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LAST ISSUE FOR 2025

Pānui

Principal's Message

Kia ora parents and whanau

Throughout 2025, change has been a constant companion for us—new faces, new routines, new learning, and new possibilities coupled with two new curriculums.

Over the past twelve months we have navigated not only staff changes, but also the excitement—and occasional challenges—of two building projects. Our school is literally transforming before our eyes. We are also waiting on a decision about our fencing replacement, which we hope will give our students a safer and more secure environment to learn and play in.

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank our Board - both past and present. Their steady leadership and their willingness to adapt, guide, and support change has made a significant difference this year. They have supported me, supported our staff, and most importantly, supported our tamariki. We are incredibly fortunate to have a Board so committed to the future of our kura.

To our parents, caregivers, and wider whānau—thank you for your trust, your patience during periods of disruption, and your belief in our school. Whether you were helping in classrooms, attending events, responding to messages or simply sending your children to school ready to learn, you have played an important role in this year of growth. Rural schools thrive when community stands beside them, and we are very lucky to have that here.

To our Year 6 students—your journey with us is now at an end. As you move on to high school, we hope you take with you confidence, friendships, resilience and the memories you've made here. You have been leaders in our school and role models for our younger tamariki. Change may feel big now, but it is also exciting. You will always be part of Suburban's history.

To our staff—you have navigated shifting classrooms, construction fences, timetable adjustments, curriculum uncertainty and the everyday joys and challenges of teaching our young people with professionalism and heart. Thank you for embracing the change and holding steady for our students.

And finally, we say farewell to Abby who is leaving us to pursue new opportunities and adventures. Change works both ways: it brings new people in, and sometimes it gently nudges others outward toward their next challenge. Abby leaves behind a legacy of dedication, skill, warmth and professionalism. We are excited for her big overseas trip in April and look forward to seeing all the photos. While we will miss her, we hope this is not goodbye forever—but hopefully a "see you again" sometime next year.

Change has not slowed us—it has strengthened us. Thank you all for your support in 2025. I am looking forward to continuing this journey with you in 2026.

Ngā mihi nui
Kylee Habgood

Prizegiving 2025

A Night of Aroha, Celebration and Pride

Whānau, friends, tamariki, ākonga, board members and staff all gathered under the arch last night for our 2025 Prizegiving. There may have been a chill in the air, but the warmth and aroha in our hearts more than made up for it.

Kylee opened the evening with her brilliant summary of the year that has been. 2025 in all its colour, challenge, growth and joy. And of course, she finished with a cheeky nod to “catching the big one”.

Sarah and her friend AI created a poem for her board address, and it was truly something special. Many of us agreed it was the best board speech we’d ever heard.

The entire evening flowed beautifully. Our students moved with confidence and purpose, getting on and off the stage with the coordination and timing of a Broadway show. Between presentations, Christmas songs filled the hall, sung proudly by each class. Their voices were full of heart, and every performance was met with a quiet, joyful hum from the audience joining in.

The Year 6 leavers delivered outstanding speeches. Looking so grown up in their special korowai, they stood tall, speech in one hand, microphone in the other. Sharing memories of their time at Suburban and their excitement for the next chapter at high school. From what we saw last night, they are ready. They will do so well, and they will carry the pride of Suburban with them wherever they go. They were each gifted a pounamu and photo.

A particularly touching moment was Kylee’s farewell to Abby. Her thoughtful speech the gorgeous bouquet, the cards and the incredible Zipline voucher (I can’t wait to use it - weeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!) made for a heartfelt goodbye.

To complete the ceremony, our Year 6 leavers took their speeches outside and buried them beneath a tree they planted, surrounded closely by their whānau and friends. It was a symbolic and emotional moment, marking both an ending and a beginning.

The atmosphere, the energy and the wairua of last night’s ceremony truly captured who we are as a kura. We are extremely lucky to foster such a special spirit here at Suburban.

Combined Athletics

FORCE Values Award

Netball Cup

Academic Award

Sports Award

Effort Award

Prizegiving 2025

Ashton

Ben

Lucy

Jax

Saskia

Jax

Isla

Brax

Eli

PIWAKAWAKA CLASS

The Piwakawaka class had a fantastic time at the Kowhai River on Tuesday. Dam building was the main activity and then children were able to swim up the river like eels!! The sun shone and ice blocks came at the right time to cool off.

