

Kāitaia Primary School

Kia Ngawari (Be Kind)

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 16th October 2025 Term 4 Week 2





Kia ora koutou!

Welcome back everybody! We've got so much to look forward to this term. Before we get into all that exciting stuff, our school will be closed for instruction tomorrow (Friday 17th October) while staff are involved in the latest Mathematics professional development course, provided by the Ministry of Education. Next Thursday 23rd October, staff will be on strike and will be marching along with many other school staff and other service workers who are also observing their own strike action. Thank you for your support during this time whānau.

Our school Athletics day will be held next Friday $24^{\rm th}$ October, here at KPS and our tamariki will be able to show what they have learned during their Athletics practice sessions this year. Please come along and cheer on our tamariki as they compete in their events.

Our tamariki have quite a few notices and forms for things like trips and camps etc. Please complete and return them ASAP to help our staff get all the final details sorted ahead of their amazing experiences.

Nga mihi Mr Morrissey (Mr M) Principal



Upcoming Events

- Friday 17th October Teacher Only Day; School Closed for Students
- Thursday 23rd October Pending Strike
 Day School Closed for Students
- Friday 24th October Whole School Athletics Day
- Monday 27th October Labour Day;
 School closed
- Tuesday 28th October Spooky Disco in Hall at lunchtime

Reminders

• If your child is sick, or their end of day transport routine is going to change, please let the OFFICE STAFF know before 2pm. Children being picked up early also need to be signed out through the office please.

<u>Upcoming Camps/Day Trips</u>

Room 21 on camp in Whangarei 29-31 October Rooms 9 & 23 day trips & 1 overnight 29-31 October Room 12 day trip 5 November Rooms 13 & 20 day trips & overnight 6-7 November Room 10 on camp in Whangarei 10-12 November Room 11 on camp at Lonsdale 12-14 November Room 22 day trip to be confirmed

Spotted at School







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HIGHLIGHTS FROM...







Room 5

Last term Room 5 learnt all about simple machines. For technology, we planned, modified and created our own pulleys inspired by the storybook The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch. We talked about how to get Mr Grinling's lunch from his home to the lighthouse without the seagulls stealing it! Using materials like wool, string and a little picnic basket, we made pulley systems to safely deliver his lunch. The tamariki had so much fun designing and testing their simple machines.



Room 13 have been inspired by Roald Dahls The BFG. We love his made up words - did you know a whizzwizard is a dream? and trogglehumper is a nightmare?

Here are some of our whizzwizards







Room 10

Welcome back to Term 4!

This term in Room 10, we are learning all about forces and motion — exploring how push, pull, gravity, and friction work in our everyday lives!

This week, we've had lots of fun experimenting with these ideas by racing Hot Wheels cars down ramps, testing monster trucks, and even playing tug of war to feel the effects of push and pull in action. It's going to be a busy and exciting term, especially with camp only a few weeks away!

We're really looking forward to all the new learning ahead!







Room 20

For our Technology project, Room 20 built some bees' hotels to provide safe places for these amazing pollinators to nest. We also made some seed bombs with clay and compost. These bombs will bloom into beautiful, nectar rich flowers, which will attract the bees and provide food for them. Finally, we used a mold to create beautiful beeswax candles. Our message is simple:

SAVE THE BEES!