



ISSUE 11 | FRIDAY 24 JULY 2026

WELCOME TO OUR

Pānui

Principal's Message

Kia ora parents and whānau,

It has been a mixed bag of rest and relaxation for the holidays, with the weather and flooding. I hope most of you managed some kind of break and thank those of you who were involved in our community response. We are grateful to live in such a supportive community. Wet weather slowed down project progress here at school so we are awaiting new schedules to get work completed. You will have noticed our new fencing which is now well underway and we are trying to minimise disruption to our bus collections and class programmes while we work our way through.

We have started work on our production which will be held on the 23rd and 24th of September. We have had the pleasure of working with Ewa, our drama teacher for the last three days. She has been working on drama skills and storytelling with our students and we are already seeing a difference in the way we use our voice and body on the stage.

We have our first student reach the 40 Tixie mark - congratulations to Frankie-Rose. She received a certificate and a Mayfair movie ticket at our assembly on the last day of Term 2. Congratulations to Trent and Klara for obtaining 20 Tixies and entering the Suburban Wall of Fame.

Monday was the first day at Suburban for Kai who has joined Piwakawaka class. Welcome Kai, we hope you enjoy being at our kura.

Everyday Matters has released our school attendance for Term 2, 2026. While it was disappointing after such a good start in Term 1, it was not unexpected. We are looking forward to a healthier term.

The Whale Run is fast approaching on the 5th of September. If you can help with food preparation or marshalling, please let me know. If everyone pitches in, we can make the load lighter for everyone. The proceeds from our annual fundraiser will be going towards our new playground. This is the 20th year of the Whale Run which is a huge achievement! If you are keen to take advantage of the 20th anniversary merchandise, please see our facebook page or HERO for details on how to order for a reduced rate.

Term 2 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

54%

Compared to 57% in Term 2, 2025

Irregular Absence 18%

Compared to 24% in Term 2, 2025

Moderate Absence 23%

Compared to 11% in Term 2, 2025

Chronic Absence 5%

Compared to 7% in Term 2, 2025

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

1. (M) Illness / Medical Absence 54%
2. (G) Holiday 22%
3. (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 13%
4. (J) Explained and Approved 9%
5. (T) Unexplained / Trivial 2%

How many students were on time to class?

95% of students are arriving on-time regularly (i.e. over 90% of the time)

Weekly Attendance Tracker - Week 10 - Term 2

Whole School	Piwakawaka	Titi	Toroa
86%	80%	86%	91%
Congratulations Toroa for being at school over 90% of the time.			

Weekly Attendance Tracker - Week 11 - Term 2

Whole School	Piwakawaka	Titi	Toroa
83%	74%	87%	88%

Congratulations to the following students for having 100% attendance in Term 2 - Mose, Charlotte H, Charlotte L, George, Emily, Lang, Parker and Alice. Mrs H will be inviting you to join her for morning tea in Week 3.

Welcome back everyone! It's going to be a great term.

