



ISSUE 6 | FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2026

WELCOME TO OUR

Pānui

Principal's Message

Kia ora parents and whānau

Thank you to everyone for collecting your children so quickly on Monday. It was definitely a different way to start a new term. It is a good time to remind all parents to please update your emergency contacts and details with Annie so she can update HERO. On an occasion like Monday, it is very important that we have up to date contact information.

We were delighted to see so many people at our 150th Jubilee on Saturday. We had over 100 people here celebrating at the school and then at Donegal House in the evening. It was lovely to meet generations of families who have attended the school, some families had four generations present! It was also interesting to hear memories of past students and the stories that have been kept alive.

We would like to thank the following people for their work and donations towards the success of our Jubilee.

Annie - for leading the team and doing a fabulous job of organising the jubilee.

Jubilee Pohutukawa Trees - Lloyd and Helen

Jubilee Cupcakes - Lauren Fearnley

Afternoon Tea - Denise Guthrie

Jubilee Cake - Corrina and team at the Beach House

Home & School for supporting the Jubilee with a Raffle, Fridge Magnets, and a discounted price for Jubilee pavers.

Mal and Aaron Skinner for the loan of their gazebos and for helping us erect and dismantle them.

Naming photos - Thanks to Theresa Boyd, Aileen Kerr, Diane Russell, Dawn Allan and Lacey Wards who provided their local knowledge for unknown names and dates.

Donegal House - Jubilee Dinner

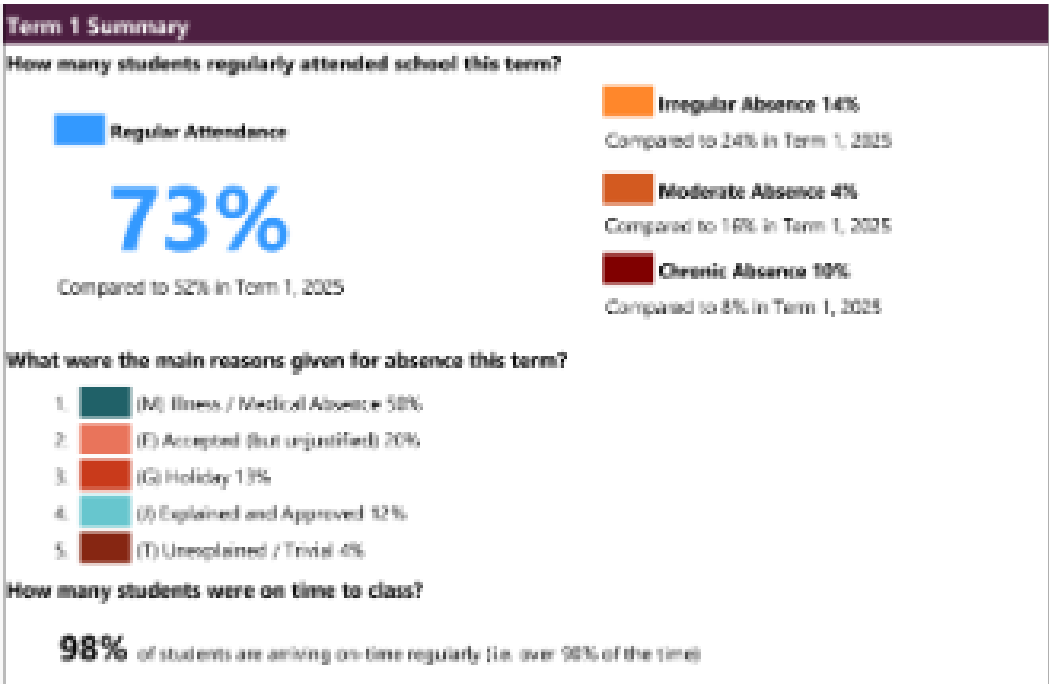
Chris and Andrea from Survus Consultants, who surveyed the time capsule location, donating their time and a substantial contribution towards the cost of the plaque.



We are delighted to welcome two new staff members to our teaching team. Calais Caldwell started on Monday with Titi class as a learning assistant. Calais has younger siblings who attended Suburban not very long ago, so already had a connection. We also welcome Kelly Addis to our team. Kelly is working the equivalent of one day per week across two days and will be providing extra literacy support. Kelly has been working as a Resource Teacher of Literacy until recently so she brings much expertise to her role. Welcome ladies!

We also have new students to welcome. LJ, Tamatea and Luca have all recently turned 5 and joined Piwakawaka Class. Late last term, Noah joined Piwakawaka from Australia late last term and Sharquinn joined Toroa Class. Welcome to all of our new students.

Our Everyday Matters attendance data has been released for Term 1 and we had regular attendance of 73%. This is a big improvement from last term (43%) and from Term 1, 2025 (52%). Well done to all parents and carers for ensuring the children are attending school regularly.



