



Kaitaia Primary School

Kia Ngāwari (Be Kind)

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 13th August 2026 Term 3 Week 4

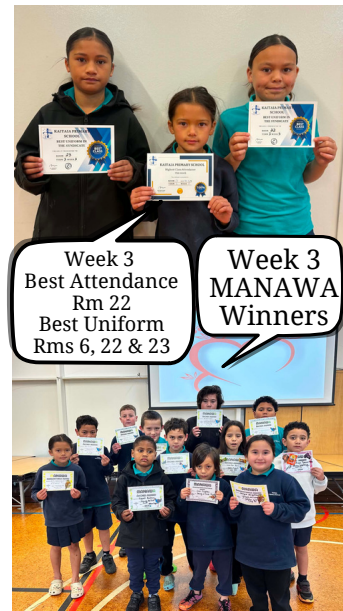
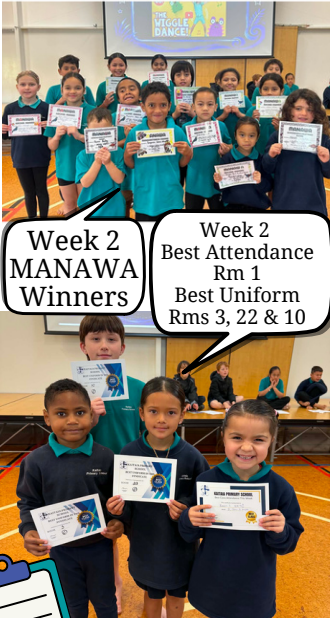


Kia ora koutou!

Term three is well underway and our tamariki are training everyday for our school cross country. We have now postponed this until Monday 17th August. The top 3 boys and girls place getters in ages 8, 9 & 10 (as at 1st January 2026), will qualify to represent KPS at the Far North Champs, which will be held on Wednesday 19th August at Lake Ngatu.

Our community survey is being emailed out to whānau this week. There are lots of important questions about what is going on at our school and we really need your feedback to help us make decisions moving forwards. It is all online and your answers are anonymous. Please complete the survey as soon as you can.

Nga mihi
Mr Morrissey (Mr M)
Principal



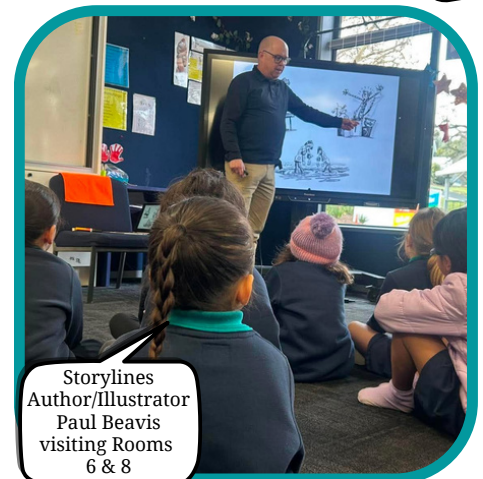
Reminders

- School Assemblies are held every Friday at 9.45am. Whānau are always welcome to attend these with us.
- Follow our school Facebook page to see notices, reminders, event results, and photos from around our school: www.facebook.com/kaitaiaprimery
- Please check we have your up-to-date contact details at the office, along with emergency contact/s, as we have had a few incidents with no way of contacting home.
- 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.

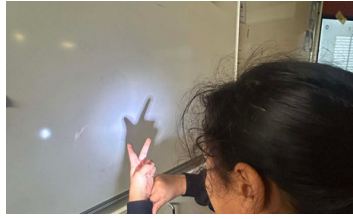
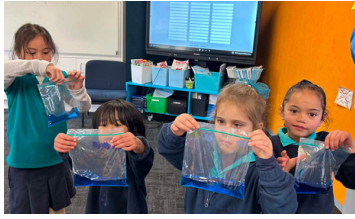
Upcoming Events

- Monday 17th August - Cross Country
- Friday 21st August - Daffodil Day
Dress up in yellow! Gold coin koha
- Monday 24th August - Teacher-Only Day
School is closed to students
- Thursday 10th September - Duffy Role
Model Assembly 11:30am
- Friday 11th September - Environment
Whānau Day

Spotted at School

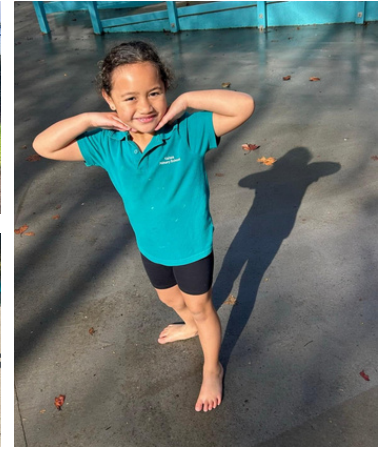


HIGHLIGHTS FROM...



Room 5

Room 5 has had an exciting term exploring the weather! From making shadow puppets to test the light, to learning how water evaporates into the sky, our junior **meteorologists** have loved experimenting and investigating.



Room 6

Room 6 is back in full swing with our class routines and learning! This term, our topic is all about **Weather**. So far, we have been exploring the sun—building our own sundials and discovering how and why shadows are formed. This week, we are diving into our next big topic: the water cycle. Outside the classroom, we have also been enjoying our sessions with Whaea Marie from Te Rarawa, who has been teaching us awesome new games. It's always a highlight of our week!



Room 20

A vibrant and busy new term is officially underway! Here is a look at what our class has been up to and what is ahead: **Ecosystems & Interconnectedness:** We are diving deep into science this term by exploring local and global ecosystems. Students are learning how living organisms depend on one another and their environments to survive, highlighting the delicate balance of nature. **Leadership in Action:** To build our leadership and communication skills, our students have teamed up with Room 8 in the Junior School for regular buddy reading sessions. It has been fantastic watching our learners step up as encouraging, patient, and supportive role models. Catch up with Room 20 on our next Whānau Day to check out the awesome nature collages we have been working on.



Stoneflies and caddisflies



Crustaceans

Term 3 in Room 21!

So good to see everyone back and raring to go. Welcome to Milania who has come to us from Hamilton AND we had 23 out of 24 rock up on the first day! Tino Pai!

This term our science topic is Eco systems.

So, of course, we decided to research

Benthic Macroinvertebrates!

These little critters determine the quality of our rivers, streams and lakes.

Stoneflies and caddisflies indicate our streams are clean and of high water quality.

Whereas Crustaceans, found in slow flowing soft bottom streams indicate low to medium quality.