



ISSUE 7 | FRIDAY 8 MAY 2026

WELCOME TO OUR

# Pānui

## Principal's Message

Kia ora parents and whānau

This week we are saying farewell to our Teacher Aide Tie, who is going on maternity leave on Friday. Tie has been working in Piwakawaka class since the beginning of the year helping to transition our new learners into school routines and expectations. While Tie is away welcoming her new family member, Whaea Abby is covering the role and will start on Monday. Best of luck to Tie and we look forward to seeing the new baby; and welcome back to Whaea Abby!

Thank you to all our lovely early bird students who joined me at the war memorial gardens for the dawn ANZAC service last weekend. Frankie-Rose, Louie, Rowan, Scarlett, Alex, Madelyn, Addison, Sophie, George, Emily, Alice, Parker and Neko all braved the cold and early start to represent the school at the service and Frankie-Rose and Scarlett laid a wreath created by Whaea Ree. Thank you to Whaea Ree for the beautiful wreath and to all the children who came along. We certainly did our school proud.





| 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! |            |        |        |

| Weekly Attendance Tracker - Week 2 - Term 2                                                                                                      |            |        |        |
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| Whole School                                                                                                                                     | Piwakawaka | Titi   | Toroa  |
| 93.56%                                                                                                                                           | 92.65%     | 92.97% | 94.84% |
| Congratulations to all classes for having more than 90% attendance in our second week back at school for Term 2, such a great start to the term! |            |        |        |

Teachers are beginning to finalise assessments ready for report writing. We are waiting for HERO to release their report format that will align with the new curriculum and the new reporting requirements and I will share this once it has been released. We have been assured that this will be released in time for the format to be used for mid-year reporting. This also means that reporting will look different to last year as we adjust to our new Ministry of Education expectations.

Teachers will use the new descriptors to show where your child is working in relation to the expected level.



## Progress Descriptors

Descriptors are clear, nuanced, and positive. They help identify where a child is achieving, and what is needed to progress. The goal for the end of the year is that students reach 'Proficient' or 'Exceeding', showing they have the foundation and knowledge to access learning the next year.

Teachers will choose a Progress Descriptor for each element or strand of the learning area that has been taught to date, and then assign an overall progress descriptor that best reflects how the student is tracking towards meeting end-of-year proficiency.

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Emerging</b>      | Students require support to meet curriculum expectations for their year level and/or goals as described in their personalised learning plan.    |
| <b>Developing</b>    | Students are making some progress towards curriculum expectations for their year level                                                          |
| <b>Consolidating</b> | Students are meeting many curriculum expectations for their year level and are steadily strengthening their understanding across learning areas |
| <b>Proficient</b>    | Students are meeting curriculum expectations for their year level                                                                               |
| <b>Exceeding</b>     | Students are exceeding curriculum expectations for their year level                                                                             |

Because there are new curriculum expectations this year, you may notice your child is not yet working at the same level as in previous years. This is because the expectations for each year level have increased. It will take time for students to build the knowledge and skills expected at their level. For more information, click on the link below.

[https://newzealandcurriculum.tahurangi.education.govt.nz/reporting-to-parents-and-wh-nau/5637158852.p?activeTab=tab+1\\_0:3](https://newzealandcurriculum.tahurangi.education.govt.nz/reporting-to-parents-and-wh-nau/5637158852.p?activeTab=tab+1_0:3)

During Term 1, I spoke with many parents about communication options for our school. Earlier this week, I sent out instructions to families who had let us know they were having difficulty accessing HERO. If you are still unable to log in, please email me and I will happily help you sort this out. This is especially important as we are coming up to report time, with all school reports being shared through HERO. Staff are also able to see when reports have been viewed, which helps us know that families have successfully accessed them. We also have our closed Facebook page Kaikoura Suburban Family and Whanau. If you want to follow us on Facebook, find the page and join. Our admin team will then review and accept parents and whanau.

We have had some instances recently where teachers have been in meetings before school or teaching during the day and have not seen messages or missed calls on their phones until it was too late.

Please direct all messages through Annie, who can be contacted on the school mobile 0274943557, call or send a text, or on 319 5064 or [office@ks.school.nz](mailto:office@ks.school.nz). Annie leaves at 12:45 pm Monday to Thursday and 12:30 pm on Friday. In the afternoons, there is a staff member who has the phone once Annie has gone for the day so someone will answer the phones. Thank you!

Winter sports have started for some, and tomorrow our Suburban Force netball team begins their season. Thank you to Lauren and Debbie, who are coaching the team and all the very best to them for their debut tomorrow!

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums.

