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# WELCOME TO OUR Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Kia ora parents and whanau

It has been another jam packed fortnight and the hot weather has made this both wonderful and hard work, all at the same time! The pool continues to get plenty of use, although we can't always predict when we will be using it. Please continue to send swimming togs to school each day as we can have all weather conditions in one day, which I'm assured is very typical of this area.

Toroa class welcomed Miss April Bonney at the beginning of last week. She has been observing both Mrs H's teaching and has been gradually taking over the teaching of groups and lessons to ensure a smooth transition for next week. April is a beginning teacher so will be in the classroom for 4 days and I will continue to teach the class one day a week. This is to allow April her beginning teacher release and she will use this time to set up her planning and classroom programmes. Again, I'd like to thank Stef Hole for teaching Toroa during Term 1, we were so fortunate to have her on the team and she ensured Toroa got off to a great start for 2025.

It was great to see so many parents at our breakfast on Wednesday. It combined as a community event and a farewell to Stef and a welcome to April and an opportunity to come into school and chat with other parents and staff. Thank you to our chef Sharyn Smith and Sarah Chann for purchasing the breakfast food!

Two Friday's ago our teaching staff attended the Kahui Ako (community of schools) professional development day on the refreshed curriculum for Mathematics and Statistics, along with all teachers in the Kaikoura area. Many of you may be aware that last year we had no curriculum at all as the one released in 2007 had effectively been replaced with Te Mataiaho - the refreshed curriculum. No sooner did we have our hands on that and begin our training, than it was replaced too at the beginning of 2024. We now still have Te Mataiaho but each curriculum area is undergoing further 'refreshment' and there is a rolling programme of release for these curriculum areas.

## The New Zealand Curriculum

Available for  
feedback and use

Required

| Learning areas                |              | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| English                       | (Years 0-6)  |      |      |      |      |
|                               | (Years 7-13) |      |      |      |      |
| Mathematics and statistics    | (Years 0-8)  |      |      |      |      |
|                               | (Years 9-13) |      |      |      |      |
| Science                       |              |      |      |      |      |
| Technology                    |              |      |      |      |      |
| Health and physical education |              |      |      |      |      |
| Learning languages            |              |      |      |      |      |
| The Arts                      |              |      |      |      |      |
| Social sciences               |              |      |      |      |      |

Currently we have been given English but only up to Year 6, and Mathematics and Statistics which has been released up to Year 8. Both these curriculum areas have a new structured approach to teaching and this is where the Structured Literacy and Structured Maths programmes are being used.

Teachers are working hard to upskill and plan for the new achievement phases.

Curriculum Level have been replaced by Phases.

Year 1 to 3 is now Phase 1 of the refreshed curriculum

Year 4 to 6 is now Phase 2

Year 7 to 8 is now Phase 3

I am in my third decade of teaching and had never experienced not having a curriculum before so, as teachers, we are just happy we have a curriculum to follow! We continue to teach from the 2007 curriculum for all other curriculum areas whilst we wait for them to be released.

I have recently completed some online professional development on neurodiversity. Recently Stuff quoted approximately 320 thousand children in New Zealand are neurodiverse, or one in 5 young people. That means we may have approximately 10 children in our school who perceive the world and feel differently from neurotypical people. Neurodiversity is a description of brain functions and abilities and can be described in simple terms as "brains that are wired differently and have a different way of processing information." ADHD, autism, dyspraxia and dyslexia all fall under the neurodivergence umbrella. Our diagnostics have become much more sophisticated in the last ten years and there are growing numbers of children being diagnosed because of these tools. Teachers also have a much better awareness of what impacts how people function and this information can help us teach children to better understand and accept one another. In recognition of neurodiverse learners, our first mufti day will be held on April 2nd. It is a hoodie/sweatshirt themed and will be a gold coin donation to be sent to Autism New Zealand in recognition of those we work alongside who hold this neurodiverse super power.

A reminder that our next school uniform indent is currently open for ordering winter uniform items. It is open through to Sunday March 23rd. All items ordered from the uniform shop will go onto the indent order list. The delivery date for indent items would be the first week in May. To order, go to [www.kaikourasuburban.school.nz](http://www.kaikourasuburban.school.nz) and click on the 'For Whanau' link. In the dropdown menu, click on uniform shop.

Nga mihi nui  
Kylee Habgood

[WWW.KAIKOURASUBURBAN.SCHOOL.NZ](http://WWW.KAIKOURASUBURBAN.SCHOOL.NZ)

# Attendance Matters

Please let the office know by 9:00am if your child will not be attending school. You can do this via HERO, Skool Loop App, email or phone.

