



ISSUE 6 | FRIDAY 2 MAY 2025

WELCOME TO OUR

Newsletter

Principal's Message

Kia ora parents and whanau

Welcome back to Term 2! It was fantastic to see all the students back on Monday, ready to start a new term of learning. Squeak was pleased to see things back to normal and celebrated our return by spending all day asleep in the staffroom.

The New Zealand curriculum has recently been refreshed to raise learning goals and expectations for all students. Our student management system HERO has now finished uploading the refreshed curriculum goals and teachers are now working on goal setting and coverage of goals within the new curriculum, for each of our students.

The refreshed curriculum has been improved and what children are expected to know and be able to do at each year level has increased. Because of this change, your child may not appear to be achieving at the same level as before – even though they are still learning and making progress. It's not that your child is doing worse; it's that the bar has been raised, and the new curriculum is more challenging.

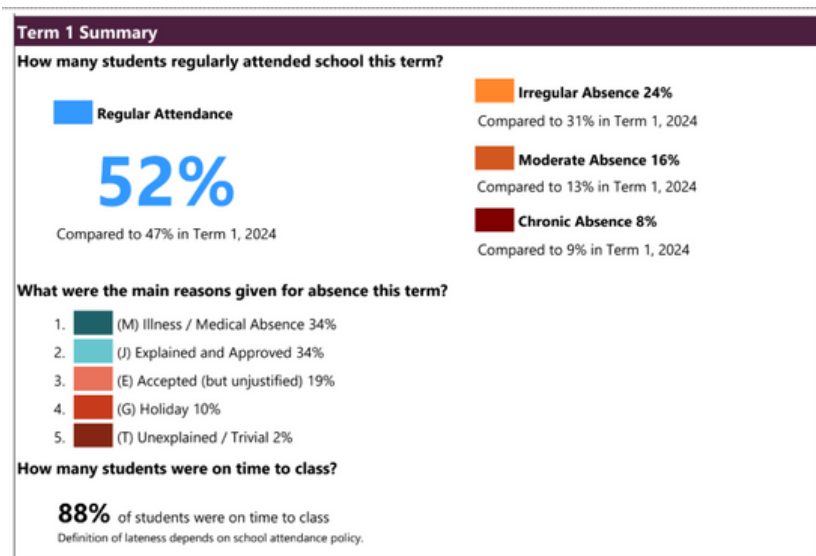
Teachers are still supporting each child's learning and helping them grow from where they are. This shift is about making sure all students are being challenged and prepared for the future. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, we encourage you to talk with their teacher. The teaching team have designed a draft timeline to work to so that refreshed goals, progress and written comments will be available at the end of Week 8, this term.

Over the holidays a group of students attended the ANZAC Dawn Service here in Kaikōura. Thank you to Frankie-Rose, Scarlett and Heidi who laid our wreath on behalf of our kura. Also in attendance were Hunter, Neko, Louis, Parker, Klara, Oscar, Alice, Maddie and Isla. Thank you to all parents who transported their children to the service.

Also, during the holidays we also appointed a new permanent teacher to one day per fortnight to cover classroom release time in the school. We are delighted that Leanne (Bub) Taylor will be rejoining us to work in Piwakawaka class to cover Mrs Hills when she is having her non contact time. Leanne was here last year filling the gap in Toroa class so is familiar with our school and she is looking forward to joining our team.

Early next week, we will have details of our school cross country coming home. We will be holding our school cross country up at Barry and Justine Schroder's farm on Wednesday 21st of May with a postponement date of Friday 23rd of May. We have asked the children to wear running shoes to school (or bring them to school for practising) for the next few weeks.

Everyday Matters have released our provisional attendance for Term 1, 2025. Our overall regular attendance for Term 1 is 52% is slightly higher compared to Term 1, 2024. The Ministry of Education goal is to have 80% of children regularly attending school 90% of the time.



Regular attendance is vital for your child's success and this shows that every day counts; so please reach out if there is anything we can help with.

We recently surveyed the Toroa class about coming to school. This was part of a Kahui Ako initiative and the survey involved all Kaikōura students anonymously, from Year 4 upwards. Our school results showed the following: that children enjoy school, like coming to see their friends, they wanted more school trips and they liked lunchtimes! However, more concerning, was the overwhelming issue of being tired at school and struggling to sleep at night or being woken in the mornings. Please make sure your children are getting enough sleep to be ready for learning.