Ngā mihi nui

Kylee Habgood



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 3

Week 2

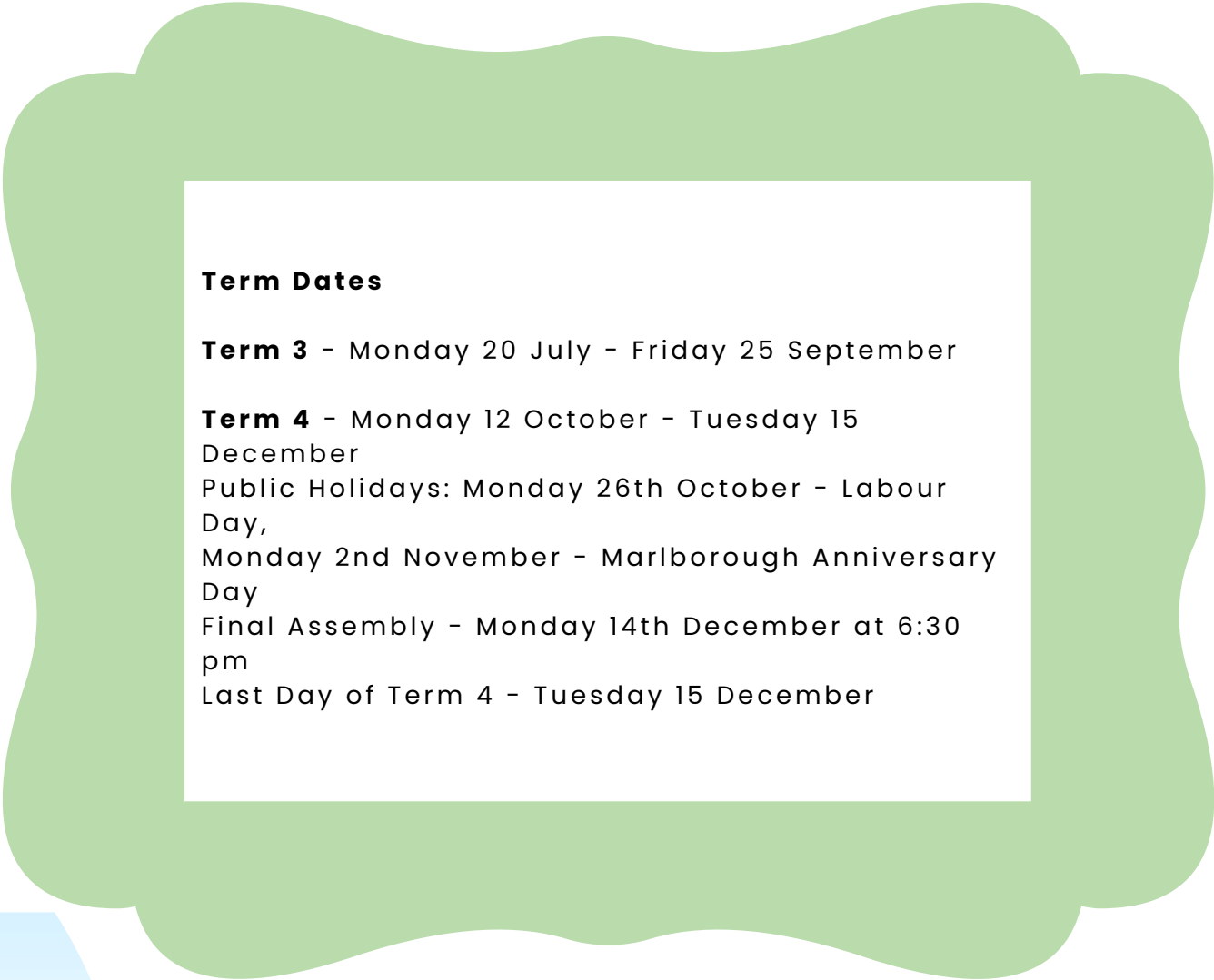
Friday 31st July - Piwakawaka Assembly - 9am, Whare Ako

Week 3

Wednesday 5th August - Whale Run Meeting - 3:30pm,
Whare Ako

Thursday 6th August - Home and School meeting - 6pm,
Staffroom

Friday 7th August - Newsletter



Term Dates

Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15
December

Public Holidays: Monday 26th October - Labour
Day,

Monday 2nd November - Marlborough Anniversary
Day

Final Assembly - Monday 14th December at 6:30
pm

Last Day of Term 4 - Tuesday 15 December

Piwakawaka

Money - This week we have been learning about money and the different NZ coins and notes. We learnt about their values and the people on each note and coin. The students played games and had to be bankers and also earned money. We took turns ordering the money from the smallest value to the largest value. The important lesson was that we have to do jobs to earn money and save it to buy things we need.





Titi

What a great first week we have had back at school. This week, Titi have had a great time reconnecting with each other and getting back into our learning. We have found out how snow is made and also that every snowflake is completely different - just like fingerprints. When you see a snowflake up close, they are beautiful. We made our own snowflakes and not only are they unique but they are symmetrical as well. We have been making graphs and have learned how to read a graph and found out what data the graph is showing us. We successfully made our own graphs. The best thing we have done this week has been drama with Ewa but we don't want to say too much about that yet except that it is very exciting!



TOROA

Torora have had a fantastic start to Term 3 and have settled back into school well. Our drama lessons with Ewa have been lots of fun as we have been learning about movement and exploring how we can turn our names into movement. For writing this term, we have begun looking at persuasive writing and learning about the difference between fact and opinion. We have created our own arguments, shared our ideas, and discussed the choices others have made, explaining why we agree or disagree with different points of view. Safe to say, we have discovered that Torora is very divided when it comes to the important question of whether pineapple belongs on pizza!



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.

