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WELCOME TO OUR Newsletter

Principal's Message

Kia ora parents and whanau

Thank you to everyone who supplied an hour (or more) of their time for gate duty at the recent A and P Show. We received a donation of \$800 which makes a difference to our small school budget.

Our swimming Splashtacular was held last Friday and while the weather wasn't hot it was a great afternoon. Results are on the Kea Class window. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children and to the Home and School Committee for donating ice blocks for the children to enjoy afterwards. The Home and School Committee hold fundraising events throughout the year with the proceeds directed towards benefitting the children here at Suburban. They have recently replaced the swimming pool noodles and kickboards for our use this swimming season and were behind the successful change of our smart new school uniforms. We are grateful for their continued contributions.

Today we have our Community of Learning (CoL) teacher only day with all teachers in the Kaikōura area. This day has a focus on the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics curriculum which is now being used in all New Zealand classrooms. This is being run by an outside provider and will be useful for our planning and teaching.

Next week we welcome April Bonney into Toroa Class. April will begin by having a two week handover to learn all the new routines and expectations that have been established from both teachers known as Mrs H. Please come in and meet April if you are doing a school drop off or pick up as she is keen to meet parents and whanau. On Wednesday the 19th, one Mrs H will be departing. Stefanie Hole has been with us since the beginning of the term, teaching 3 days a week in Toroa. It has been such a pleasure to find someone with such a like minded approach to teaching and learning and Stef has been quite simply, amazing. We have been extraordinarily lucky to have Stef working in our teaching team and getting Toroa off to such a smooth start to the year.

Recently all teaching staff completed their online Bus Controller professional learning. The school bus is one of the safest ways to travel, but there are risks to keep in mind.

Here's how to help our children stay safe.

Avoiding harm when crossing the road

The most frequent time children have been hurt is crossing the road after getting off the bus, especially in the afternoon. This has happened on rural and urban roads.

Slow down!

- Always slow down to 20km/h when passing a stationary school bus. This is the law.
- Be alert for children walking or running onto the road.
- This low speed gives you time to react and it reduces harm.

Reduce the need for kids to cross

- Wait on the same side of the road as the bus stop when picking up or dropping off children.
- Park your car further away and walk to the bus stop to meet them.

If they have to cross the road

Come across yourself first so you can cross back with them.

If they need to cross alone, teach them these steps:

- After getting off, wait as far away from the edge of the road as you can.
- Wait until the bus has gone.
- Choose a place to cross where you can see clearly up and down the road.
- Apply the correct road rules to cross safely.

What else to teach your children

Waiting for the bus

- Wait at the designated bus stop area, not elsewhere.
- Keep well away from the road edge.
- Avoid playing games where you might end up running onto the road.

Getting on the bus

- Form a single line, with younger children first.
- Make sure the bus has stopped before you try to get on.
- Don't push. Be patient.
- Carry your backpack or school bag to avoid getting caught in the door.

Riding on the bus

- Quickly choose a seat and sit down.
- Put your bag on your lap or under your seat.
- Use seatbelts when provided.
- Stay in your seat until the bus has stopped.
- Follow what the bus driver or bus warden tells you to do.
- If you have to stand, put your bag on the floor and hold onto a seat back or handrail.

Getting off the bus

- Get off the bus carefully, without pushing.
- Stand well clear of the bus if it is turning or reversing.

Snow on the ranges overlooking the school reminds us that winter is fast approaching and this means the start of winter sport. Pip and Debbie have started some weekly netball lessons with Toroa and Tītī classes and our friends from Hapuku School. If your child is interested in playing netball, expressions of interest for netball are now open for both boys and girls.

Future Ferns – Year 1 – 4

Fast Ferns – Year 5 – 6

Ideally we have had two coaches for these teams to ensure at least one coach can always be available on a Saturday. Please email me by Tuesday 3pm at principal@ks.school.nz if your children are interested in playing or you would like to help coach a team.

