



Keep your child safe: if absent, please contact the office before 9:15am



KENAKENA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Exciting. Motivating. Positive

He mihi nui ki a koutou nga matua, me nga kaitiaki o a tamariki. Tena koutou katoa.

To the Parents and Caregivers of our Children. Greetings to you all.

In my February 26 School Newsletter, I covered the changes and challenges relating to implementing, assessing and reporting in relation to the reformed New Zealand School Curriculum

Now we are certain of our timeframes we have created documentation to guide our assessment and reporting schedule, which is attached alongside this newsletter: *2026 Reporting to Parents and Caregivers – Term 1 Update*.

Although Kenakena's teachers are becoming clearer on how they will assess student learning in relation to the changes, the format we use to report to you is still being developed. Reporting will be done through HERO. At this stage we are awaiting HERO to create reporting format options. When that is established, I will let you know. In non-reporting terms (Terms 1 and 3) we will continue to use *Learning Snapshots* as we have done over the last few years.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY, MARCH 20th - School closed for student

As you have been informed, we are holding the first of two government-mandated teacher only days next Friday. The second day will be in either Term 3 or Term 4 – to be confirmed shortly.

On March 20 we have Marie Hirst of *Special Addition Maths* (<https://www.specialaddition.co.nz/home>) running a full-day workshop on aligning teaching and assessment to the new Mathematics Curriculum and the formulation of clear next steps for Kenakena School. This workshop has been organised by Kenakena math's leads Louise Stack and Janine McDonald to help Kenakena teachers to move forward clearly during a time of rapid change.

This is a very important workshop for all our teaching staff. Last year we spent time getting to know the maths curriculum through two changes, which were then followed by a third change near the end of the year. We need to solidify our knowledge of the final version, be certain in our teaching of it, and be confident in our approach to assessment.

MOVING MARCH – WALK YOUR DOG TO SCHOOL DAY

Thank you, to Kenakena's Moving March facilitator, Rachel Moore for organizing this enjoyable community occasion. There were a lot of exciting children and many excited dogs! Thank you, to families and whānau for sharing the event with your children and their pets.





[INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION](#)

At the end of this week, I am travelling to China to directly market Kenakena School and Kāpiti Coast as an international education destination. This will include participation in two events run by Education New Zealand in Shanghai and Guangzhou, where I will be marketing directly to China based international education agents and to parents, who have a strong interest in New Zealand as a destination. Prior to the COVID pandemic, China was Kenakena's strongest market. One of the goals for this trip is to convince agents and parents that the Kāpiti Coast is a premium alternative to big cities, such as Auckland. Our marketing material will strongly emphasize that. This visit will see Kenakena presenting alongside Kāpiti College, with whom we have shared a marketing agreement since 2016 and have marketed together since 2010.

Our International Education page can be viewed at:

<https://kenakena.school.nz/international/>

[International Student Homestay Co-Ordinator Role](#)

We have an opportunity for employment at Kenakena School. This is a part-time, fixed term position as Homestay Co-Ordinator for our International Student Programme. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please contact: Renee Pellikaan, Office Manager on email: Principalspa@kenakena.school.nz

[SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE](#)

With 530 students coming and going to and from school each day, our entrances on Donovan Road and Arnold Grove get very busy. It is therefore essential for parents and caregivers to encourage and model safety at the school gate.

Since the start of the year, we have observed several very close encounters between students and cars which has been frightening for all involved.

Essential safety modelling includes:

- Using the pedestrian crossing with your children (Donovan Road) rather than crossing with them at another point on this busy road.
- Observe the instructions of our students on Road Patrol Duty on Donovan Road, crossing only when given instructions to do so.
- Avoid parking on the yellow 'No Stopping' lines on Donovan Road. Our Road Patrollers cannot see past your vehicle.
- Observe the 'Drop-Off' Zone on Arnold Grove.
- Refrain from calling your children across the road to your vehicle. We have had many near misses.

Let's all work together to ensure our children are safe at the school gate.

Nga mihi

Bruce McDonald

[PRINCIPAL](#)

School News

SPORT REGISTRATION

Netball -

Netball Year 6-8 trails will be held on Sunday 22 and 29 March from 9.30am to 11am on the school courts.

Netball permissions and registrations are still available in the **Hero app**.

Please ensure you have registered and made payment to ensure your child can be placed in the team.

You can access the information for Netball by following these steps:

Via the Community Feed:

1. Scroll down to the post you're looking for (e.g., *Kenakena School Netball Registrations Year 3 & 4*).
2. The third line will say:
Event: Kenakena School Netball Registrations Years 3 & 4
3. Click on this link to go directly to the event page and complete the permissions and Netball Kapiti registration link.

