

TERM 4, 2025 | WEEK 9

KAHUTARA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

BEACH EDUCATION DAY ROOMS 3 & 4.5



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,

A big welcome to Mabel and George who have both just started in Room 4.5!

Beach Education at Riversdale

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Surf Lifesaving Trip for Room 3 and Room 4.5 last week. The day ran very smoothly and our teachers said the parent help was fantastic. There are some gorgeous photos of our tamariki on the beach, in the surf and having so much fun. I hope that they enjoyed this learning experience. **Thank you to our amazing KPC, for funding this opportunity for the school. We are so lucky to have your support.** Unfortunately, the Hub 1 and 2 trip was postponed due to gale force winds; it has been rescheduled for Monday, 15th December.

Year 8 Moving on Day

Our Year 8 students went to Kuranui College on Monday to participate in *Moving On Day*, which is organised by REAP Wairarapa. All of the Year 8s from schools in South Wairarapa are invited to attend this. It was a great day with lots of different workshops; the NZ Police, Aratoi Art, Cooking, WBRU Ripa Rugby just to name a few. It was a great opportunity for our Year 8s to visit Kuranui again, find their way around (using their maps!) and meet other Year 8s from the area. Thank you to Kuranui College for making the school available for the day, and to all of those involved in the organisation.

Life Education 2025

It was great to have Holly Reeves from Life Education in school last week, delivering our health and hauora programme for all classes. The focus this year was on human biology, how our brain and organs work. Our students in Hub 1 also learned more about how their bodies change and the different stages of puberty. Although this is a topic that students at this age often try to avoid talking and thinking about, it is really important that they learn about what happens to their bodies and what to expect. Holly was a great facilitator, and our students loved being able to see Harold again! **Thank you to our KPC (again!) for funding this programme for all of our tamariki!!!**

Regional Athletics

A big congratulations to Jane Marson and Rosie Southey for representing our school at the Wellington Regional Athletics event last week. Both girls did extremely well! Jane came 4th in the 200m sprints and 5th in the 100m sprints, and Rosie came 5th in the High Jump.

Ngā mihi,
Ariana Te Whetu



**Welcome to Kahutara School
Mabel and George!**



A class lesson with Ruud the Bug Man at the Mangetete Wetlands, then a delicious sausage sizzle and cordial get together to farewell Mary and honour all the amazing work and love she has put into the glorious Wetland - we'll make it our goal to keep the Wetland up to your standard Mary!



Jane - 100m and 200m sprints



Rosie - High Jump

ASSEMBLY CELEBRATIONS



Here are our latest certificate winners - ka mau te wehi. Awesome work **Mabel, Rosie, Charlotte, Evan, Paige, Cooper, Indy and Margot!** Our K-Card winner is **Beau!**

STAFF SPOTLIGHT - MARY MASON

If you could change ONE thing about our school, what would it be?

I would like there to be an automatic water source into the water feature in the garden, so there was always a supply for the bees, birds and butterflies.

Who was your favourite teacher at school, and what did they do that was special?

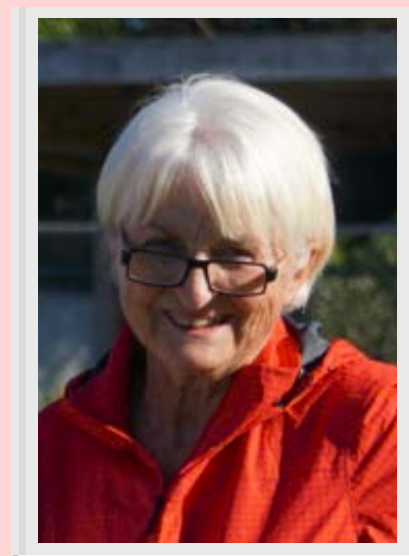
My favourite teacher at school was Wendy Goomes from Stewart Island. She boarded with our family and she was my first teacher. She was happy and always interesting and also did fun things with us at home. She is now 90 and I am still friends with her and her two daughters.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Warkworth, and I grew up in Tauhoa on the Kaipara Harbour and Tomorata on the east coast - my parents were dairy farmers.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be and why?

My superpower would be to stop cats liking the taste of birds and eggs so they did not get into such trouble.



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 9

- **Thurs 4th Dec - Fri 5th Dec** - Hub 1 overnighter at Castlepoint
- **Wednesday 10th Dec** - End of term Fish & Chips lunch
- **Wednesday 10th Dec** - Year 8 Leaver's Dinner @ Brackenridge Country Retreat