Ngā mihi nui  
Kylee Habgood

## Date for your Diary

### Term 2

#### 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 20 May - School Cross Country, Schroders Farm, 1 pm

Wednesday 20 May - Whale Run Committee Meeting, Whare Ako, 3:30 pm

#### Week 6

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

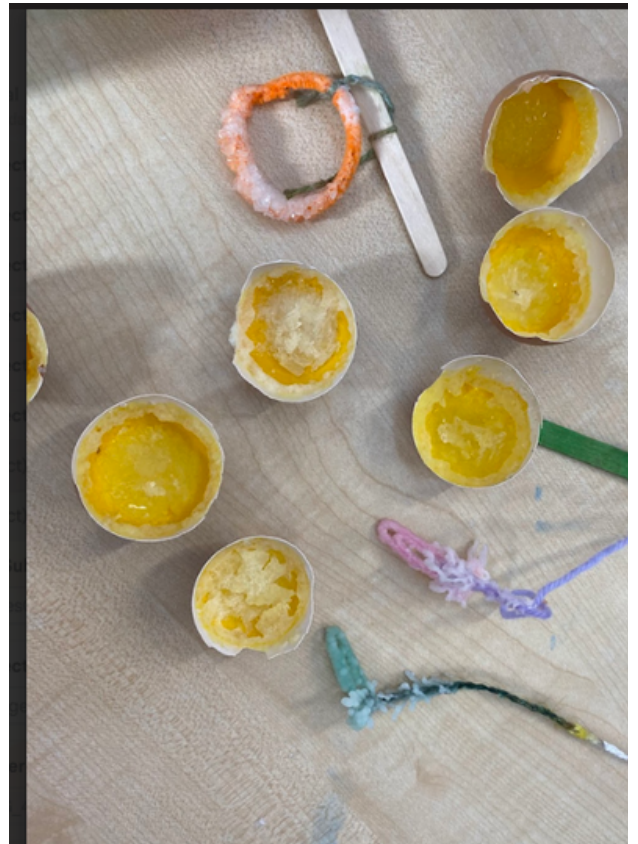
Can you please ring, text, or email the office by 12:30 pm any day your child/ren are not travelling on the afternoon bus. This saves a lot of confusion at 3:00 pm.

School mobile 0274943557 or 03 3195064

Office Admin

## Piwakawaka

We have thoroughly enjoyed our reactive science experiments so far this term, and now we will move more towards force and motion experiments. The students are getting faster and faster at saying the numbers that go together to make 10. Some students have been revising 3D shape names and using the words faces, vertices and edges to describe them. See if you have any things at home that could be classified into one of these 3D shape names. Other students have been making repeating patterns and measuring things using the words long, longer, thick, thinner, short shorter. Thank you for the extra revising you do at home with the reading books and the 'Letter/Words I'm teaching myself books'. It all helps with knowledge retention.



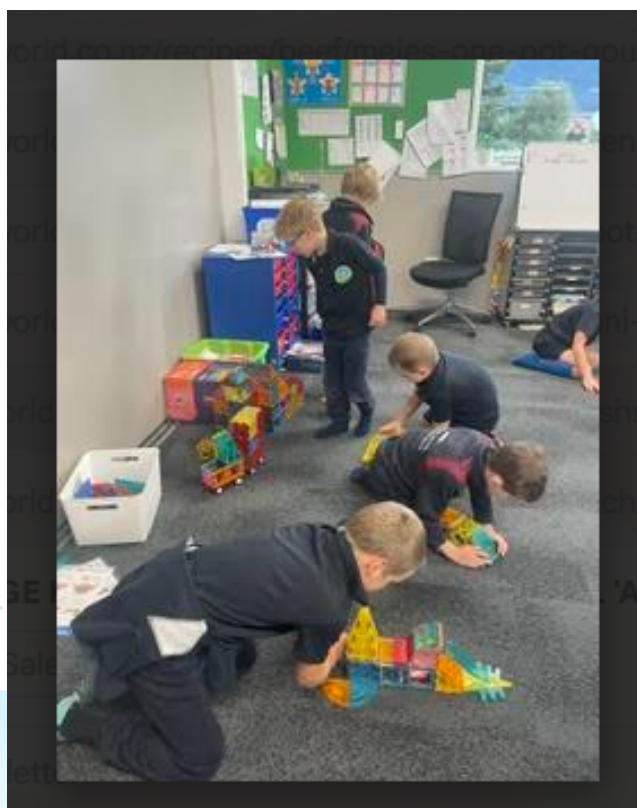
## Titi

Week 3 has been another excellent week for our Titi stars. Our cross country training is going brilliantly. We have some very determined and competitive runners in our class. Next week we will be stepping up our practices and going three times around the school, which will see us well and truly ready for the cross country race on the 20th. Thank you so much to those of you who have already returned the permission forms.