The Board is progressing with their refurbished toilet block project and are looking for local builders who may be interested in tendering for the building work. If you have questions or are interested in tendering for this project, please contact Mitch Fearnley on mitch@mcfdesign.co.nz or 027 223 7016.

Nga mihi nui
Kylee

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.

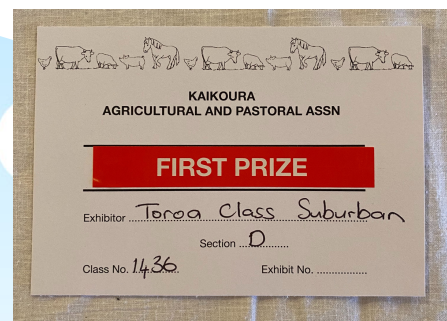


What's Happening

Mon 10 Mar	April Bonney starts in Toroa
Fri 14 Mar	Kapa Haka
Mon 17 Mar	Toroa Assembly
Tue 18 Mar	Kapa Haka
Wed 19 Mar	Board Meeting
Wed 2 Apr	Mrs Hole finishes in Toroa Class
	Non-Uniform Day - Autism
	Awareness Wear a hoodie/sweatshirt
Thur 3 Apr	Game On Day - Year 3 to 6
Fri 11 Apr	Last Day of Term One
Mon 28 Apr	First Day of Term Two
Mon 2 Jun	King's Birthday Holiday
Fri 20 Jun	Matariki Public Holiday
Fri 7 Jul	Last Day of Term Two
Mon 14 Jul	First Day of Term Three
Fri 19 Sept	Last Day of Term Three
Mon 6 Oct	First Day of Term Four
Mon 27 Oct	Labour Day
Mon 3 Nov	Marlborough Anniversary Day
Fri 12 Dec	Last Day of Term Four

Toroa Class

Over the past couple of weeks, students in Toroa have created some fabulous artwork for the A&P show, to fit with this year's theme, 'past, present and future'. We were thrilled to win first prize for our school-themed egg carton sculpture, and especially loved our chocolate prizes! We've been very busy in mathematics with Number of the Day, 10-a-Day (mental maths) and our Numicon lessons. Both Mrs H's and Whaea Abby have been very impressed with the work that many of our students have been putting into learning their times tables. Ka pai! We have our reading rotations in full-swing now and in writing, we have been focusing on the structure of our recount writing and learning how to use paragraphs to group our ideas.



Titi Class

This week Titi children have really enjoyed getting back to the basics of reading, writing and maths. We are loving working with numicon in maths and reading all the new reading books. We have also been learning our colours and numbers in Te Reo (we have a short video on Hero). Here we are drawing our giraffe pictures - they are going to look stunning. We are also learning one of Bruno Mar's songs "Count On Me" - we love it 😊



Who's having a birthday?

Happy Birthday to Luka Huges, Samuel Fee and Scarlett Smith. We hope you all had an awesome day celebrating.



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!



Annie's Spot

Annie's Office Hours

Mon to Thur

8:30am to 12:45pm

Friday

8:30am to 12:30pm

*Please contact Annie
during these hours on
033195064*

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.

Headlice

Please remember to check your child's
hair regularly. If you do find a little
critter or two, we have nit-enz Organic
Shampoo available here.
Bring your own container.

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, let's 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



The Cocksy CLASSIC CHARITY FISHING COMPETITION

SAT 15th MARCH, 2025
D'URVILLE ISLAND

Grab your gear, rally the crew, & let's make waves for charity on Marlborough's stunning waters!

ALL PROCEEDS TO:  **Adults entry: \$85** (Incl: entry fee, t-shirt, dinner & charity donation.)
Kids entry: \$40 (Incl: entry fee, t-shirt, and dinner (kids 14 yrs & under))

- Rod, spear fishing or diving
- Great prizes & raffles

For more info & entry forms online: cocksyclassic.co.nz

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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://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!





Spaces available now

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

Kaikōura

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



*Full Day, 5 days a week, 8:30am - 4:00pm. Up to 5 hours per day. Max 20 hours 2 years & 50 hours 3 years. Full Terms online.



KAIKŌURA 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

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