Last term, we ran a nominations process for electing a new Board member and the following message is from Sarah, our Board chair.

I hope you all managed to catch some sunshine over the holidays as it's certainly a rainy start to Term 2! You may have noticed that we recently ran a by-election for the Board – unfortunately we didn't get any nominations. So this is me getting on my knees and imploring you – we need you! Our school board is made up of our Principal – Kylee, a staff rep (the wonderful Miss Smith) and 5 community members. At the moment we only have 4 community members – we would love to have someone join us now as we also have the triennial elections in September when I will be stepping down from the board. If you have any interest in joining the board or even simply want to know what we do, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or to any of the other Board members (Mitch Fearnley, Kaca Fee, Lydia Boyd) for a conversation. We will be running another by-election soon – please step forward and join us!

It has been a wet, cold week, fingers crossed for some sunshine this weekend!

Nga mihi nui
 Kylee Habgood



Please note:

We no longer accept cash for Lucky Book Club. Please order online via loop from issue 4. Thank you.

Important Dates

Mon 5 May	Home & School Meeting - 3pm Staffroom
Fri 9 May	Toroa Assembly
Mon 12 May	Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting 5 - 7pm
Fri 16 May	Game On Years 3 - 6 (TBC)
Mon 19 May	Teachers Only Day - School CLOSED
Tue 20 May	Board Meeting - 6pm Whare Ako
Wed 21 May	KSS Cross Country
Fri 23 May	Pink Ribbon Breakfast - from 8:30am
Fri 23 May	Titi Assembly
Fri 23 May	Postponement Date - KSS Cross Country
Mon 2 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Fri 20 June	Matariki Public Holiday
Fri 27 June	Non-Uniform Day Ronald McDonald - PJ day
Fri 27 June	Last Day - Term 2
Mon 14 July	First Day - Term 3
Fri 19 Sept	Last Day - Term 3
Mon 6 Oct	First Day - Term 4
Mon 27 Oct	Labour Day
Mon 3 Nov	Marlborough Anniversary Day
Fri 12 Dec	Last Day - Term 4



School Bus Reminder

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

Update from Squeak: The Protest is Over!



Hello again, humans—Squeak here!

Big news: I've officially ended my "Protest for One." Why? Because this new bed is purr-fect—especially with the polar blast we're having!

I've decided it's the warmest, snuggliest spot in the whole house. Honestly, I may never leave it again. Check out the photo of me living my best life, all wrapped up and cozy.

Sometimes, even a strong-willed feline knows when to surrender to softness.

Stay warm, everyone!

ANZAC DAY 2025 – LEST WE FORGET



A heartfelt thank you to all the students and whānau who joined us in commemorating ANZAC Day 2025.

Your presence helped us honour the courage, sacrifice, and service of the brave men and women—past and present—who have served our country.

Together, we stood in remembrance and gratitude, ensuring their legacy lives on in our hearts and minds.



Titi Class

Titi children were absolutely chuffed to be back at school and have jumped back into their learning full of smiles and enthusiasm, which was a delight to see. The best thing though, was that we had two days with everyone at school 😊. We are aiming for five days in a row 🙌 and will be celebrating when that happens. We are working hard on building up our knowledge of Te Reo and will be starting on our pepehas soon.

Toroa Class

Kia ora all, welcome back to a brand new term! It's always great to see the smiles and energy return to school!

A quick reminder: I've seen a high number of incomplete homework tasks recently. Homework is compulsory and includes spelling, reading, and maths. It is designed to take just 10 minutes after school each day, and helps keep learning ticking along nicely. Your support at home makes a big difference!

Finally, we'd love to invite all Year 6 parents to next week's Toroa assembly, where our students will be delivering their leadership speeches—a proud moment not to be missed!

Student Voice

Football club

Frankie-rose and Saskia have started a football club at play times. At the first play they do a warm up practice then at the second break they play a game.



Popular games in the playground...

The Piwakawaka class children have been enjoying the new sandpit toys. My personal favourite is the shovels.

P.E with Kaca

Every Tuesday afternoon this term, we are doing PE with Kaca.

We do stuff like running and games.