We have continued to work hard with Mrs. O'Connor on learning about time on both a digital and analogue clock. On a completely different note, the magnetic tiles that I bought from K-Mart for the class last year have been an absolute hit. Definitely something to think about for an indoor winter activity for your child at home.

Just a heads up, next Friday is our assembly. A little something to put on your social calendar.

Wishing all of our Mums, Nanas, Grandmas and Omas an absolutely wonderful Mothers' Day.



## Toroa

Toroa have been busy scientists this week, completing our crystal experiments. Some did not turn out quite how we expected, but we know that science experiments do not always go perfectly, and we learn from every attempt. We have also been pushing ourselves during cross country practice so we are ready for the big day on the 20th. Please make sure all permission slips are returned by next Friday. Have an amazing weekend, good luck to all of our netballers playing pre-season games this weekend, and Happy Mother's Day on Sunday to all the wonderful mums and nanas in our community!



The Toroa Year 6 students read their speeches at last week's assembly.

Well done to you all for your great speeches and delivery.

Mrs H presented them with their badges in class.

We are looking forward to our senior students showing the Fyffe FORCE values throughout their final year at Suburban.



## 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

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## Uniform

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

To order, go to [www.kaikourasuburban.school.nz](http://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

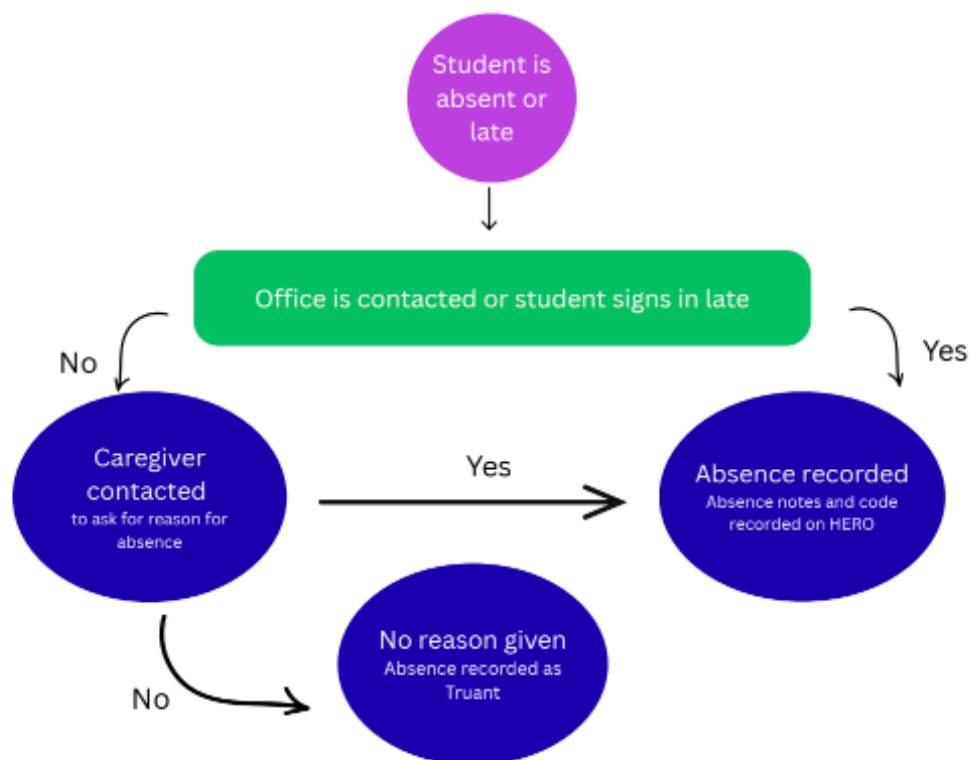
If you are intending on being a parent help at school events or camps, can you please come and collect a policy vetting form from the school office.

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.

# 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.



### Whose Celebrating A Birthday?

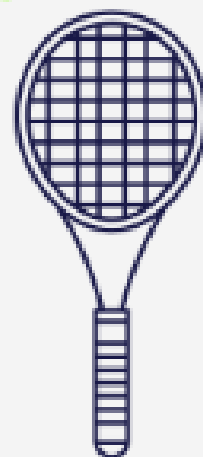
Happy Birthday to Neko. He is celebrating his Birthday on the 12th May.

Have a wonderful day!



