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Newsletter

10th October 2025

A Word From Our Principal ...

Kia ora koutou, Dobri dan, Bonjour, Hallo, Hola, Zdravstvuyte, Nǐn hǎo, Salve, Konnichiwa, Namaste, Guten Tag, Olá, Anyoung haseyo, Asalaam alaikum, Greetings everyone,

A Settled Start and Focus on Attendance

We've had a lovely and settled start to the term. It's been wonderful to see all the students back and ready to learn.

A special thank you for ensuring your children were at school this first week—our attendance has been really good his week, please help us keep this momentum going!

Attending school every day is so important for your child's academic and social development. As you may know, increasing school attendance is a key government focus, with the aim for children to attend school at least 90% of the time. Currently, our school is below this target, and we need your support to increase our attendance rates. Every day counts!

Staff and Board Updates

We have a few significant updates regarding our staff and school governance:

Kelsey's Resignation: Kelsey Weber-Scown has been on maternity leave from her Assistant Principal role this year and has now resigned to be at home full-time. We sincerely thank Kelsey for her dedication and time at our school and wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

New Appointments: We are delighted to congratulate Shanae Clarke on being appointed as our new Assistant Principal / SENCo. We also warmly welcome Ange Sime to the leadership team as an additional Assistant Principal at our school.

New School Board

Congratulations to our newly appointed School Board: Matt Bell (Presiding Member), Guy Simm, Amanda Bates, Pam Brunton, Monique Hawker, Claire Brooks (Staff representative), and Tania Peters Hei Hei (Ngāti Rēhia representative). What a great team we have, and I look forward to working alongside them over the next three years. Thank you also to everyone who put their name forward for the school board election. Being on the board is a significant commitment, and we applaud your willingness to give back to our school community.

Safety Drills

Next week, on October 16th, we will be participating in the nationwide earthquake drill, 'Shake Out'. We will also be holding our termly fire drill in the coming weeks. These drills are essential for ensuring our students know how to respond safely in an emergency.

Swimming Lessons

Our school swimming lessons will start in Week 4. Your child's teacher will let you know which days your child will be swimming. Please ensure:

Togs and towels are clearly labelled.

Your child knows how to independently change in and out of their swimming togs.

Swimming is a part of our Physical Education programme, and so it is an expectation that all children participate on their designated swimming days.

Health Updates

As you will be aware, there are measles cases in the Kerikeri community. Please continue to be vigilant about the symptoms, and call Healthline if you have any concerns: 0800 611 116.

On another note, we currently have some cases of chickenpox in our school.

Please keep your child home if they are showing any of the above symptoms.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Meeting

We are holding a PTA meeting on Tuesday at 6pm at school. We would love to have some new members join! It is a great way to meet other parents and help support the school.

Enjoy your weekend, everyone! We look forward to another great week ahead.

Ngā mihi,

Dr Sarah Brown

Afternoon Tea with the Principal

The Plough and Feather host a weekly Afternoon Tea with the Principal at their restaurant.
Each week two children who consistently show amazing KORU kids values will join a member of the Senior Leadership Team to have afternoon tea.
Congratulations this week to: Bowie & Aperahama, Sorayah and Harlow

16th October
TW Whanui Hui
3.30pm - 4.30pm

16th October
Yr 6 Visit to KKHS
10.00-11.00am

23th October
NZEI Strike
(School closed for instruction)

Safety and Sun Hats

Thank you to everyone who has ensured their children had a school sunhat ready for the start of Term 4. If you haven't already done so, please ensure your child has a hat with them each day. If you need to purchase one, they are available from DD Gold.

Teacher Aide Positions

We have some Teacher Aide positions available (permanent and fixed term) in 2026 (full time).
If you are interested, please send your CV to: recruitment@kkps.school.nz along with the names and contact details of two referees.
Applications close at 9am on 22nd October.