What's Happening



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 to register your interest. We will hold an initial meeting in April 2025. We look forward to hearing from you!



Healthy Heater

Healthy Heater is back for Term 2 & Term 3.

Bring your tamariki's kai in a heat proof dish or tinfoil with their name on it.

Place it on the table outside the Kea Class and it will be warm and ready for them to eat at lunchtime.

Great way to use up leftovers from the night before.



KAIKŌURA WHALE RUN

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2024
@KAIKŌURA SUBURBAN SCHOOL



5K | 12K | 21K

Run or walk + Kids Marafun

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR
ANNUAL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER!



Who's having a birthday?

Happy Birthday to Neko (12th) Miss B (15th), and Mrs H (17th)

We hope you have an awesome day celebrating.

Don't forget to wish them all a Happy Birthday!

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.



Board By-Election

Have Your Say in Education!

Nominations are now open for one Community Representative on the School Board! This is your chance to be part of key decisions shaping the future of our school and students. Make a difference—step up or nominate someone today!

For more details, contact Abby, Returning Officer

Nominations open:
Now

Nominations close:
Mon 26 May 25
at 12:00pm



What's Happening

Annie and Abby
need your help!

**I'VE
GOT
YOUR
BACK**

Mā te Kotahitanga e whai kaha ai tātou.
In unity we find strength.



Invest in essential school staff: An open letter to the New Zealand Government

Alongside teachers and principals, support staff and kairāhi i te reo play a critical role supporting the education of your tamariki here at our kura.

You may know them as your child's teacher aide or learning assistant, friendly face at the school reception, kairāhi i te reo, therapist, school librarian or science technician.

But, because of the way schools are funded, these essential workers have poor job security, and their work goes undervalued.

Support staff and kairāhi i te reo are negotiating their working terms and conditions with Government and are asking for improvements - like fair pay, job security and professional learning and development - that reflect their essential contribution to teaching and learning.

Be part of the solution!

By signing this open letter you are showing support for better investment in a quality public education system, and in support staff and kairāhi i te reo as essential staff.

Add your signature to the open letter at your school gate or scan this QR code, and help us reach our target of 20,000 signatures by 16 May.



**You'll find a paper copy in
front of the Kea Class.**

Please sign by Fri 16 May

PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST



**FRIDAY 23 MAY 2025
FROM 8:30AM**

SHARED KAI, A CHAT AND IF
YOU CAN A DONATION WOULD
BE VERY MUCH
APPRECIATED.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE VIA A QR CODE

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://kaikourasub.schooldocs.co.nz/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Login: kaikourasub
Password: fyffeforce

Policies for review in Term 2

- Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters and Crises
- Communication During an Emergency
- Emergency Closure
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management
- Crisis Management

Uniform

Uniform can be ordered through our school website at any time.

To order, go to www.kaikourasuburban.school.nz and click on the 'For Whanau' link. In the dropdown menu, click on uniform shop. After you pay online, you will be notified when items are available.



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.

WWW.KAIKOURASUBURBAN.SCHOOL.NZ

Community Notices

Jackie goes Prima Diva
"How to be a Sparkling Diva" Masterclass

Back by Popular Demand

CABARET and BUBBLES

Come and join us for a sparkling evening with Jackie Clarke on stage.

Bubbles, Tickets and Cheese platter packages available or why not join a "Sparkling Diva" Masterclass before the show

Book now:
www.esseswine.com/pages/events

The Mayfair ESSES

KAIKOURA DUB CLUB SESSION ONE
 roots reggae dub

BLACK BONE HIFI
 HAND BUILT SOUND SYSTEM

MYSTICAL ROOTS FIRE

SATURDAY 10TH MAY
 GROPER GARAGE
 FROM 7.30 TO LATE FREE ENTRY

MAYFAIR MOVIES & EVENTS							
MAY	THURS 01	FRI 02	SAT 03	SUN 04	MON 05	TUES 06	WED 07
THUNDERBOLTS (NEW) PG 127MIN	1.45PM 7.00PM	1.45PM 7.00PM	2.20PM 7.30PM	12.00PM 5.15PM		4.00PM	
A MINECRAFT MOVIE PG 101MIN	4.30PM	4.30PM	12.00PM 5.10PM	2.50PM 5.45PM			
TINA (POPULAR) M 129MIN			1.00PM				
THE AMATEUR (NEW) M 127MIN	6.45PM	6.45PM	6.45PM	3.10PM		7.15PM	
THE PENGUIN LESSONS M 111MIN	4.00PM	4.00PM	4.00PM	12.30PM			
JACKIE GOES PRIMA DIVA LIVE EVENT 120MINS						7.00PM	
LIVE EVENT: JACKIE GOES PRIMA DIVA, TUES 6 TH MAY 7PM							

2025 KAIKOURA A&P SHOW SURVEY

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU...

