



ISSUE 15 | FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

WELCOME TO OUR

Pānui

Principal's Message

Kia ora Suburban Whānau,

It has been a difficult week with the passing of Squeak. Unfortunately she started to deteriorate on Wednesday night during parent interviews and we made the difficult call to have her put to sleep. Squeak has been here for at least 16 or 17 years and many generations of students have been blessed with her presence at Suburban. Squeak is buried beside the pohutukawa bush by the carpark spotlight, so she can keep watch over our students at break times. She always loved a bit of a buffet lunch after the children finished eating, hoovering up all the leftovers. Our students are being encouraged to visit Squeak's resting place, if they would like to, and there are flowers and cards appearing. I will organise a place marker over the holidays.

Whale Run

Thank you to everyone who helped out for the Whale Run last Saturday. We had 485 competitors and we are excited to have raised over \$30 thousand dollars after all our expenses. This is a massive achievement and I couldn't be more proud of our team! A special thank you to the committee who ran this year like a well oiled machine and to those of you who stepped up and supported the lead person in running their area of responsibility, proving many hands do make light work. The Whale Run was our 20th anniversary event and we received such great feedback about how well run the event is and many people also said they would definitely be back. Our playground fund is starting to look very healthy!

Suburban FORCE Netball

Congratulations to our Suburban FORCE netball team who completed their netball season last Saturday. They represented our school each Saturday with pride and determination. It has been wonderful to see the growth in skills and in confidence throughout their season, along with their ability to work as a team. A special thank you to coaches Lauren Fearnley and Debbie Taylor who volunteered their time on Thursdays for training and on Saturdays to be on the sideline. And thank you to the parents of our players who ensured their children were ready to play each weekend and supported the team. What a great season!

Parent Interviews

It was fantastic to see so many parents attending the parent interviews, hearing about progress and achievement. We are always available to answer questions you have about your child's learning between now and the final end of year reports.



Riki the Rockstar - Finding our Voice

We are so excited to be nearing show time for our school production next week. Next Wednesday we ask that you drop your children at the Mayfair Theatre at 9am, ready for a dress rehearsal in the morning. We will be at the Mayfair all day (apart from some breaks at Gooches Beach Playground) as we have our matinee performance on Wednesday the 23rd of September at 1pm. Please collect your children at 3pm outside the theatre. There will be school as normal on Thursday the 24th and then we have our evening show at 5:30pm, please have your children at the Mayfair by 4:45pm.

Ticket prices are: Adult \$10, Child (Aged 5-12) \$5 and Preschooler (Free)

The cost of tickets will go towards the cost of our sound and lighting and theatre hire.

Ticket Purchases for Riki the Rockstar: Click here:

<https://forms.gle/xotQQSiGdZxzixyJ6>

Please submit your google form and Annie will send through an invoice for you to pay. Once payment has been received, Annie will notify you when you can collect your tickets from the office. We have to have this process in place to ensure we do not oversell the theatre seats. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Celebrating Our Tamariki 🌟

Suburban Wall of Fame: 20 Tixies: Jack

40 Tixies -

Fyffe FORCE Values: Our current focus is R for Resilience. Last assembly, our Subway lunch winners were Ben, Billy and Scarlett who were drawn from the entries for showing Organisation.

Attendance Update

Weekly Attendance Tracker - Week 6 - Term 3			
Whole School	Piwakawaka	Titi	Toroa
85%	87%	79%	88%

Weekly Attendance Tracker - Week 7 - Term 3			
Whole School	Piwakawaka	Titi	Toroa
87%	82%	88%	93%
Congratulations to Toroa for achieving the attendance goal this week!			

Over the holidays we will have work being completed. Our carpark is being fixed and will include car park markings, a disabled carpark and wheel stops allowing for a space for walkers to walk along the fenceline of the playground.

Road Metals Kaikōura have kindly donated two truckloads of stone chips for our bike track and we hope this work will be completed during the holidays so we can get our bike track reinstated.