Uniforms

New Uniforms
Address
59 Hobson Ave, Kerikeri
78 Commerce St, Kaitaia
PO Box 476 Kerikeri
Email : logo@ddgold.co.nz

Tel 09 4071527 Kerikeri

PTA Secondhand Uniforms
Text Only
02108506380
Include size and items required

Lunch Orders

The Sushi Gallery in Kerikeri, accepts order and kindly delivers them each Thursday for lunch. Please go to: https://sushigallerykerikeri.com/ and follow the online ordering system - please be sure to comment KKPS and your child's name and classroom.

A friendly reminder that you are now able to order lunches that will be delivered each day for lunch. Go to: https://tuckr.nz/ and choose Kerikeri Primary School, your order and the day you want it delivered. There are lots of yummy options available The image shows a small selection of the food available.

Keep in the loop with what's happening at Kerikeri Primary School

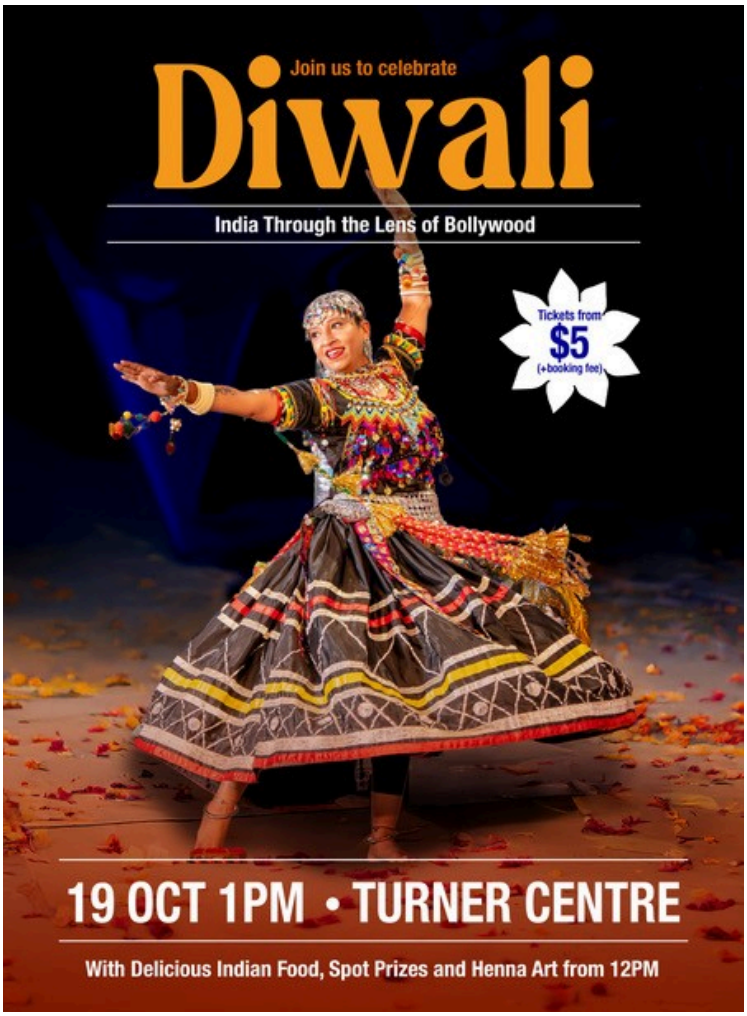
For all school purchases or permissions please use the Kindo App

If you child is unwell or away, please let us know via the HERO App

Music Lessons

Saturday music classes will be offered to children and parents/families next term.
The tutor is Murray Sargeant (Bmus) and will be teaching guitar and ukulele.
Prices are $30 Solo, $15 paired and $10 group.
Great for family bonding or just to have fun. Ages 7 +. All styles, theory covered for classical guitar lessons.
Contact Murray on 027 444 4006 or email murraysargeant26@gmail.com for enquiries/bookings etc

Check out the link!



PTA Seed Fundraiser

Help raise money for our PTA and beautify your garden at the same time.