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

Weekly Attendance Tracker - Week 9- Term 1			
Whole School	Piwakawaka	Titi	Toroa
96.17%	100%	98.53%	92.05%

Congratulations to the Piwakawaka class for 100% attendance! And to Titi and Toroa for cross the 90% threshold

Weekly Attendance Tracker - Week 1 - Term 2			
Whole School	Piwakawaka	Titi	Toroa
94.93%	92.59%	94.12%	97.27%
Congratulations to all classes for having more than 90% attendance in our first week back at school for Term 2!			

There were 8 students in Term 1 who had 100% attendance. Congratulations Brooke, Emily, Kaia, Ned, Lottie, Emma, Charlotte and Alice! Morning tea with Mrs H is booked in for Week 3.

This week we had our first Whale Run committee meeting. All parents can expect to be asked to contribute in some way, so please let me know if you have a preference of task. It may be helping on the day at Race HQ, marshalling out on the course, providing help for the set up during the week before or having a job that can be done well in advance. This is important for those of you who would like to enter! Our next meeting is on Wednesday May the 20th at 3:30pm in the Whare Ako.

We also have our local ANZAC Day celebration on Saturday 25th of April at the memorial monument at 6 am. Every year we have a group of students who join me to represent our kura and to lay a wreath on behalf of our school. If you are coming along and are bringing your children, please get them to wear their school uniform. I will be meeting the children across the street from the war memorial at 6:15 am ready for the service to start at 6:30 am.

Ngā mihi nui
Kylee Habgood

Date for your Diary

Term 2

Saturday 25th April - ANZAC Day Service, 6:15 am

Week 2

Monday 27th - ANZAC Day - School closed

Friday 1 May - Toroa Assembly, 9 am, Whare Ako

Week 3

Thursday 7 May - Home and School Meeting, 7 pm, Staffroom

Friday 8 May - Newsletter

Week 4

Friday 15 May - Pink Shirt Non Uniform Day

Week 5

Tuesday 20 May - Board Meeting, 6 pm, Whare Ako

Wednesday 21 May - School Cross Country, Schroders Farm, 1 pm

Wednesday 21 May - Whale Run Committee Meeting, Whare Ako, 3:30 pm

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

Afternoon Buses

Can you please ring, text, or email the office by 12:00 pm any day your child/ren are not travelling on the afternoon bus. This saves a lot of confusion at 3:00 pm.

Office Admin

Piwakawaka

Everyone is feeling refreshed and ready to go in the Pīwakawaka class! It's shaping up to be an exciting term, with plenty of hands-on science experiments to spark curiosity, encourage critical thinking, and get students asking great questions. Some of these questions might even lead us to do a bit of research using Google! Be sure to keep an eye on the wall just inside the classroom door to see the experiments we've already explored. There's lots of learning to celebrate and more to come.

We're also gearing up for cross country, so get ready for some fitness training as we build our stamina and resilience.

Poppins



Titi

What a wonderful first week we have had back at school. Everyone has been full of the joys of life despite the rain and have settled beautifully back into their learning. Mrs. O'Connor, our trainee teacher, has been doing lots of science with the class and also teaching about time. We have also started training for our cross country run on May 20th. Calais Caldwell, our new teacher aide, started with us on Monday, and it is fantastic having an extra pair of hands in the classroom. In our phonics we have been learning about open and closed syllables, which makes reading and writing an easier process. Titi class is definitely an exciting place to be.



Toroa

Toroa have had a fantastic first week back in Term 2, with everyone settling in well and ready for a big term of learning. We have begun exploring our science topic by looking at the different states of matter, learning that water (H_2O) is the only substance on Earth that naturally exists in all three states: solid, liquid, and gas! There is so much more for us to experiment with, so watch this space! We are also busy preparing to host assembly next Friday, so be sure to come along and see what we have been working on.



ENVIRO SCHOOL

The plant identification plaques look amazing. Thanks to everyone who helped get this project completed. Be sure to wander around the tree plantings and learn about our native trees.



School Docs

School Policies and 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 details below.

<https://kaikourasub.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Community username

kaikourasub

Community password

fyffeforce

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

Uniforms 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 the 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 policy vetting form from the school office.