If you or your child are running late, please check in with Annie before heading to class.

## School Bus Reminder

If your children is going to be collected from school rather than going on the bus, please call Annie before 12:30pm.



## What's Happening

Wed 2 Apr

Thur 3 Apr

Fri 4 Apr

Mon 7 Apr

Fri 11 Apr

Mon 28 Apr

Mon 2 Jun

Fri 20 Jun

Fri 7 Jul

Mon 14 Jul

Fri 19 Sept

Mon 6 Oct

Mon 27 Oct

Mon 3 Nov

Fri 12 Dec

Hoods Up, Volume Down

Non-uniform day, gold coin donation

Game On Day - Year 3 to 6

'Meet the Moa' - school visit

Hockey

Last Day of Term One

First Day of Term Two

King's Birthday Holiday

Matariki Public Holiday

Last Day of Term Two

First Day of Term Three

Last Day of Term Three

First Day of Term Four

Labour Day

Marlborough Anniversary Day

Last Day of Term Four

# Piwakawaka Class

Between the heat of Monday and the rain the Piwakawaka class have found time to enjoy the new sandpit toys.

Thank you to Home & School for donating these, the children have been loving them.



Who's having a birthday?

Happy Birthday to Jacob (27 Mar) and Isla (4 Apr).

We hope you all had an awesome day celebrating.

# Titi Class

Titi children have had another great week at school, although we were finding it hard to decide if we were hot or cold 😊. We have worked hard on our reading and writing this week and have been helping Miss Smith with the Structured Literacy course she is doing by sounding out and reading lots of nonsense words for her. On Wednesday, after our yummy bacon sandwiches, we met Mrs. Marsden, a new reliever. We enjoyed getting to know her and on Thursday, Pip and Debbie came and did netball with us. We are getting very good at chest passes and getting the ball down the court. Thank you Pip and Debbie for giving up your time for us.



# Toroa Class

For those of you who don't know me, my name is April Bonney, and I am the new beginning kaiako in the Toroa class.

It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of the Toroa class over the past two weeks! I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our wonderful ākonga and some of their whānau. The energy and enthusiasm in the class has been inspiring, and I'm grateful for the warm welcome I've received.

As we continue through the rest of the term, I aim to maintain most, if not all, of the routines already in place to ensure we keep the flow and structure that helps our classroom run smoothly. I look forward to what the rest of the term holds as we continue to learn and grow together!

Miss B will be in the classroom Monday to Thursday. As a first-year teacher, Miss B will spend Fridays out of the classroom.

Please pop in and say, "Hi," before or after school.



# KAPA HAKA

THE SCHOOL ENJOYED MONDAY'S SESSION IN THE SHADE UNDER THE CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE.



THE WORLD CAN BE  
**OVERWHELMING**  
WHEN IT WASN'T DESIGNED FOR YOU.

FOR SOMEONE WITH SENSORY PROCESSING  
DIFFERENCES, THE WORLD CAN BE:

| LOUD                                                                         | BRIGHT                                              | OVERSTIMULATING                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| STREET NOISE<br>SUDDEN SOUNDS<br>HEAVY PUMPS<br>VOICES<br>COMPUTERS WHIZZING | FLUORESCENT LIGHTS<br>FLASHING LIGHTS<br>NEON SIGNS | STRONG SMELLS<br>CROWDS<br>UNCOMFORTABLE CLOTHING<br>TEMPERATURE CHANGES |

Everyone experiences sensory sensitivity at times. But for many autistic people, sensory overwhelm can be a daily experience. It can make everyday activities like attending school, going to the supermarket, working in an office or going to a movie feel impossible.

Non-uniform day

Gold coin donation

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Nationwide quiet hour  
from 10:00am

Wear your hood in support of  
this great cause.

Take the time to view the world through my eyes, and you'll see a place that is both beautifully intricate and overwhelmingly chaotic.

Every sound, every flicker of light, every shifting pattern in the world around me is something I notice, something I feel. The hum of fluorescent lights isn't just background noise—it's a persistent, electric buzz that crawls under my skin. A simple conversation isn't just words—it's a puzzle of tone, expression, and unspoken rules that don't always make sense.

But in that intensity, there is also wonder. I see details others overlook—the way the wind ripples through a field of grass like a whispered secret, or the symmetry in a row of bricks that feels comforting in its order. The world is vivid, sharp, and sometimes too much, but it is also full of moments that bring joy in ways that are difficult to explain.