Titi Class

We could not have wished for a better way to finish our year together. Thank you so much to all of our wonderful family members who made it happen for us. I hope your Christmas and summer are as special as your amazing children.

Toroa Class

What a fabulous end of the year Toroa has had! We had an awesome day yesterday as the fire engine arrived with their hose and waterslide. We all pushed through the cold weather to get sprayed. Safe to say, I got absolutely soaked. I want to thank all of the people who have supported our class throughout the year, you have helped the many trips that we have taken a breeze! I wish all the best for your Christmas and New Year.

LAST WEEK, LAST TERM

Reporter: Ashton
Repoter: Maverick

Student Voice

Last Day for 2025!

Sadly Ashton Ross is leaving Kaikoura Suburban School for Kaikoura High School, and I, Maverick Lintott, will take over in his absence.

Mt Fyffe walk cancelled!
It was cancelled because of the bad weather as it was rainy and it would've been unsuitable for hiking to the summit.

Long ball

Long ball is a popular game in the playground.

What's Happening

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 26 January - School office opens at 8:30am
Thursday 29th January - Teacher Only Day
Friday 30th January - Teacher Only Day
School opens for instruction - Monday 2nd February

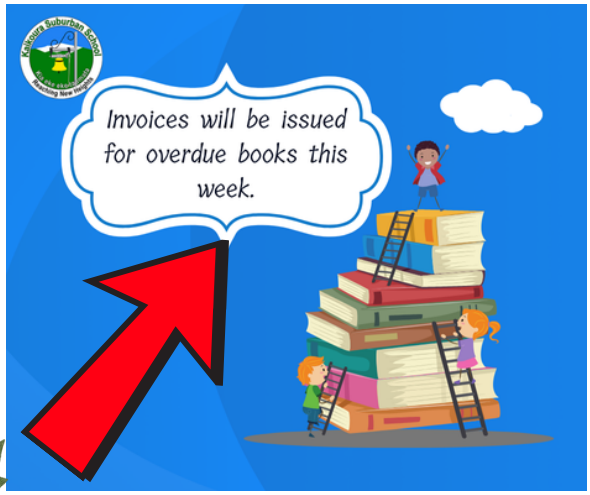
Term 1
Monday 2 February - Thursday 2 of April
Term 2
Monday 20th April to Friday 3 July
Term 3
Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4
Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

150th Jubilee — Sat 18 April 26

Do you remember the old classrooms, the windy days under Mt Fyffe, or climbing trees that are now long gone? Maybe you recall lining up outside class, or watching your own children follow in your footsteps. From worn-out school shoes to favourite teachers, shared lunches to school productions. Everyone has a Suburban memory tucked away somewhere. Now's the time to dust them off and share them with us.

- ✓ Join our Jubilee Planning Committee
- ✓ Send us your photos and memories
- ✓ Register your interest in attending

Email us today: office@ks.school.nz



A Farewell from Whaea Abby

As many of you will already know, today is my final day in my role as Teacher Aide at Kaikōura Suburban School.

This has been an incredibly special place to work, and leaving is by no means an easy decision. It has truly been a privilege to be part of this kura, supporting our wonderful ākonga and working alongside such dedicated and passionate staff. I firmly believe that every student deserves to have a great experience at school. Each journey will look different, but every one of them should be filled with support, belonging, and opportunities to shine.

To the staff: thank you for your guidance, your encouragement, and the countless moments of laughter and collaboration.
To our ākonga: thank you for letting me share in your learning journeys. You have filled my days with curiosity, energy, and joy.
And to our wider community: thank you for welcoming me so warmly.

Kaikōura Suburban School will always hold a very special place in my heart. It has been an absolute pleasure to work here, and I leave with deep gratitude and many treasured memories.

Who's having a birthday?

Happy Birthday to Kade 15th, Brax & Jax 23rd, Hunter M 29th and Oscar 31st Dec. Mikayla 29th Jan. We hope you have an awesome day celebrating.

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.

