



ISSUE 2 / FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2026

WELCOME TO OUR

Pānui

Principal's Message

Kia ora parents and whānau

This week we had Harold and the Life Education trailer visit us. Harold was delighted to see all our learners again and he, along with facilitator Graeme, took two lessons for each class based on Resilience, which is one of our Fyffe FORCE values. It was great to see Harold back in our kura, and we thank Life Education Marlborough for their continued support.

The Sri Chimnoy peace runners visited us on Wednesday, bringing a gentle and heartfelt message of peace. We enjoyed their presentation, songs and games as well as a trot around our field, all taking turns to hold the peace torch. They left us to run up Mt Fyffe on Wednesday afternoon and then were running to Blenheim on Thursday!

We had our first Board meeting on Tuesday night, and we elected our new Presiding Member. I'd like to publicly welcome Bronnie Smith to the role of presiding member. Bronnie will be a valuable asset to our Board as the leader and I look forward to working with her. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Sarah Chann for all her work as presiding member over the last *** years. Sarah is a walking book of knowledge and knows the constitution of the School Boards Association back to front. She has been a wonderful support to me as a beginning principal and I will miss working with her. Sarah will continue in her role as a co-opted member for the next few months in a handover role for Bronnie.

Thank you for all the offers of support for our fundraiser - managing the gates for the Kaikōura A and P Show. Annie has a few slots left to fill. Please help out if you can. We have a meeting for all our gate volunteers on Monday, the 23rd of February at 3 pm in the Toroa class. Laura will be taking us through what is required. This will involve downloading an app to use on the day so please bring your charged cellphones.

Our 150th Jubilee is in April. We have been busy working on arrangements for this.

Thursday 2nd April - School Celebrations

1pm - Welcome

1:15pm - Kapa Haka performance

1:30pm - Children's work display and presentation - The History of Suburban

2pm - Cake cutting, tree planting

2:30 pm Games

Saturday 18th April - Public celebration: 1:30pm - 4:30pm at Kaikōura Suburban School

Registration \$10 (incl afternoon tea)

School open 1:30pm - 4:30pm

1:30 - Welcome

1:45pm - Display of children's work and decade photographs taken

2:45pm - Cake cutting, tree planting, ring the bell

3pm - Afternoon Tea

4:30 pm - Donegal House
Saturday 18th April 2026 - Jubilee Dinner,
Donegal House - 6 pm
Buffet: \$45 per adult, \$25 per child age 5-12yrs.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/zsu1GqqudQQTyH7B7>

If you have any difficulty registering, please contact Annie in the school office on 319 5064 or by email: office@ks.school.nz



The Ministry of Education has mandated that all schools have a stepped attendance management plan in place at the start of the year. Their target for attendance is for 80% of students attending 90% of the time. Below is how we are tracking so far this term.

Weekly Attendance Tracker - Week 1

Whole School	Piwakawaka	Titi	Toroa
92.60%	85.00%	91.18%	97.16%



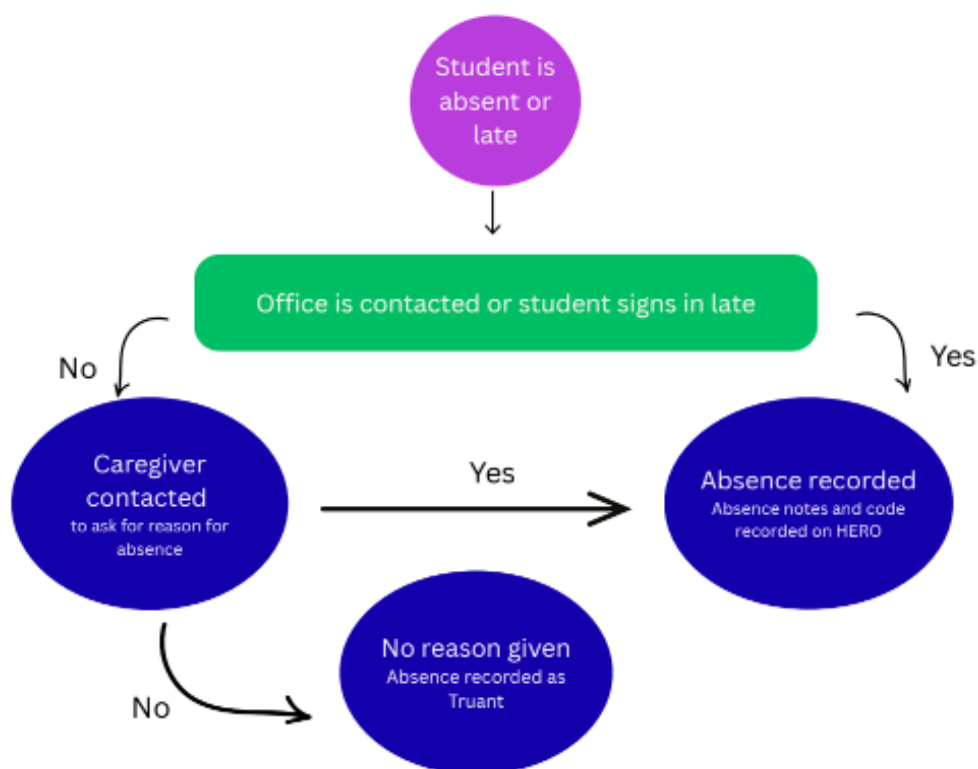
Weekly Attendance Tracker - Week 2

Whole School	Piwakawaka	Titi	Toroa
91.02%	91.00%	88.82%	92.73%

The Ministry of Education requires us to have a stepped Attendance Management Plan to help us meet this target. Please see our stepped management plan for whānau below.