Order on Kindo until **Wednesday 22nd October 2025.**

Seed Type	Price
Wildflower Bee Friendly Mix – 10 grams Wildflower seeds, the ultimate in colourful low maintenance gardening, providing essential nutrition for bees and other pollinating insects. Covers 10m².Hgt:20-60 cm	$9.50
Summer Salad Mix – 1000 Seeds Eat Healthy and save money with our Summer salad. Inside you will find Individual packs of Lettuce, Spring Onions and Radish to help bring your summer salads to life	$6.50
My First Flower Garden – 7 grams This easy-care wildflower seed mix is great for the first-time gardener, full of low maintenance easy care varieties. It's so easy! The perfect children's mix. Covers 7m²	$7.70
Watermelon & Cucumber Twin Pack – 20 Seeds of each Sugar Baby Watermelon: Reap the rewards in summer with a mouth-watering treat of sweet, bright red juicy flesh. Lebanese Cucumber An excellent, crisp, sweet tasting variety	$6.20
Micro Greens – 10 grams 'Micro Greens" is a term used for vegetables that are harvested at small seedling stage. They are a nutritious and tasty addition to salads. They can be grown any time of year, even inside during the winter.	$7.70
Sweet Pea – Summer Rainbow Mix – 20 seeds A colourful and fragrant mix of climbing sweet peas. Plant against a fence or trellis. Height up to 2 metres.	$6.40
Sunflowers – 20 seeds Sunflowers are a great way to add colour to your garden, and they're easy to grow and care for.	$5.50
Potful of Poppies – 7 grams A combination of different types of poppies that can be grown together to give an amazing colourful and easy to grow display. Three wildflower species have also been included to harmonise and blend. Height 40-80cm. Covers 7m²	$7.70

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Te Mahau

Te Manawa Tahi Community Timetable

"Aroha ki ngā tamariki"

MID & FAR NORTH

Term 4 2025

Do you have concerns about your child?

Te Manawa Tahi is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional well-being or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahi have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS TERM 4 2025, Weeks 1 to 10
Wed 8th Oct 9.30 - 11.30am	**Opononi Area School** State Highway 12, Ōmāpere, Hokianga.
Mon 13th Oct 2.30 – 4.30pm	**Waiharara School** 8 Katavich Road, Waiharara.
Wed 15th Oct 9.30am – 12noon	**Te Wae o te Wheke, Northland College (Gate 3)** Mangakahia Road, Kaikohe.
Wed 29th Oct 10.30am - 12noon	**Maromaku School** Maromaku School Road, Towai.
Wed 29th Oct 1.00 – 2.30pm	**Motatau School** 18 Henare Road, Motatau.
Tues 11th Nov 9.30 - 11.00am	**Te Pokapu Centre, Kawakawa** 7 Wynyard St, Kawakawa.
Fri 14th Nov 12noon – 2pm	**Ministry of Education, Kaitaia** 2/12 Commerce Street, Kaitaia.
Tues 18th Nov 2.30 – 4.30pm	**Broadwood Area School** 1041 Broadwood Road, Broadwood.
Wed 19th Nov 9.30 - 11.30am	**Ministry of Education, Kerikeri** 9 Hobson Ave, Kerikeri.

Protect your whakapapa

Get your MMR vaccination

Measles symptoms include

Red, blotchy rash | Fever | Sore, watery pink eyes | Cough | Runny nose

Contact your Local Healthcare Provider

The Doctors Kerikeri, **Kerikeri** / ph (09) 407 7777

Kerimed Doctors, **Kerikeri** / ph (09) 407 0025

Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, **Kaeo** / ph 0800 465 236

Whānau Ora Community Clinic, **Kaeo** / ph (09) 405 0541

Visit an Immunisation Clinic

Korowai Health and Wellbeing Clinic

59 Hall Rd, **Kerikeri** / ph 0800 000112

Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, Mobile Clinic **Kerikeri**

Waipapa Mitre 10 Wednesday – Thursday, 10am – 4pm

Plunket Mobile Clinic, Plunket Rooms, **Kerikeri**

109 Kerikeri Rd, Wednesday 9am - 3.30pm

Other Community Events:

Springbank Fireworks - 1st November

Springbank Market Day - 16th November

BOIIA Christmas Market - 5th December

Click on the links for more information.

Teacher: Mrs Bryant

ROOM 6

TERM 4 2025

KIA KAHA

LEGO MARBLE RUN

CARDBOARD MARBLE RUN