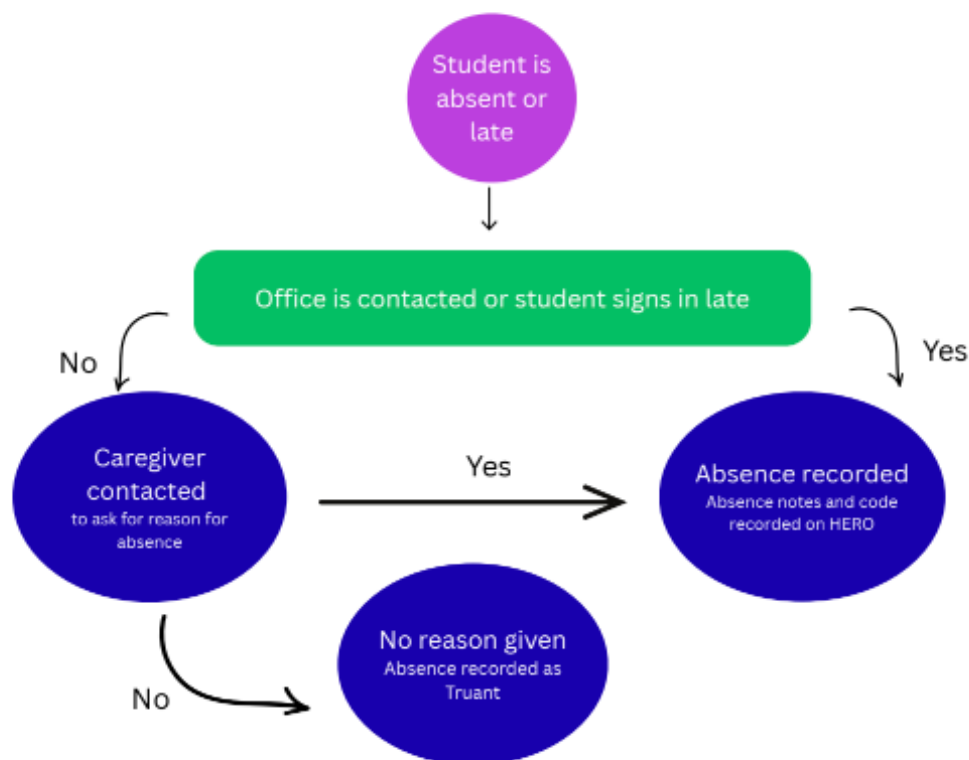
All volunteers who work with and around our children require a police vet. This also includes coaching sports teams for our school.

If you have previously had a police vet done by Kaikōura Suburban School, please be aware that they only last for three years, so you may require another one. If you are not sure, please ask Annie.

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.



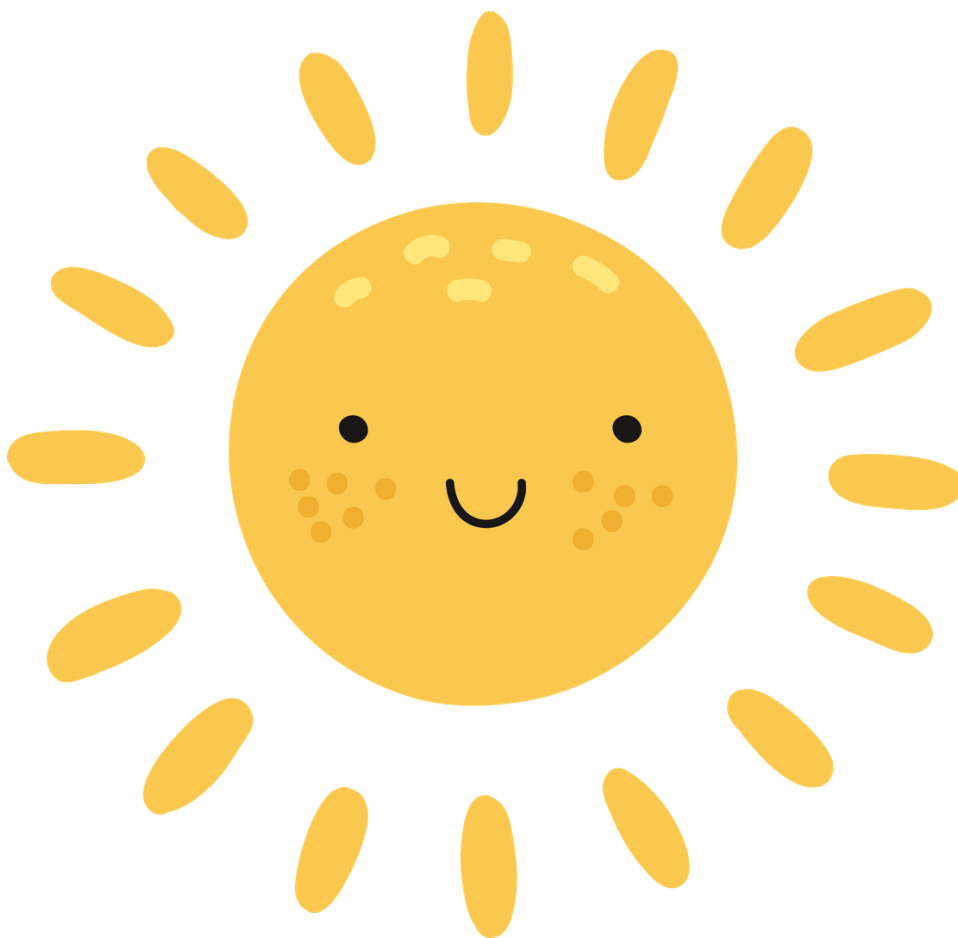
Sylvie’s Brand New Sister



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Whose Celebrating A Birthday?