Viewing the world as an autistic person means experiencing life in a way that is both deeply challenging and profoundly beautiful. It's not about being broken or different—it's about seeing a world that most people don't even notice.

# KSS STUDENT VOICE

## **Farewell Mrs Hole and hello Miss Bonney**

It was great to see you all at our bacon buttie breakfast on Wednesday, we really appreciate it.

## **Netball skills with Pip and Debbie**

**Toroa and Titi started netball skills with Pip and Debbie on Thursday afternoons. Hapuku School joins us as well.**

## **New sandpit toys**

**There are new sandpit toys in the sandpit, thanks to the Home and School Committee. The Piwakawaka class children are spending many happy hours with them.**



## Kaikōura Suburban School 150th Jubilee

Kaikōura Suburban School is turning 150 in April 2026 and we invite expressions of interest to form a committee for organising the celebrations. If you are a past or present school community member who holds knowledge of the school and you're keen to help, please email Annie at [office@ks.school.nz](mailto:office@ks.school.nz) to register your interest. We will hold an initial meeting in April 2025. We look forward to hearing from you!



### School Policies & Procedures

All of our school policies are online. Every policy and procedure comes up for review every three years to ensure they stay current. You can view all of these by logging in with the below details.

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Login: [kaikourasub](#)

Password: [fyffeforce](#)



### Police Vetting

If you are intending on being a parent help at school events or camps, can you please come and collect a police vetting form from Annie.

All volunteers who work with and around our children require a police vet. This also includes coaching sports teams for our school.

If you have previously had a police vet done by Kaikōura Suburban School, **please be aware they only last three years** so you may require another one.

Please note: These can take up to 20 working days to be processed.

## Uniforms

Could you please ensure all uniform items are labelled.

Reminder: As from the end of term 4 2024, Crocs were no longer part of our school uniform.

## SCHOOL HATS

SCHOOL HATS ARE TO BE WORN IN TERM 1 AND TERM 4. CHILDREN WITHOUT HATS HAVE TO SPEND THEIR PLAYTIME ON THE VERANDAH.

# Community Notices

## Kaikoura Netball Centre

### IMPORTANT NOTICES:

Winter Netball 2025 Information: Do you have a team or wanting to be part of a team? now is the time to get in touch. All team entries must be emailed in by 21st of April. if you are looking for a team also feel free to reach out to us. Senior PreSeason starts on the 3rd of May with our Full Opening Day Starting on the 10th May. Every player from Year 1 through to Walkers must be registered here on [Click here](#) If you are doing this through your phone click on the 3 lines and find registration. The form is right there waiting for you. Great to see registrations coming in already, lets keep them coming. if you are an Umpire can you please also jump online to our sporty page and do the Umpire Registration Form. Thanks everyone. Please share this information or direct all players, umpires etc to our sporty site, the earlier we have the relevant information the easier it is for us to plan, email: [kaikouranetball@gmail.com](mailto:kaikouranetball@gmail.com)



**COME & TRY Netball**

**FUTURE FERNS YR 1-4 PROGRAMME**

KAIKOURA NETBALL

Developing ball skills through play  
Catching, passing, movement and teamwork!  
Modified games to suit the age  
For boys and girls  
Up to 10 weeks (weather dependent)  
\$25 per child (due 1st session)  
**Thursdays 3.15-4.15**  
**Starting 1st May 2025**

**Mastering the ABCs of netball!**

**NEW VENUE:**  
**Mainpower Takahanga courts**

[Click here to register](#)



St Paul's Kaikōura presents:

**Kidz Klub**

Free 3-4.30 Wednesdays Make Friends!

Anglican Hall, 29 Torquay St.

Free After-school programme

Our Service:

- \* Active games
- \* Arts and Crafts
- \* Life lessons / Character building
- \* Afternoon tea

[FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/KIDZKLUB](https://www.facebook.com/groups/kidzklub)

St Paul's Presbyterian Church Kaikōura



**CREATE YOUR RUGBY XPLOER PROFILE NOW!**

Create and register your **Rugby Xplorer Profile** for the 2025 season  
For more info, speak to your Rugby Club admin.

Kids keen on playing Rugby? Download the Rugby Xplorer app & get them registered for the upcoming season! Follow our Facebook page @kaikoura rugby football club for more information!

KAIKOURA RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



**Spaces available now**

0-6 yr olds | 8:30am - 4:00pm

**Kaikōura**

**20hrs no charge for 2+ year olds on your first 3 months\***

Barnardos Early Learning

\*Full Day, New entrants at Kaikōura only. Up to 5 hours per day. Max 20 hours 2 years & 50 hours 3 years. Full Tāwhiri.