## 2026 Thursday! Term 2 - Week 3

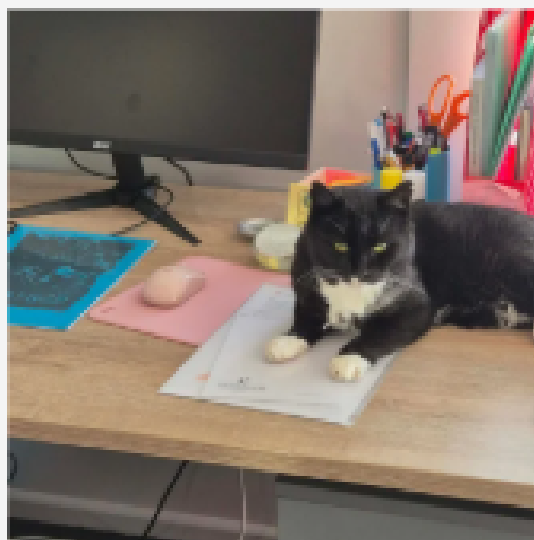
Tennis is back! Almost all of Titi and Piwakawaka are playing. We are happy; students are enjoying themselves here at Suburban School.



Cross country is coming up so we are training to be fast and speedy. Every morning, we lace up our running shoes and hit the trails, each stride bringing us closer to our goals. The crisp air fills our lungs as we push ourselves to the limits.



look at Squeak! “I am the queen! Feed me, Mrs H!”



## Kaikoura Suburban School Home and School Raffle



# RAFFLE

## FUNDRAISER

**TICKETS**  
**\$2**

Buy a ticket to support the children at Suburban School

### Three Amazing Prizes up for grabs

- 1st Prize = Trailer Load Of Old Mans Pine Firewood
- 2nd Prize = \$200 New World Voucher
- 3rd Prize = \$100 MTA Voucher

Go in the draw to win one of three exciting prizes!  
All proceeds go towards stage one of our new playground!

Tickets on sale now in the community  
alternatively contact the school office on 03 319 5064 to purchase



Raffle Drawn Thursday 4th June



We are aiming to sell 1600 tickets

KAIKOURA COMMUNITY INVITES YOU  
TO

CANCER AWARENESS BIKE OR WALK  
On SUNDAY 24TH MAY @9.30AM

We all know someone affected by this disease, so  
Please come along & help raise funds for our local  
families who are having a real tough time.

Choose your challenge:

BIKE approx. 40kms, 22kms or Kids 10 & under with a  
shadow adult

14kms or less..... It's all good.

WALK The Town Trails 6 walkways 10kms, 2 walkways 7kms, or a  
flat

leisurely stroll 6kms.....

\$5.00 per person, something for everyone, wear pink &  
meet

at the shingle area at the end of Hawthorne Road by New  
World

By 9:15 am, there will be plenty of parking

All proceeds will be donated to OUR LOCAL CANCER SOCIETY

Finish @ BEACH HOUSE CAFE for great coffee and kai!

Unable to bike or walk but want to donate & be part of  
this

community fundraiser, come along, wear something pink  
& meet

us at the BeachHouse Café about 11.15 AM onwards, or contact

Chris Boyd Re: making a direct donation 0272210869

**SUNDAY SOCCER**

1:00 pm Every Sunday at  
Kaikōura Primary School

Kids 5 - 12 years

John Diver

# INFORMATION SESSION!

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026  
Te Hā o Mātauranga,  
Learning in Kaikoura, 14  
Ludstone Road,  
2pm - 3pm &  
5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Come and join  
Brenda and Gill  
from  
Te Wānanga o  
Aotearoa and find  
out more about  
their amazing  
programmes**



## Papa Reo Home-based learning

**Open for applications**

Start your te reo Māori journey at home, with resources and a huiaki to support you.



## Papa Whairawa

NZ Certificate in Personal Financial  
Capability

**Open for applications**

Learn how to manage your money, set goals, and make confident financial decisions for your future.

Level 1

Home-based  
learning

No fees

## He Papa Tikanga Home-based learning

**Open for applications**

Get insight into a Māori  
culture.

Level 2

Home-based  
learning

No fees

about Māori  
and of your own

## 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](mailto:kaikourarev@gmail.com)

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



# Help your community vote

## Register your interest to work at the 2026 General Election.

**We want people from local communities to work in voting places and help people vote. The 2026 General Election will be held on Saturday 7 November and we're taking registrations from people who are interested in working with us.**

We need people with different skills and backgrounds right across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Whether you want to work for several weeks or just on election day, there are roles for everybody, from students to experienced leaders.

For more information about the roles available, and to register your interest in working at this important event, visit [work.elections.nz](https://work.elections.nz) today.



**ELECTORAL  
COMMISSION**  
TE Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

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