GO TO -
WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/CJ9HJM8

RESPONSES WILL BE USED IN THE PLANNING OF THE 2026 SHOW

Come Line Dancing

When: Tuesdays 10am - 11am
 Where: Memorial Hall
 Cost: \$5.00 inc a Cuppa & Cake

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO JUST LISTEN TO THE MUSIC OR MAKE A GENTLE START TO LINE DANCING

A specially designed journal created by me to guide tweens through an exciting journey of self-growth.

Each week we explore and work through the journal together!

Your tween will:

- Develop organisational skills to plan the week ahead
- Build resilience to face challenges with confidence
- Set and track meaningful goals for success

OPTION 2

Thriving tween & teen

EMPOWERMENT 10-WEEK WORKSHOP

A fun and transformational program designed to help empower tweens to:

- Build confidence
- Develop resilience
- Strengthen their belief in themselves
- Grow self-compassion
- Embrace their authentic selves
- Become their own superhero!

Each week covers a new empowering topic, with fun activities that teach important life skills.

OPTION 3

INDIVIDUAL COACHING SESSIONS

Personalised coaching to support your child through adolescence or any challenges they may be facing.

Together, we will:

- Focus on any specific challenges they are experiencing
- Provide extra support through the ups and downs of adolescence
- Teach crucial life skills for resilience & confidence
- Build their inner strength and self-belief

Search Thriving Tween & Teen on



Community Notices

Life after Stroke

KAIKOURA
A workshop for anyone affected by stroke

Connect with others in your community affected by stroke to learn about life after stroke, including how to reduce the risk of secondary stroke and how to manage the impact stroke has on you and the ones you love.



Friday 23rd May 2025, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Venue: Kaikoura Memorial Hall (Supper Room)
32 Esplanade, Kaikoura 7300

To register:
Email: kirstie.hamilton@stroke.org.nz or scan the QR code

Polar Plunge - Sunday 15 June 2025

Gooches Beach 12:00pm - Registration
12:30pm - Start

\$10.00 per person Up to 10 minutes in the water only



POlar PLUNGE

KAIKOURA AQUATIC CENTRE
W3 Kaikou

ACE Aotearoa presents

Utilising AI Tools for Education and Productivity Workshop

Discover how AI can transform your teaching and boost productivity! Join our 2-hour face-to-face workshop, *Utilising AI Tools for Education and Productivity*, and explore cutting-edge tools like ChatGPT. Learn practical strategies to enhance learning, streamline tasks, and engage students like never before. Don't miss this opportunity to future-proof your teaching practices—register now!

Venue: Te Hā o Mātauranga Learning in Kaikoura, 14 Ludstone Road, Kaikoura

Date: 20 May 2025 **Time:** 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Register now: <https://ahemur.ai/02a3h>

Please bring: a laptop, tablet, or similar device to actively explore and start using AI tools during the workshop.

What you will learn:

- Gain an understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its relevance in education and productivity
- Explore a range of AI tools, including ChatGPT, to enhance teaching and administrative efficiency
- Develop practical skills for integrating AI into educational and organisational settings.

Who should attend?
This workshop is for staff, educators, tutors, kaitiaki, and volunteers in adult and community education.
This is a fully funded workshop.

Facilitator: Tai Samari
Tai is an educator passionate about integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into education. As an active user of AI tools like ChatGPT, Tai helps educators enhance productivity, personalise learning, and streamline teaching. Known for practical, hands-on workshops, Tai empowers professionals to confidently embrace AI and unlock new possibilities in adult and community education.

Join us for this workshop to gain valuable insights and practical strategies for leveraging AI tools, including ChatGPT, to enhance teaching, streamline productivity, and create more engaging and effective learning experiences.