A special thanks to New World who provided a morning tea shout for our staff on Wednesday. This was a welcome surprise after a very busy term, thank you to New World who are a huge supporter of our school.

A reminder that healthy heater will stop at the end of this term and resume Term 2, 2027. School will close for the term next Friday the 25th of September and reopen on Monday the 12th of October, which will be school photo day. Enjoy the holiday break!

Ngā mihi nui

Kylee Habgood

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 3

Week 10

Monday 21st September - Toni Batey Pickleball lessons, School Health nurse visit to classes

Wednesday 23 September - All children at the Mayfair all day. Please drop your children off at 9am and collect them at 3pm. 9am - Dress Rehearsal, 1pm - Riki the Rockstar - Matinee Performance

Thursday 24 September - Riki the Rockstar, Mayfair Theatre, 5:30pm

Friday 25 September - Titi Assembly, 9am, Whare Ako

Term 4

Week 1

Monday 12th October - School photos

Tuesday 13th October - Y6 transition visit to Kaikōura High School

Wednesday 14th October - School photo pp date

Thursday 15th October - Kaikōura District Athletics - Y1-2 at St Joseph's and Y3-8 at Kaikōura Primary School

Friday 16th October - District Athletics pp date, Newsletter, Kaikōura Suburban Quiz Night, -7pm Donegal House



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

Spring has sprung and we are taking advantage of the warmer days to read outside. Everyone has worked hard over the term and now it is time to have a break and refresh over the holidays



Titi

A big thank you to all of you who have joined me for interviews over the past two days. It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to share your child's learning journey, celebrate their progress, and talk about the next steps in their learning. I really appreciate your time, support, and ongoing partnership. These are some of your children's thoughts on learning at school....

"Maths is my favourite subject because I like learning new operations on numbers and how division and multiplication go together." Charlotte L

"I love maths and handwriting because maths is all about numbers. I love handwriting because it's all about neatness and fun!" Neko

"I like writing because I like using my imagination and learning new words to make my writing more interesting." George

"When I am at school, I am waiting for maths and handwriting time. I like handwriting because the words are easy and when Miss Smith puts a new word in, I always get it nice. At maths time, I sometimes get multiplication right, addition right and take away right. Maths and handwriting are my favourite things." Lenny

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our food packaging fundraiser by placing an order! We raised over \$1,400, which will be a fantastic help towards our camp costs. We really appreciate everyone who got behind the fundraiser and helped make it such a success! On Thursday, we were also very lucky to have our new classroom chairs arrive! They look fabulous, and we are so excited about the fresh new look they have given our classroom. The students are loving them too!

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Who's Celebrating A Birthday

Happy Birthday, **George Scott 18th of September,**
Lucas Ranstead 5th, Sam Hobbs 6th, and Rowan Kerins
8th of October
Have the Best time with you r family and friends.



Term 3 - Week 9 newsletter

The Whale Run has happened and I missed out on the lolly scramble which I was totally not looking forward to... totally.



Our school play will be held in the Mayfair theater. Our props and costumes for the play look amazing and cool!

If you wish to see our school play starring Riki the Kakariki, Captain Cook and a wise wētā and more, buy a ticket if you don't have one "this is not an add I'm 11..."





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.