Week 10

- **Fri 12th Dec** - End of Year Prize Giving 5pm

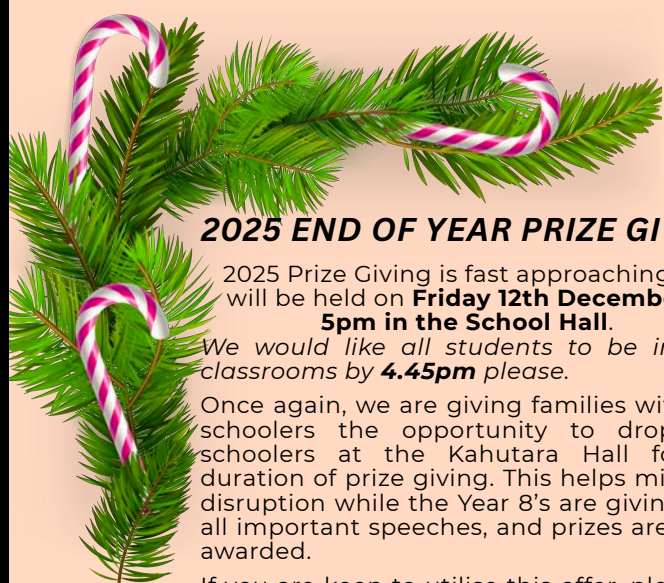
Week 11

- **Mon 15th Dec** - Hub 1 & 2 Beach Education Day
- **Tues 16th Dec** - Last Day of school for all students - Finish time of 12:30pm (Buses will run at that time)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

2026

- **Wed 4th Feb 2026** - First day of school for all students
- **Wed 16th Dec 2026** - Last day of school for all students



2025 END OF YEAR PRIZE GIVING

2025 Prize Giving is fast approaching and will be held on **Friday 12th December at 5pm in the School Hall.**

We would like all students to be in their classrooms by **4.45pm** please.

Once again, we are giving families with pre-schoolers the opportunity to drop pre-schoolers at the Kahutara Hall for the duration of prize giving. This helps minimise disruption while the Year 8's are giving their all important speeches, and prizes are being awarded.

If you are keen to utilise this offer, please fill in the form sent home yesterday and return it to the office as soon as you can so we can gauge numbers etc. to assist us with organising carers.

We anticipate the prize giving will go for around an hour, after which you are free to pick your pre-schooler up. All children will be given a small treat at the conclusion of the event.

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the end of a successful year!

LEGO CLUB COMPETITION

Build your **best** Lego creation in Lego club before the **end** of the year and be in for the **chance** to win.

Entries must be in by: *December the 7th*

Winner of the best creation will be announced on the: *the 16th of December*



By Sofia and Aurelia *and Georgia*

Lego Club Competition!

Sofia, Aurelia and Georgia are organising a school lego competition. Entries must be in by 7th December and will be announced on the last day of school.

(Apologies if the details of their poster are hard to read - our scanner isn't working!)





South Wai KIDS TRI



Contact Ella for any questions:
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South Wairarapa!

We're excited to bring a Kids Triathlon to your community!

Where: Featherston Pool / Card Reserve

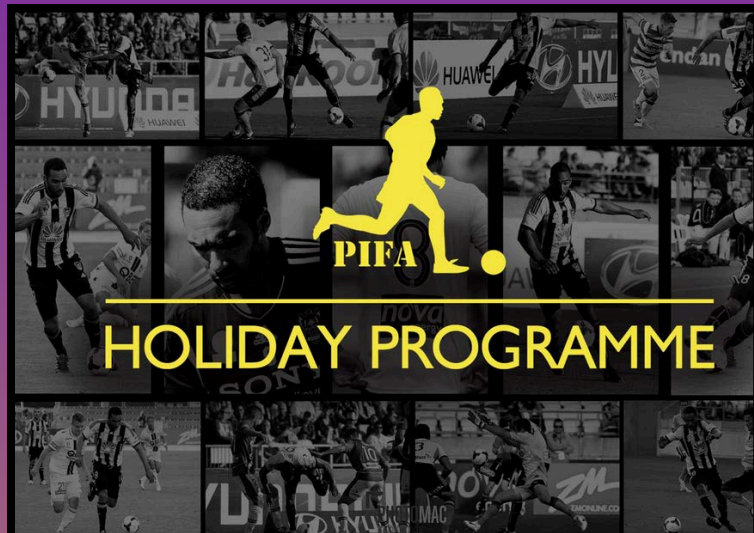
Who: Ages 5-13 years

When: Wednesday, 4th February 2026 | Approx. 5:30pm start
(finish time depends on entries)

Register your child today and let them take part in this fun, active event!

\$10 per child

Register here: <https://forms.gle/VE4PDqyfJCFBKYqB8>



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

PIFA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - DECEMBER 2025

7-15yo

All abilities

Weds 17- Fri 19 Dec

9am-12pm

At Rathkeale College, Masterton

Register at <https://www.paulifill.com/holiday-programme-registrations>
International and National football coach, and ex-professional footballer Paul Ifill and his quality team of coaches will be providing the ultimate football holiday programme this Christmas! Spaces are limited so please book in ASAP to secure your spot!

ELF on the SHELF Competition



Come and find
"Jingles"
our very
own Bookshop Elf

Every day from
1 Dec until Christmas
and
ENTER to WIN

Further details in our shop
window, on our website,
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Good Luck and

Happy Christmas

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LAST MINUTE REMINDERS....

- *Have you returned your library books*
- *Have you checked lost property*
- *Have you put in your F&C order*
- *Bring your lunch tomorrow as there is no sausage sizzle*
- *Smile and be kind*