Alternatively, call into the office and we will be happy to show you on your phone 😊

Movin' March

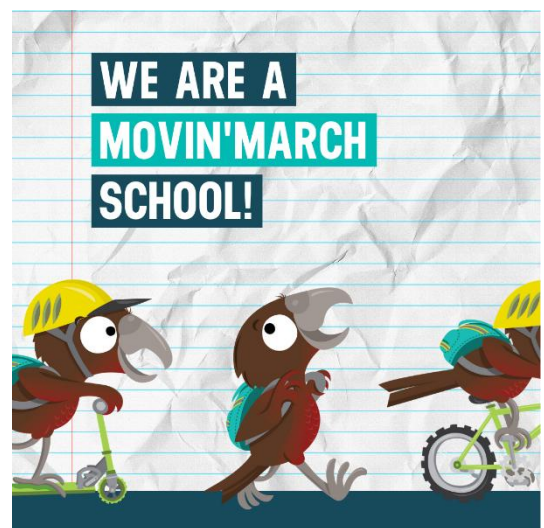
Thanks to all those whānau supporting their children to come to school in an active way. We appreciate the extra effort this may take for many of our families. Classroom teachers are keeping track of how students come to school with a view to entering their class into a region-wide draw to win whole class prizes such as class trips.

Our next event is on Friday 27 March - a Wheely Exciting Day! We will have a "Dress Up Your Wheels or Feet" parade after the roll. At morning tea and lunch students will be able to make use of a bike track (helmets compulsory, no exceptions) around the field, or scooter/skateboard ramps and trails around the netball and basketball courts (helmets and other safety gear strongly recommended).

There are no postponement dates for the events – look for a cancellation notice on Hero around 8am on the day if you're unsure about the weather.

Friday 27 March: A Wheely Big Extravaganza Bike and Scooter tracks and trails, and our Dress Up Your Wheels/Feet Parade.

Thanks for your support in making Movin' March a marvellous month!



2026 COHORT ENTRY FOR FIVE-YEAR OLD NEW ENTRANTS

Along with many Kapiti primary schools, Kenakena School has implemented Cohort Entry for five-year-old new entrants since 2024.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/starting-school/cohort-or-group-entry-children-starting-school#cohort-entry-start-dates-1>

If you, friends or relatives are intending to enrol a five-year-old New Entrant in 2026, it would be good for us to know that now as it will help us plan for how we will structure our Year 1 classes.

Enrolment for New Entrance students for Cohort 2 – start date 9 March 2026 are now open.

2026 Cohort Entry Dates

Term	Start of term date	Mid-term start date	End of term date
1	Between 26 January and 9 February 2026	9 March 2026	2 April 2026
2	20 April 2026	2 June 2026	3 July 2026
3	20 July 2026	24 August 2026	25 September 2026
4	12 October 2026	16 November 2026	No later than 18 December 2026

KENAKENA SCHOOL POLICIES

At Kenakena, our school policies are provided by SchoolDocs. SchoolDocs is an independent service that provides core policies that meet legislative and regulatory requirements and good practice, incorporating relevant school-specific information.

All our policies and procedures can be viewed at <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin> .

Username: kenakena

Password: tiaki

BEING SUN SMART

In the summer months, it is important that you give consideration to keeping your children safe in the sun. At school we will be ensuring our children wear their sunhats and keep a supply of sunblock on hand.

We need you to play your part in the SunSmart partnership by sun blocking your children before they leave for school and by providing sensible clothing that covers their shoulders.

SUNHATS - In Terms 1 & 4, all students are required to bring a sun to school. It must be a "Bucket Style / Wide brim hat" as this type of hat protects the ears, face and back of the neck from the sun. Please note caps do not provide enough protection and are not acceptable.

Students not wearing an appropriate hat will be required to stay in the shade or to attend the indoor sun smart education session.

For more information on skin cancer prevention please visit:

<http://www.sunsmartschools.org.nz/>

Kenakena School Parent Teacher Association News

"Kenakena School Parent Teacher Association (or KSPTA)".

Kenakena School PTA was delighted to meet the whānau who attended on Friday 27 February. for a fun afternoon in the pool to fundraise for... the pool!

KENAKENA SCHOOL PTA MEETINGS

New or Prospective Members are always welcome to join and attend meetings which are held in the evenings in staffroom at Kenakena School.