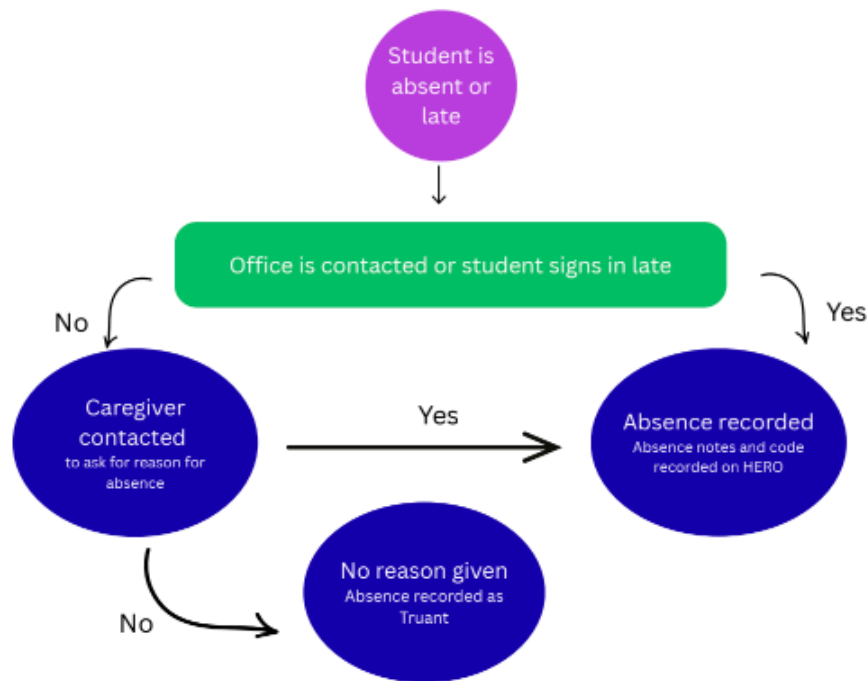
Police Vetting

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 Pūtea, 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 Pūtea
- 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.

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.

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.

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Community News

RSA

Notice of Kaikoura RSA AGM 2026
 To be held at Te Ana
 The Caves SH1
 Kaikoura
 Thursday, September 24 at
 5.30pm
SUBS ARE NOW DUE
 Contact: Secretary on
 027 331 161

ARTY TIMES
 SCHOOL HOLIDAY
 ART CLASSES
 AGES 8-12

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
29.9	6.10
30.9	7.10
1.10	8.10
2.10	9.10

9:30 am - 11:00 am

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
 DM to book
 021 189 5778

Did you know you can gain a Level 3 Certificate in rural pest control by distance learning for free?

NZMA are currently offering this online course for FREE for a limited time. Upcoming intakes are on 28/09/26 and 26/10/26.

STUDY PEST CONTROL

TE HĀ @ MĀTAURANGA
 Learning in Kaikoura

For more information
 Contact Sharon
 027 201 7638
 mtfj@kaikoura.link

SPARKLE
in the park
 WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
 6.30 pm GARDEN OF MEMORIES
 (OPPOSITE MEMORIAL HALL)
 FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
 COME AND CHECK OUT THE LIGHTS AND GLOW DISPLAY
 ENJOY A FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
 WEAR SOME GLOW IN THE DARK CLOTHING IF YOU FANCY
 ALL AGES WELCOME!

KAIKOURA
 HOP
 WEEKEND

NEON
 LIVE AT HIKU
 FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
 7PM-10PM

BIG HITS • KIWI ANTHEMS • DANCE FLOOR FAVOURITES
 Christchurch's NEON brings the energy to Hiku
 for a night of live music, great food and drinks.

FREE ENTRY

SUDIMA HOTELS Hiku

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NZMA are currently offering this online course for FREE for a limited time. Upcoming intakes are on 21/09/26 and 02/11/26.

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MOANA SKIES
SCHOOL HOLIDAY FAMILY SPACE WEEKEND
 first weekend of the holidays

Where the mountains, sea and stars collide.

Curious minds brighter tomorrow.

Big skies. Brighter together.

Fri 25 Sept — Family Space Night
 Sat 26 Sept — Guided Solar Sessions
 One booking includes both
 Kids \$40 or \$100 for 3
 Mum, Dad, Nan, Pop & caregivers free
 Astronomy Centre • Kaikoura

LIMITED SPACES

Kaikoura Pet Show

The Kaikoura Pet Show will be held on Saturday 17th October 2026
 At Kaikoura Suburban School

FAMILY FUN DAY OUT, BBQ

Judging starts at 11am for classes 1-7 followed by Fancy Dress and presentation of prizes

CLASSES

1. Cat 2. Lamb 3. Dog 4. Horse
 5. Fish, Fluffies and Feathers 6. Goat
 7. Preschool - Open to all preschool children and their pets
 8. Fancy Dress - Open to all children and their pets!