**KAIKOURA AQUATIC CENTRE**  
Wā Kaukau

**Pay It Forward**

Show Your Team Some Love!

This March, local businesses have the chance to give back to their hardworking staff with our Pay It Forward initiative at the Kaikōura Aquatic Centre. Purchase concession cards for your team and say "thank you" for all their hard mahi this summer.

With cards for adults, children, and youth, your team can enjoy unlimited swims, aquafit classes, and family fun at the Aquatic Centre. It's a perfect way to invest in their well-being and show appreciation.

Contact us today to purchase your concession cards and let your team unwind!

[www.kaikouraaquaticcentre.nz](http://www.kaikouraaquaticcentre.nz)

1 Wā Kaukau Terrace 022 546 6206

# Community Notices

Pink balls still available  
Blue, Green and Purple balls have sold out.  
Purchase yours today from school

**KAIKŌURA AQUATIC CENTRE**  
Wā Kaikōura

**Raffle Fundraiser**  
**Make a Splash and Win Big!**

Raffle Tickets on sale NOW!!!  
Raffle will be drawn on Saturday 5 April 2025\*

**Awesome prizes**

- \$5 Ball (pink)
- \$10 Ball (blue)
- \$20 Ball (green)
- \$50 Ball (purple)

Pop up to the pool to purchase or contact us  
kaikouraaquaticcentre@gmail.com  
0225466206

Help Us Make the 2025/2026 Season Even Better!

\*Date may change due to weather or other circumstances

**Loopy Tunes**

**LOOPY TUNES ON TOUR**  
**KAIKŌURA**

**Workshop For Educators**

Join us for an evening workshop that dives into our bilingual Preschool music world. It will be very interactive and a lot of fun! A light supper will be served.  
\$40pp - Register on humanix:  
<https://events.humanix.com/it-on-tour-workshop-kaikoura>

Mon, 28 April  
6:30pm - 8pm  
The Upper Room,  
98 West End

**Concert For Kids\***

Join us for a kanihā in our 40-min interactive, engaging, and super fun bilingual concert for younger tamariki!  
\$15 for an adult and a child together  
\$8 (Extra adult or child)  
Grab your tickets on the link below:  
<https://events.humanix.com/it-on-tour-concert-kaikoura>

Tuesday, 29 April  
10:30am  
Kaikōura  
Memorial Hall

\*Concert is aimed towards preschoolers and younger primary age

**SPORT START**  
**SUPPORTED BY NBS**

Proudly supported by  
**NBS** Community  
We believe. We invest.

Sport Start is a grant that has been made available through Sport Tasman with the support of NBS. It is to support young people take part in sport and physical activity by providing assistance where financial hardship is a barrier to participation.

**THE CRITERIA FOR THE SPORTSTART GRANT**

- Financial hardship is a barrier to participation (Community Services Card Mandatory)
- Grants are for a maximum of up to \$30 - \$50 per application (see our website).
- Available for 5 - 18 year olds who reside in Buller, Kaikōura, Nelson, Marlborough or Tasman.
- Applicants are entitled to a maximum of two Sport Start applications per calendar year.

**PROCESS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE:**

- Sports clubs and schools must be registered as a provider with Sport Tasman (see our website).
- Applications are to be completed by both the applicants and the sports club/school.
- Providers will be notified of funding acceptance.

For more information contact our Sport Start Co-ordinator or visit our website.

[www.sporttasman.org.nz/Funding/Sportstart](http://www.sporttasman.org.nz/Funding/Sportstart)

03 546 7910

[admin@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:admin@sporttasman.org.nz)

**SPORT TASMAN**

## Welcome to a Night at the Races

A Community Sports Facility Fundraiser  
Hosted at The Caves  
Saturday 22nd March  
2025 from 430 pm.

Seats are \$30 per person including a beverage shared platter and donation to the facility.

Featuring - Best dressed Female and Male  
- Chocolate Wheel  
- Raffles  
- Auction and Racing.

There are 6 horses in each race which will be sold to the highest bidder. Usually, people form syndicates which makes for an entertaining auction. If you are an owner and your horse finishes 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> you're in the money!

This is a fun filled evening for a great cause. Some fantastic raffle prizes and auction items kindly donated by local operators and businesses. To book your spot Simply txt 0272442640, Email [teana@caveskaikoura.nz](mailto:teana@caveskaikoura.nz)