Happy Birthday to everyone having a Birthday.
Sylvie 26th Charlotte H 26th, Karona 28th and Trent 30th.
Have a wonderful day!



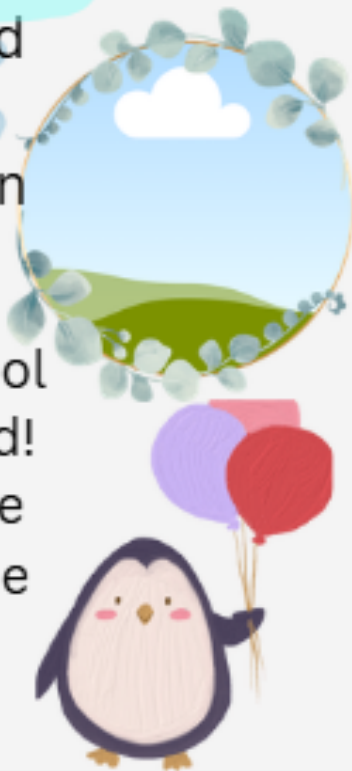
Term 2, 2026 Newsletter

Enviroschools News: Look for new wooden markers in front of trees that provide information about them. These signs typically include the tree's common and scientific names, along with interesting facts about their habitat, uses, or history. This initiative educates the community and fosters appreciation for local plant life. Next time you walk by, take a moment to read the signs and develop a greater admiration for often-overlooked trees.

Winter is here!
Brrr! I'm excited
because my
birthday is soon
:0



Suburban school
is 150 years old!
over 50 people
attended at the
jubilee.



ECOZIP
ADVENTURES \ NZ

POT COLLECTION

Does your shed look like this?!

Does Granny or Pop have a stash they've been "saving just in case" since 1993...

→ **We can HELP!**

What we are after:

- Pots (small to medium), with carry trays even better!
- Seedling trays & cell trays
- Root trainers / propagation trays
- **Sturdy, reusable planting pots**

(If it looks like these, that's exactly what we're after!)

Drop off Location:

Ecozip
Visitors Center
West End

No Thank you: ✗

- Ceramic or decorative pots
- Broken or brittle plastics

Turn your clutter into Native Forests!

LIFE EDUCATION Learning with Harold. **moreFM 92.9** **mtf finance** **Blenheim Rotary**

THE FIVE BUCK A DUCK DERBY

PROCEEDS TO LIFE EDUCATION MARLBOROUGH

Sunday 3rd May | Pollard Park

Experience the thrill of the quackiest race in town!

📍 Five Buck A Duck Derby Blenheim 📍 Life Education Trust Marlborough

SEE HAROLD THE GIRAFFE
Comes! Drinks & Fundraising 50%

DUCKS RACE
11am, following The Corporate Duck Super Race

GRAND PRIZE \$500
mtf

LUCKY DUCK SPOT PRIZES
Versatile

GET YOUR DUCK TICKET BEFORE RACE DAY
CASH ONLY from Sweet Creations (95 Battys Road) and STHL Shop Blenheim (30 Redwood Street)

GET YOUR DUCK TICKET ON RACE DAY
All remaining ducks on sale CASH ONLY by the Pollard Park playground, 9.30am - 10.30am, or until sold out

Versatile **mtf** **Point 88** **quench** **Sweet Creations** **more** **STHL SHOP** **prisma** **THANKS FOR SUPPORTING US!**

KidzKlub – Wednesday After-School Fun! starting 29 April

Looking for a fun, welcoming place for your kids to hang out after school? A safe environment where there is lots of fun activities, KidzKlub is a free weekly programme for children in Years 3–6 (ages 6–11) from schools across the greater Kaikōura area. Term 1 begins on 29 April.

Where: Anglican Church Hall, 37 Torquay Street

When: Wednesdays during term time (Please note: not held on the first or last Wednesday of each term)

3.00–4.30pm

Each week at KidzKlub we enjoy:

- A tasty afternoon tea
- Fun, energetic games and group activities
- Engaging storytelling with Christian themes
- Creative craft activities

Parents and caregivers are very welcome to stay and see what happens during the programme. KidzKlub is a St Paul's Kaikōura Presbyterian organised activity, and we'd love to welcome your family.

Want to know more? Email Martin at kaikourarev@gmail.com

Come along and join the fun—we'd love to see you there!