



Kaitaia Primary School

Kia Ngawari (Be Kind)

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 2nd April 2026 Term 1 Week 10



Kia ora koutou!

What a fantastic time we have all had here at KPS this term. Our Whānau Day was amazing and our tamariki had so much fun doing all the activities, including the fan-favourite "Waka Challenge". Hats off to all whānau for their amazing creations this year. I was one of the judges (along with Ms Burnage) and we had a really hard time judging because there were so many excellent models to choose from. I want to say a special thank you to Rowena, Melissa, Damo, Raniera, Candice and the team from Te Rarawa. You wonderful people made our Whānau Day a massively fun experience for everybody involved. It was especially cool to see parents/caregivers giving things a go alongside their tamariki. I must say, there were some very competitive match-ups in the physical challenge activities.

As we break for a few weeks from school, I would like to say thank you to all whānau who have been involved in our school activities this term. Your support means the world to the staff here at KPS. We can always achieve more when we work together. Happy holidays whānau!

Nga mihi
Mr Morrissey (Mr M)
Principal



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MOTHER'S DAY PHOTOSHOOT

NZ Family Portraits Photoshoot

Date: Saturday 9th May 2026

Kaitaia Primary Family Portraits are Back!

Just in time for Mother's Day, we are offering a special family photoshoot. Bring the whānau along and capture a beautiful photo together for Mum.

Cost: \$30 (normally valued at \$79) – amazing value!

To secure your spot, please pay (cash only) at the Kaitaia Primary School office.

For more information, pop in and see our friendly office team between 8:30am – 3:00pm.

Reminders

- Follow our school Facebook page to see notices, reminders, event results, and photos from around our school: www.facebook.com/kaitaiaprimery
- School Assemblies are held every Friday at 9.45am. Whanau are always welcome to attend these with us.
- If your child's end of day transport routine is going to change, please let the OFFICE STAFF know before 2pm. Email: kaitaiaps@xtra.co.nz Office Phone: 09 408-0228, Office cell phone: 021 084 22 405 Children being picked up early also need to be signed out through the office please.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 2nd April - End of Term 1! (Easter is in the school holidays)
- Monday 20th April - Term 2 starts
- Monday 27th April - ANZAC Day Observed School is Closed
- Friday 8th May - Teacher Only Day

Spotted at School



HIGHLIGHTS FROM...



Room 2

Room 2 had an amazing trip to the Sir Hector Busby Waka Centre and we just want to say...

Thank You Ngaa Mihi

Hineporete and JJ liked touching the waka.

Taurus, Kireina, Awhio, Matua and Dion liked the bus ride with their friends.

Alexa, Toby and Quinn liked the little waka that they got to play on.

Te Atawhai-Rose liked the sunny day

Ohana, Koda-Ray and Irie liked learning about Waka Hourua.

Violet and Berrie liked eating the hot chips and playing at the park.

We all liked holding the treasures and learning.



Room 5

This term we learned about whakawhanaungatanga and team-building. Through Sports Northland, we played tabloid games, ripper rugby, and soccer with other schools across Te Tai Tokerau, building strong sportsmanship on and off the field. Our topic was the voyagers of Aotearoa.

At the Kupe Waka Centre, we saw different waka, including waka taua, waka tangata, and Te Aurere, crafted by Papa Hekenukumai Busby. We would also like to say a big thank you to our whānau for helping create waka/tallships at home for the Waka Whānau Day. Your support made our learning even more special.

We've really enjoyed this term—and that's a wrap for Term 1, e te whānau!



Room 9

Room 9 has had a fantastic start to the year, focusing on building a positive classroom environment through strong whakawhanaungatanga and embracing our MANAWA values. It has been wonderful to see students forming meaningful connections and supporting one another in their learning journey.

Some highlights this term include sharing a special school day with parents and whānau during Whānau Day, enjoying engaging visits from "Harold the Giraffe" as part of the Life Education programme and participating in our weekly swimming sessions at the Hub. It has been a fun and productive term—well done, Room 9!



Room 20

In term 1 Room 20 has been exploring the lives of the whalers, sealers and missionaries who came to Aotearoa in the early 1800s. We've learnt how trade with the newcomers changed the lives of the indigenous population, both in good and bad ways. We also explored the historic sites on schoolgrounds linked to the Mission Station and the Church. We talked about te Tiriti o Waitangi and what it means for all of us today. We are going to close this topic with a visit to the Whaling Museum at Butler Point.