Kaikōura Suburban School Attendance Procedure - For Whānau



More than 5 days absent in a term - 80-90% Worrying Attendance - Possible Actions

- Contacted by office for reason of absence.
- Caregivers contacted by class teacher to discuss absences and next steps.
- Referral made within school to the Principal for monitoring.

More than 10 days absent in a term - 70-80% Concerning Attendance - Possible Actions

- Contacted by the Principal to discuss referrals, positive behaviour plan etc
- Student added to Attendance Register and monitored weekly.
- Positive behaviour plan created in collaboration with whānau.
- Referral to Health Nurse, Te Whare Putea, Mana Ake.

More than 15 days absent in a term - <70% Very Concerning Attendance - Possible Actions

- Whānau meet with Principal to create an individual attendance plan.
- Referral to Truancy Services.
- Referral to external services such as Mana Ake, Health School, Te Whare Putea
- Continued monitoring of attendance by the Principal.

Kaikōura Suburban School aims to have 80% of students attending at least 90% of the time. All justified and unjustified codes count towards days absent. It is important to record reasons for absence to help develop plans and support. Early identification and support are vital to help address absences and ensure students are regularly attending school.





Our process will be:

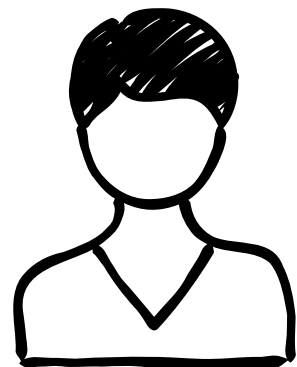
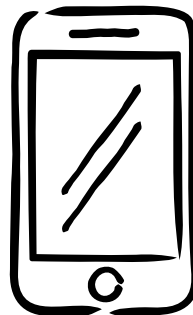
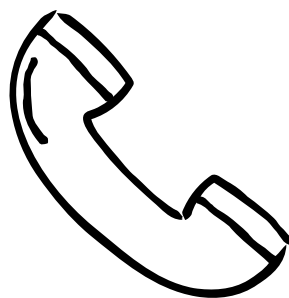
- Parents report absences via HERO, SkoolLoop, telephone, text, or in person.
- Teachers login to HERO by 9:00 am and again at 1:40 pm to fill in attendance data. Relievers collect a class list from the Office Administrator, and this is returned to the office ASAP.
- Late students report to the office on arrival.
- The Office Administrator contacts the parents of unknown absentees and reports to the Principal daily.
- Attendance is uploaded daily to the Ministry of Education. As a staff, we look at attendance at weekly staff meetings.
- When attendance drops to 91% (more than 4 half days per term), whanau are contacted by the class teacher to make them aware and explain the next step.
- When attendance drops below 85% (more than 10 half days per term the Principal contacts whanau to organise a formal meeting.
- If there is no improvement and attendance slips below 70%, then the Principal contacts whanau to discuss and then will make a referral to Truancy Services.

Please get your children to school as much as possible. Of course, all cases are unique, and we do understand life happens. We aim to work with and support our whānau to improve attendance across the school for all of our students.

Positive Behaviour System

Congratulations to our Fyffe FORCE value Subway winners from last week. Our focus value for the first fortnight of this term was F for Friendship. Congratulations to our winners: Brooke from Piwakawaka, Neko from Titi and Trent from Toroa. For the current fortnight our focus value is O for Organisation.

Ngā mihi nui
Kylee Habgood



Week 4

Monday 23rd February - Kapa Haka - 12:10 pm, A and P Show Volunteers Meeting - 3 pm, Toroa

Friday 27th February - Titi Assembly - 9am, Outdoors, A and P Show Sand Saucers - 9:30 am

Week 5

Monday 2nd March - Kapa Haka 12:10 pm

Wednesday 4th March - Kaikōura District Swim Sports (Year 4-6)

Friday 11th March - Newsletter

Term 1 - Monday 2 February - Thursday 2 April

Public Holidays: Friday 6th February - Waitangi Day, Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

Term 2 - Monday 20th April to Friday 3 July

Public Holidays: Monday 27th April - ANZAC Day holiday, Monday 1st June - King's Birthday

Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

Public Holidays: Monday 26 October - Labour Day, Monday 2nd November - Marlborough Anniversary Day



A&P Show sand saucers - Next Friday after assembly the students will gather under the archgola to decorate their sandsaucers for the show. Please send a saucer sized hard plate to school with any flowers they can use. We have a few spare saucers, and the op shop has plenty too. There will be spare flowers if yours are in short supply. Parents are welcome to stay and watch the creations evolve.