PROJECTS

Projects account for 50% of overall score. These are optional but will help to win a ribbon. Tell us about your pet!

Projects must be delivered to Veterans Kaikoura or Farmlands by Friday 9th October 2026

REGISTRATION

All entries must be delivered to Veterans Kaikoura or Farmlands by Friday 9th October. One pet per child

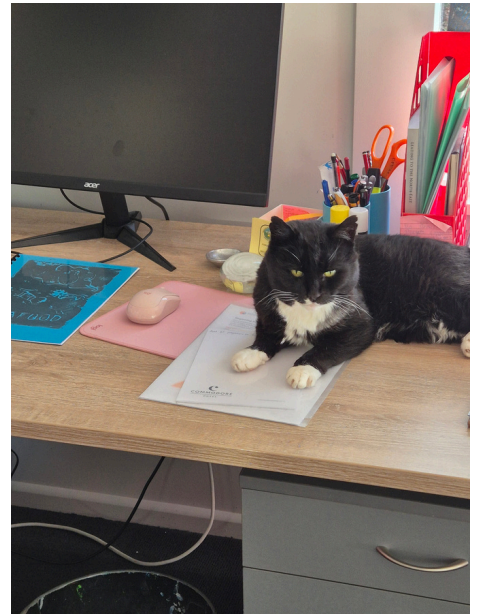
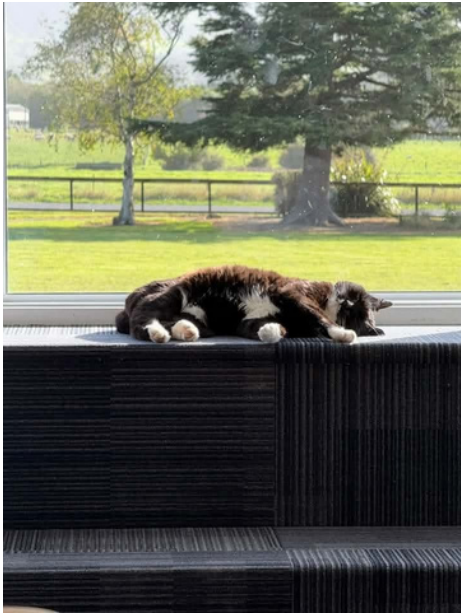
Pre-entries will receive a goodwill bag on the day
 All Animals must be restrained on leads or cages

The Pet Show committee take no responsibility of any incidents on the day

Kaikoura Pet Show
 Saturday 17th October 2026
 At Kaikoura Suburban School
 Judging Starts 11am
 ALL WELCOME
REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Child _____
 Age of Child on the day _____
 Home Phone _____
 School _____
 Class Entering _____
 Name of Pet _____

Our Squeak



Our dearly beloved school cat, Squeak, passed away this week.

She lived a wonderfully long life, estimated to be somewhere between 17 and 20 years...legend has it!

Her life was full of demands, not on her, of course, but on all the staff who passed through the staff room, and in particular, the fridge. Squeak would be waiting patiently, and the moment you made eye contact, you were greeted with an almighty meow. A very clear reminder that her needs had not yet been met!

Squeak is now resting in the sunshine, looking out over the school and playground. And, if she gets the angle just right, she can probably still see the fridge.

Squeak, you will be very much missed by everyone who has been part of our school, students and staff from years gone by, as well as all those who are here now.

Thank you for all the memories, the meows, and the many fridge side demands.

Farewell, Queen Bee. You were truly one of a kind. 🐾❤️