Community Notices

The Kaikoura Seaward Lions present the

KAIKOURA KRAFTY KIDS
CHRISTMAS
MARKET

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER
MEMORIAL HALL, KAIKOURA

Contact Alison Taylor on 021 318 759
for more information

KAIKŌURA
Christmas
Festival

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER
3PM - 7PM
MEMORIAL HALL GROUNDS

- Live Music
- Market Stalls & Food
- Children's Entertainment & Facepainting
- Christmas Photo Booth
- Santa & Elves with goodies
- Spot prizes for Christmas themed dress up

KAIKŌURA DISTRICT COUNCIL
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IWK KAIKOURA

CHRISTMAS
GROTTO

WHEN:
Open 10am-3pm on the following days

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December
Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st December

WHERE:
The Green Tin Shed at IWK
(Use Scarborough Street entrance)

Entry is free

LADIES
NIGHT

The Mayfair
Te Whare Toi ō Kaikōura

loveactually

18 DEC
2025

7:15 PM
The Mayfair
80 Esplanade

Grab your gals for a night out at The Mayfair to watch a holiday classic. Ticket packages with bubbles & mini cheeseboards available now online or in person. Pre-bookings encouraged.

KAIKOURA
DUB CLUB

VOL 3
BLACKBONE HIFI
BASSLINE B, HALF CUT KIWI
MYSTICAL HIFI

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER GROPER GARAGE 6PM TILL LATE
ROOTS ,REGGAE, DUB, STEPPERS

BRIGHT Studio

The Mayfair
Te Whare Toi ō Kaikōura

Kids Holiday Program
MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER

PAW PATROL CHRISTMAS MOVIE + PAW PATROL HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP
9am-12pm. Ages 5-9.
$30 - includes Paw Patrol Christmas Movie + Popcorn + drink + Paw Patrol Christmas themed art workshop with take home crafts.
20 places available - bookings essential.

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS MOVIE + GRINCH THEMED ART WORKSHOP
12:30 - 3:30PM. Ages 10+
$30 - includes How The Grinch Stole Christmas Movie + Popcorn + drink + Grinch Christmas themed art workshop with take home crafts.
20 places available - bookings essential.

Book at The Mayfair
or Email: info@the mayfair.org.nz

KAIKOURA GOLF CLUB

CHRISTMAS CHEER TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, 21st DECEMBER 2025

more mobility

3 DIVISIONS
2 MENS & 1 LADIES
$25 PER PERSON

REGISTRATION AT 10.30am,
TEE OFF 11.00am

TELEPHONE OR EMAIL
KAIKOURA GOLF CLUB
info@kaikouragolf.co.nz Ph 3195628

NO, NO HOLE IN ONE!

IWK KAIKOURA

IWK Opening Hours

FRIDAY 5TH DEC - 2PM CLOSE
WEDNESDAY 24TH DEC - 12PM CLOSE
THURSDAY 25TH DEC & 1 JAN - CLOSED
THURSDAY 26TH DEC & 2ND JAN - 10AM – 3PM
ALL OTHER DATES NORMAL OPENING HOURS

KERBSIDE RECYCLING & RUBBISH

CHANGE TO TOWN KERBSIDE COLLECTION ONLY

- RUBBISH WILL BE UNDERTAKEN ON THE WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2025
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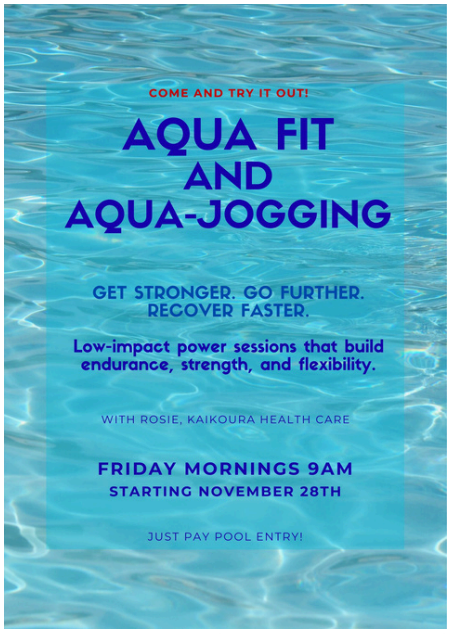
- RECYCLING WILL BE UNDERTAKEN ON WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2025

WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Community Notices



TOP OF THE SOUTH SAFEZONE Magazine
ka tango i tetahi kainga ki te whakatipu tamaiti

The publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and we thank Safekids Aotearoa.

Our shared vision is that every child in the Top of the South region and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury.

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