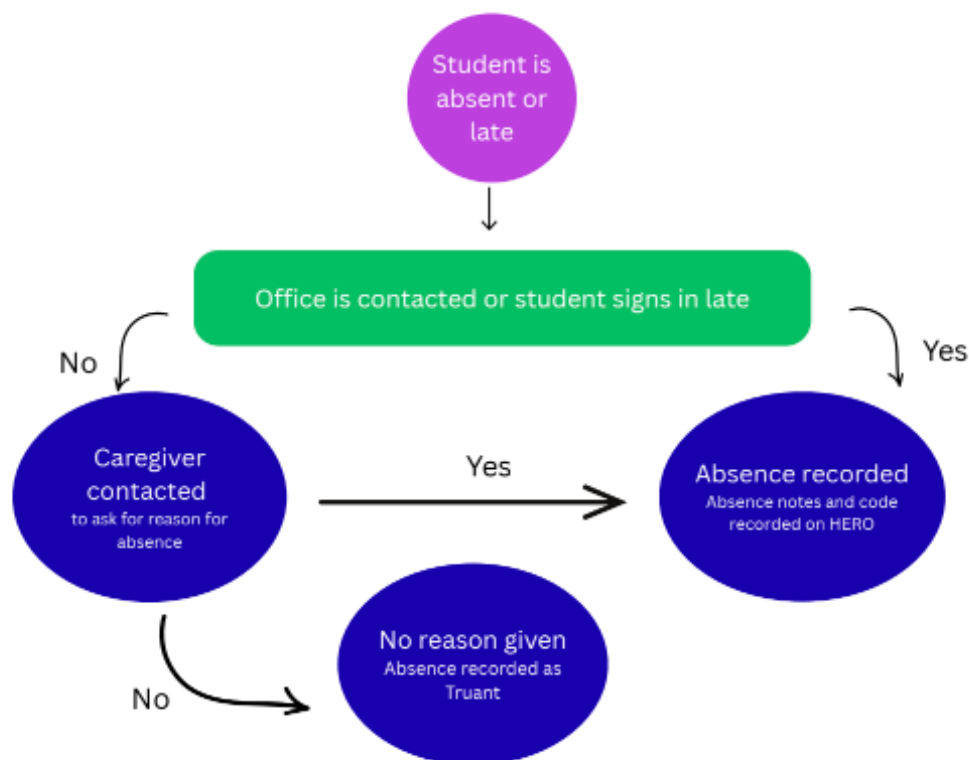
Police Vetting

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.

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.

Who's Celebrating A Birthday

Happy Birthday **Harper Jones**, 24th, **Lenny Fourie**, 26th,
Jack Boundy, 28th, and **Sharquinn Macdonald**, 31st July.
Best wishes for your special day!



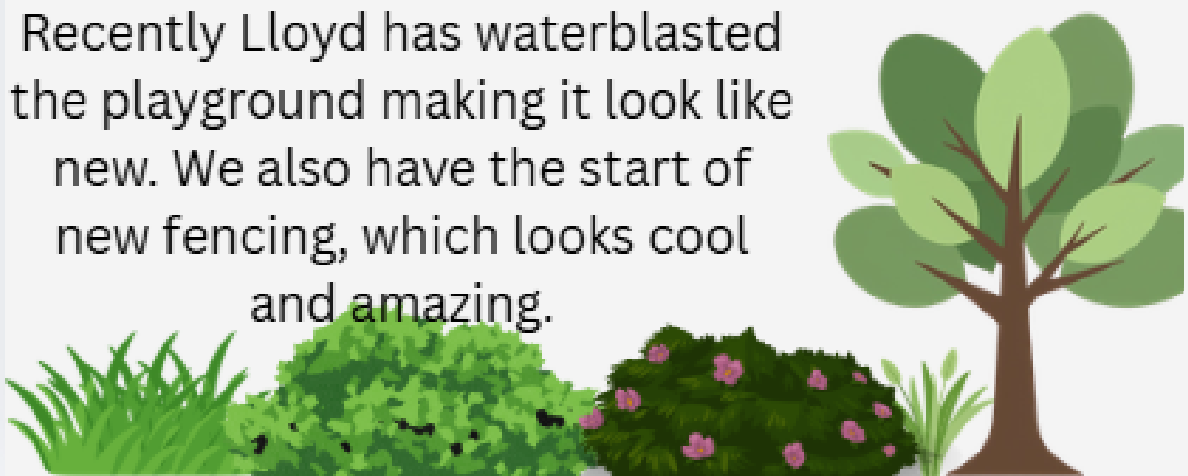
Student Voice - Term 3

Welcome back to school everyone! Remember to get your school uniform on and learn with enthusiasm and curiosity. Each day is a new opportunity to expand your knowledge, make new friends, and explore subjects. Don't forget to ask questions, participate in class discussions, and support one another in your learning journey. Let's make this school year memorable and full of growth.



In a few days the school will be getting a drama teacher who will be arriving soon, which everyone is excited about!

Recently Lloyd has waterblasted the playground making it look like new. We also have the start of new fencing, which looks cool and amazing.



Mackenzie and her pet goat, Leaf.



