



Kelvin Road School Newsletter

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Kia toa, Kia Manawanui

January 2025
Term 1 Week 1

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**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Upcoming Dates

**Waitangi Day - Public
Holiday, School Closed**

Thu 6 Feb 2025

Whānau Day

Wed 19 Feb 2025

**Dog Safety -School Hall
Year 0-4**

Mon 24 Feb 2025 - Wed

26 Feb 2025

Year 5-8

Thu 27 Feb 2025 &

Fri 28 Feb 2025

BOT Meetings

Tue 11 Feb 2025

Tue 11 Mar 2025

Tue 13 May 2025

Tue 10 Jun 2025

Tue 12 Aug 2025

Tue 9 Sep 2025

Tue 14 Oct 2025

Tue 11 Nov 2025

Term Dates

Start of Term 1

Tue 28 Jan 2025

End of Term 1

Fri 11 Apr 2025

Start of Term 2

Mon 28 Apr 2025

End of Term 2

Fri 27 Jun 2025

Start of Term 3

Mon 14 July 2025

End of Term 3

Fri 19 Sep 2025

Start of Term 4

Mon 6 Oct 2025

End of Term 4

Wed 10 Dec 2025

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



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

A warm **welcome back** to all of our tamariki and their whānau for 2025. 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 whānau and look forward to supporting their learning journey. 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 you can be

Our Board members are: Heather Tanner (Principal), Ria Williams (Presiding member), Sarah Davis (Staff Rep), Julie Hyland, Joanna Harris and Amber Smythe (Parent Reps).

News from the board: 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 people and our school. Over the holiday break our school was painted with fresh new colours all ready for the new year! Happy 2025 Kia koutou.

We will hold a pōwhiri to welcome all new tamariki and kaiako in the school hall.

The chosen date and details will be posted to our Facebook page and Skool Loop, once confirmed.

Welcome: Nau mai, haere mai

We would like to welcome our new staff for 2025.

Ripeka Brown-Cope, our new Teacher for Room 17,
Emma-Marie Wharepouri, our new Kaiako for Rūma 5,
Anna-Maria Vaotu'ua, our new Release teacher.

Due to our roll growth, we have opened up two new classrooms.

We would like to welcome our new staff for 2025.

Milika Coka, our new Teacher for Room 24.
Rajneel Kumar, our new Teacher for Room 25.

Stationery Sales

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers that have purchased stationery for their tamariki. Stationery packs are available at our school office for the following prices:

Year 1/2 English Medium

(Rooms: 1,2,6,7,8,9,10,11)

TOTAL \$47.00

Year 3/4 English Medium

(Rooms: 12,13,14,15,21,22,23)

TOTAL \$38.00

Year 5/6 English Medium

(Rooms: 16,17,18,19,24,25)

TOTAL \$38.00

Year 1/2/3 Māori Immersion

(Rūma 5)

TOTAL \$46.00

Year 4/5/6 Māori Immersion

(Rūma 4)

TOTAL \$44.00

Year 7/8 Māori Immersion

(Room 3)

TOTAL \$46.00

Reminder: Lateness

Parents and caregivers, please ensure that your child/children arrive on time in the correct school uniform. We want every child to be well prepared each day for their learning.

Thank you to our whānau who ensure that our tamariki are at school before the 8.30 am bell.

This is an advantage for your child, as then they don't miss out on any instruction from their teacher/kaiako for the start of the day.

Reminder No chewing gum or lollies are allowed at school!

School Attendance at Kelvin Road School

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. As we enter 2025, every day of school matters.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Kelvin Road School is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whānau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating, and progressing in their education.

Parents and caregivers we want to help you get your tamariki to school every day. We can support by;

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.
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

If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher. You can contact us at 09 298 8417 or email the school secretary on secretary@krs.ac.nz or email your child's teacher directly on the list provided.

2025 Enrolments

2025 Enrolments are welcome to Te Whatitoka Rimu o te Whānau Kahurangi and Mainstream.
Please see the school secretary for an enrolment form.

E wātea ana ngā wāhi whakaurunga tamaiti mo te tau 2025 ki ngā akomanga o Te Whatitoka Rimu o Te Whānau Kahurangi. Ki te hiahia te urutahi ki waenga i tō tātou whānau, tēnā, nau mai, kōrero mai ki te Hekeretari o te kura, ā, haere mai ki te wānangatahi.

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 will be required if 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

- 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.



Staff List 2025			
Room	Name	Position	Email address
	Heather Tanner	Principal	principal@krs.ac.nz
	Bruce McMillan	Deputy Principal	dp@krs.ac.nz
	Sarah Davis	Deputy Principal	depprin@krs.ac.nz
	Baylee Dench	Principal's PA	principalpa@krs.ac.nz
	Kathryn Rudman	Executive Officer	exec@krs.ac.nz
	Heather Hopkins	Cleric	clerical@krs.ac.nz
	Jackie Randell	Secretary	secretary@krs.ac.nz
Junior School			
1	Pritpal Kaur	Teacher	pritpal.kaur@krs.ac.nz
2	Fiona Bax	Teacher	fiona.bax@krs.ac.nz
6	Lisa McTernan	Junior Team Leader	lisa.mcternan@krs.ac.nz
7	Lavinia 'Akau'ola	Teacher	lavinia.akauola@krs.ac.nz
8	Laurie Smith	Teacher	laurie.smith@krs.ac.nz
9	Daljit Kaur	Teacher	daljit.kaur@krs.ac.nz
10	Misty Bettridge	Teacher	misty.bettridge@krs.ac.nz
11	Emily Abernethy	Teacher	emily.abernethy@krs.ac.nz
Middle School			
12	Arishma Sharma	Teacher	arishma.sharma@krs.ac.nz
13	Tracy Clifton	Teacher	tracy.clifton@krs.ac.nz
14	Nina Anand	Teacher	nina.anand@krs.ac.nz
15	Beverley Long	Teacher	beverley.long@krs.ac.nz
21	Ilana Warren	Teacher	ilana.warren@krs.ac.nz
22	Kimberley Fatt	Teacher	kimberley.fatt@krs.ac.nz
23	Linda Hoverd	Middle Team Leader	linda.hoverd@krs.ac.nz
Senior School			
16	Dawn Blomfield	Teacher	dawn.blomfield@krs.ac.nz
17	Ripeka Brown-Cope	Teacher	ripeka.brown@krs.ac.nz
18	Mylise Hartley	Teacher	mylise.hartley@krs.ac.nz
19	Kiel Warren	Senior Team Leader	kiel.warren@krs.ac.nz
24	Milika Coka	Teacher	milika.coka@krs.ac.nz
25	Rajneel Kumar	Teacher	rajneel.kumar@krs.ac.nz
Te Whatitoka			
3	Neroli Nissen	Te Whatitoka Team Leader	neroli.nissen@krs.ac.nz
4	Kay-Tiana Harris	Kaiako	kaytiana.harris@krs.ac.nz
5	Emma-Marie Wharepouri	Kaiako	emma-marie@krs.ac.nz