every day.
No breakfast	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.
Raining	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.
No one home in time to pick up child from school	SKIDS 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 Skool loop messages
- Electronic board with updates of attendance and upcoming events
- Refer absentee students to SWiS (Social Worker)/ truancy

Staff List 2023

Room	Name	Position	Email address
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