PIWAKAWAKA CLASS

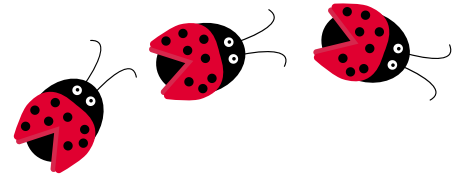
In the Piwakawaka class we have welcomed some new students who are all set to dive into their learning journey at Suburban School. We have been learning how to use the maths and literacy games, and where everything is kept in the classroom. The students also had 2 visits with Harold the giraffe and Graeme this week, and he taught us how to be resilient and bounce back when things don't go as expected.

We have completed our art pieces for the A&P show which will be displayed in the pavilion and are definitely worth taking a look at. The students are also decorating rocks and pinecones in class, and will decorate sandsaucers with flowers next Friday with the whole school.

Toroa Class

We have had a very busy week in Toroa class!

From Harold's visit to creating beautiful watercolour artwork for the A&P Show, there has been plenty happening. Harold taught us some helpful strategies for "keeping our cool" when things feel frustrating. Box breathing was definitely a class favourite! The students also loved hearing Harold's jokes – they had certainly missed him. Next week we'll be diving into all sorts of creative projects as we continue preparing for the A&P Show. A reminder that our sand saucer creations with flowers will be happening next Friday - we are looking forward to it!



Titi Class

What a wonderful week we have had in Titi class. The highlight of course has been our visit from Harold. He really is so special and makes everyone smile. Harold and Graeme were teaching us about feather and rock feelings and what we can do to make our rock feelings feel lighter or go away. We can do our slow breathing, we can count to ten or we can talk to a friend or an adult. Harold and Graeme definitely gave us feather feelings.



Enviroschool Update

This week we harvested the potatoes and those who wanted to, took some home to cook up. The pumpkins are growing flat out so rustle up any recipes with pumpkin as an ingredient! We have been snacking on strawberries and blueberries as they ripen but have to get in quick with this weather as the strawberries go mouldy very quickly.



Celebrating Week 2 & 3 - Photo Collage



The Peace Run



What's Happening

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/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Login: kaikourasub
Password: fyffeforce

Policies for review in Term 4

- Bullying and Harassment - Board
- Behaviour Management - Board
- Searches, Surrender and Retention of Property
- Minimising Physical Restraint - Board
- Stand-down, Suspension and Exclusion
- Staff Wellbeing and Safety



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.

Policies for review in Term 1

- Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances Policy (board)
- Sun Protection (board)
- Digital Technology and Online Safety (board)
- Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices

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.

Who's having a birthday?

Happy Birthday to Alex, whose Birthday is on Tuesday, 24 February.

We hope you have an awesome day celebrating.

Community Notices



Gentle Ripples & Neuro Waves

Quiet pool time for neurodiverse tamariki with sensory sensitivities, and for whānau with water-timid young tamariki (3yr and under) A calm, inclusive space where every child can move at their own pace, build confidence, and enjoy regular, gentle time in the water. An adult must be in the pool and within arm's reach of tamariki at all times. Please help keep noise levels low during this session so everyone can enjoy the peaceful environment.

🕒 Tuesdays & Thursdays • 9.30–10.30am

👉 Gold coin entry for adults

★ Generously supported by The Encounter Foundation, who are subsidising the cost to make this happen for our smallest and most sensitive members of the Kaikōura community.

Starts
Tuesday 9th
December



For more information talk to Abby at the Aquatic Center or contact Marz on the Kaikōura Plunket facebook page

Swimming Classes For Babies

SATURDAYS
10:30am

POP ALONG

desireeegg@plunket.co.nz

022 102 6397

30 minute session
6 mths to 2 year old



ADULT SWIMMING

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From blowing bubbles to fine-tuning your technique I've got you covered.

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POP ALONG ON A
MONDAY AT 5:00PM

CONTACT INFO

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STARTING NOVEMBER 28TH



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Wellness Walk

30-45 MINS

ENTHUSIASM DEPENDANT

With Rosie and Jayne
from Kaikōura
Healthcare

FRIDAYS

STARTING 19TH FEB
1 PM MEET OUTSIDE
MEMORIAL HALL

All ages, prams,
wheelchairs and
fitness levels are
welcome



WELL-BEING
CONNECTION
TAKE NOTICE
MOVEMENT

Come walk your way to better health—
physically, mentally and emotionally.
Let's take steps together toward a
healthier, happier you!

Turn up on the day
Cancellations will be advised on
KK HEALTHCARE FB
02702825523 or 02256202196 for
more info

Community News



FREE EVENT
Suitable for ages 14yrs+
KAI PROVIDED



She is not your rehab

"Wow just wow, this was probably the best presentation I have ever seen and boy did I cry!"

9 March | Memorial Hall
Time: 6:30pm | 32 Esplanade, Kaikōura

Community Talk with Matt Brown

Join us for an inspiring kōrero on healing, healthy masculinity, and community-led change toward a safer, more empathetic future.

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