Community News

Kaikōura Whale Festival This Sunday!

Come along to the Kaikōura Whale Festival this Sunday, 26 July, from 10:00am–2:00pm at the Kaikōura Memorial Hall. This fun, family-friendly event celebrates our incredible whales and oceans with hands-on ocean crafts, a life-sized walk-through humpback whale experience, and the chance to meet the DOC Whale Disentanglement Team. Best of all, it's all indoors, so the event will go ahead rain or shine! We hope to see you there.

THE GREAT KAIKŌURA WHALE COUNT 2026 PRESENTS THE.....

KAIKŌURA WHALE FESTIVAL



JOIN US
IN CELEBRATING OUR
WHALES AND OCEANS!!

DOC WHALE
DISENTANGLEMENT
TEAM

OCEAN
CRAFTS

WALK
THROUGH
WHALE
EXPERIENCE



STEP INSIDE A MAJESTIC
LIFE-SIZED HUMPBAC
WHALE AND LEARN ALL
ABOUT THEIR BIOLOGY AND
WHY THEY ARE SO UNIQUE!

26 JULY 2026
10AM - 2PM
MEMORIAL HALL
32 ESPLANADE
KAIKŌURA



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai



dolphin
encounter



KAIKŌURA
KAYAKS



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Organ Recital

**Kaikoura-born
Sea-am Thompson**
Organ Scholar
Magdalen College, Oxford



Saturday 9 August | 2:00pm
St Paul's on the Hill, Deal Street, Kaikoura

Entry by generous koha!
All proceeds will be given to Sea-am to help
with next year's university expenses



**LIPSYNC TICKETS... 3
WEEKS TO GO.. DON'T
MISS OUT \$30PP.
MESSAGE ME TODAY
0274382678**

KAIKŌURA HIGH SCHOOL MAJOR RAFFLE

This is the big one!

3 MAJOR PRIZES
ALL PRIZES ARE EQUALLY EPIC!

- \$3,000 SHOPPING TROLLEY RUN**
AT NEW WORLD KAIKŌURA
- LUXURY NIGHT AT HĀPUKU**
LODGE • TREE HOUSES
- FRONT ROW TICKETS FOR 2 TO FOO FIGHTERS**
AT THE NEW ONE NZ STADIUM, CHRISTCHURCH

Includes a 3-course dinner & breakfast for 2

YOU COULD WIN ALL 3 PRIZES WITH JUST 3 TICKETS!

RAFFLE DRAW ON OCTOBER 30

TICKETS \$10 EACH

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS. BUY A TICKET. WIN BIG.

WOW!

**Buy a raffle ticket,
support our
community, and be
in to win some
incredible prizes!**

**Whaea Abby is selling
tickets at school.**

KidzKlub – Wednesday After-School Fun!

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 3 begins on Wednesday 29th Aug.

 **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! 😊

DANCE AND DRAMA

TERM 3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE
JULY 20TH - SEPTEMBER 25TH 2026

AT 40 WEST END, KAIKOURA

Contact: bookingbridgetspencer@gmail.com

Mon

3:20-4:15pm Musical Theatre - Dance (12-15 yrs)
4:20-5:15pm The Drama Collective - Drama (12-15 yrs)

Tues

3:20-4:15pm Little Dancers - Dance (5-6 yrs)
4:20-5:15pm Creative Dancers - Dance (7-8 yrs)

Wed

3:20-4:15pm Little Actors - Drama (5-7 yrs)
4:20-5:15pm Rising Actors - Drama (9-10yrs)
6:00-7:00pm Show Rehearsal (11+ years, *by invitation*)

Thurs

3:15-5:10pm Mini Movers- Dance (4yrs)
4:15-5:10pm Rising Dancers - Dance (9-11 yrs)

Join Kaikōura Library's Favourite Pet Photo Shot!

Kaikōura District Library is inviting all local schools to encourage their students and families to take part in our fun Favourite Pet Photo Shot!

We're looking for creative photos of your favourite pet reading a book. Whether your pet is cute, hilarious, or a little spooky, we'd love to see it!

To enter, simply:

Take a photo of your pet with a book.

Email it to books@kdclibrary.co.nz or drop a printed copy into the library.

There will be giveaways for:

🏆 Best Photo

😄 Funniest Photo

😱 Scariest Photo

This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage reading, spark creativity, and have some fun as a family.

We would really appreciate it if you could share the attached poster with your students, families, and school community.

Thank you for helping us spread the word. We can't wait to see all the fantastic entries from Kaikōura's young readers and their wonderful pets!

Entries close 30th October 2026.

Kind regards,

The Team

Kaikōura District Library