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READ EVERY DAY! READ MORE IN MAY!

2025

May is the month for readers. Bring your family together and join us in the Scholastic NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH Challenge.

Register between 1 April and 30 April to WIN ONE OF 50 SIGNED COPIES of Mr Luke's new book, launching in June!

Take the 31-Day challenge: scholastic.com.au/nfrm



St Paul's Kaikoura 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://facebook.com/groups/kidzklub)



KAIKOURA COMMUNITY INVITES YOU TO

CANCER AWARENESS BIKE OR WALK

On SUNDAY 25TH MAY @9.30AM

We all know someone affected by this disease, so please JOIN IN. Choose your challenge: 40km or 23km BIKE OR 10km or 6km WALK

\$5.00 per person, all paces welcome, wear something pink & meet at St Josephs School Carpark by 9.15 for a 9.30AM departure!

UPDATE INFO BELOW

NEW CATEGORY KIDS 10KM BIKE WITH SHADOW ADULT

Meet at South Bay Intersection by Picnic Tables
FOR A 10AM DEPARTURE \$10 A FAMILY

All proceeds will be donated to our **LOCAL CANCER SOCIETY**

Finish @ BEACH HOUSE CAFE for great coffee and kail

If you're unable to bike or hike but want to donate & be part of this community fundraiser come along wear something pink & meet us at the BeachHouse Café about 11AM onwards or contact Chris Boyd re making a direct donation 0272210869



Community Notices

the recycled
TRASH FASHION
Show 2025

Friday 13th &
Saturday 14th June

Entry forms available August 2024
at the Library & Innovative Waste

Tickets available from
Middlehurst Station Store &
Mayfair Theatre.
Monday 19th May 2025

Supreme prize \$2,500,
1st runner up \$1,500,
and 2nd runner up
\$1,000
Each of the 8 categories
have \$350 for prizes.

2025 Categories

1. Kids Art: Book character - to be named
2. Teens: 2050 ... I dream of ...
3. Novice: Magic of the night (Night Sky)
4. Colour: Paint the town RED
5. Evening: Putting on the Ritz
6. Top Half: Heading in the right direction
7. Adventure: On the farm, natural fibres
8. Open: Comedic Couture "Good for a laugh!"

For further more detailed information go to www.trashfashionkaikoura.co.nz

Presented by
The Lions Club of Seaward Kaikoura Inc in association
with Innovative Waste Kaikoura

Poster Image - Andrew Spencer Design - Helen Parkinson

THE LIONS CLUB OF SEAWARD KAIKOURA
in association with
INNOVATIVE WASTE KAIKOURA
Marking 25 years since the first show in 1999!

recycled
TRASH FASHION
Friday 13 June & Saturday 14 June 2025

CATEGORIES

- 1 Kids' Art Book Character Up to 12 years
1A Contestant's Own Work (may be advised by adults but all work must be done by one or more students)
1B School Project (adult help allowed)
- 2 Teens' Art 2050 I dream of...
For ages 13-19 years
- 3 Novice The Magic of the Night (Night Sky)
Previous 1st and 2nd prize winners not eligible
- 4 Colour: Paint the town RED
To be made of 90% red items
- 5 Evening: Putting on the Ritz
- 6 Top Half: Heading in the right direction
- 7 Adventure: On the farm, natural fibres
- 8 Open: Comedic Couture "Good for a Laugh"

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT: Kaikoura Library
www.trashfashionkaikoura.co.nz
Closing Date for Entries Monday 19 May 2025

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda DeVine 021923276
Toni Batey 0274382678

ENTRY FORMS AT THE OFFICE

SEE THE Costumes Upclose \$2pp entry Display Sunday 15 June 2025

KAIKŌURA BRICK EVENT 6-10 JULY

The schools theme is "on the farm". We'd prefer all of your own creations if possible.

Entry is free and must be brought in the Kaikōura Memorial Hall either a Sunday 6th (afternoon, time to be arranged) or a Monday 7th July 10am onwards.

The public vote which is best and there's a great Lego box to win.

Open to all preschools and primary schools Culverden-Seddon.

If you want more info, contact
Toni Batey 0274382678.

**HERE'S OUR WINNING
ENTER FROM 2023!**