Monday, March 30th	7.30pm-9pm
Monday, April 20th	7.30pm-9pm – Location Library
Monday, June 29th	7.30pm-9pm
Monday, July 20th	7.30pm-9pm
Monday, November 30th	7.30pm-9pm

To contact us by email, see the addresses below:

- kspta@kk.school.nz (General Enquiries – Cat Grant)
- treasurer.kspta@kk.school.nz (Finance – Meg Price)
- lunches@kk.school.nz (Friday Lunches - Hervé Sitterlé)

Ngā mihi,

The Kenakena School Parent Teacher Association

Important Dates

Fri 20 Mar 2026

Teacher Only Day -**School Closed**

Tue 24 Mar 2026

Rock Your Socks Day

Tue 21 Apr 2026

Pōwhiri - Term 2 11am

Tue 26 May 2026

School Photo Day

Tue 16 Jun 2026

Boostrix & Gardasil

Year 7 immunisations

Wed 17 Jun 2026

Kapiti College – Open Day

Tue 21 Jul 2026

Pōwhiri - Term 3 11am

Tue 22 Sep 2026

Kapiti College – Option Day

Tue 13 Oct 2026

Pōwhiri - Term 4 11am

Kauri Y 7&8 – Makahika Camp 2026

Mon 2 Nov – Wed 4 Nov - **Camp 1**

Wed 4 Nov – Fri 6 Nov - **Camp 2**

Sat 14 Nov 2026

Festival of Fun – Gala

Tue 8 Dec 2026

Gardasil – Dose 2

Year 7 immunisations

Term Dates 2026

[Tue 03 Feb – Teacher Introduction Meetings / Whakawhanaungatanga Meetings](#)

Term 1 –Wed 04 Feb - Thu 02 Apr 2026

Term 2 - Mon 20 Apr- Fri 03 Jul 2026

Term 3 - Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sep 2026

Term 4 - Mon 12 Oct - Thu 17 Dec 2026 –

On 17 Dec school finishes at 12 noon

Before / After School Care & School Holiday Programmes

Funzone

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE BASED AT KENAKENA SCHOOL

FUN ZONE

Come and have some FUN!

Before School Care (Breakfast Club)
Open from 7am
Breakfast served on arrival
Crafts & Games & Last minute homework help

After School Care
Begins at 3pm
Afternoon Tea served at 3.30pm
Games, crafts & activities that vary each day!

Monday to Friday - Kenakena School Hall
Contact us to find out more!

www.funzone.co.nz | 0800 543 9696 | info@funzone.co.nz

We provide Before & After School Care for all families in the Paraparaumu region.

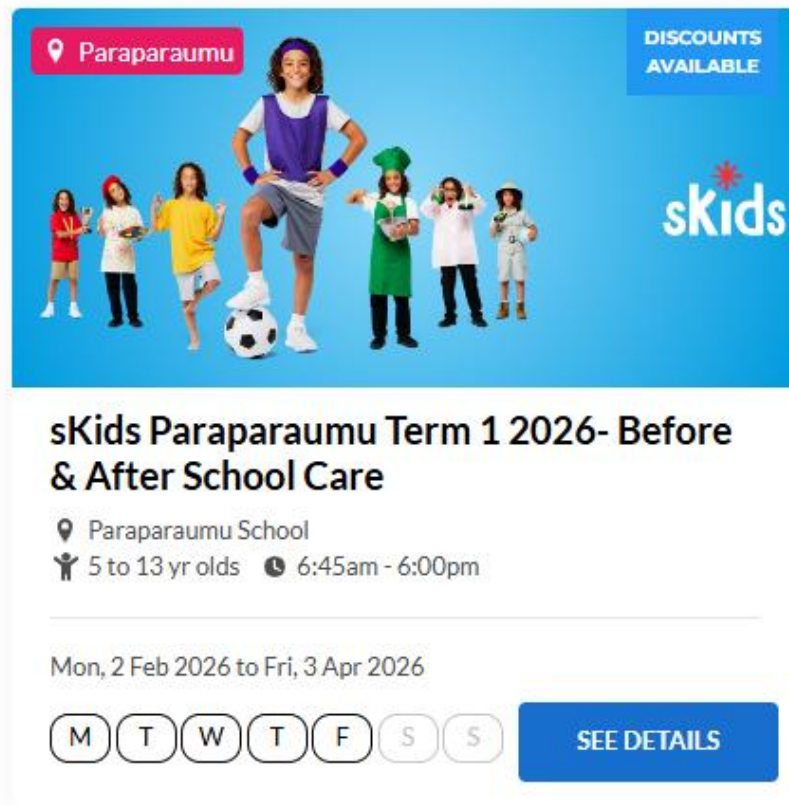
Our services include breakfast options and homework assistance during our Breakfast Club, along with a complimentary drop-off service to your child's school.

In the After School program, we collect children from their schools and bring them to our facility at Kenakena School. Here, we offer afternoon tea and a variety of engaging activities for kids to select from.

All our programmes are accredited by the Ministry of Social Development, and we also offer Childcare Subsidies.

www.FunZone.co.nz / 0800 FUN ZONE (386 9663)

Skids



The advertisement features a blue background with a group of seven children in various costumes (soccer player, chef, astronaut, etc.) and a soccer ball. Text includes 'Paraparaumu', 'DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE', 'sKids', 'sKids Paraparaumu Term 1 2026- Before & After School Care', 'Paraparaumu School', '5 to 13 yr olds', '6:45am - 6:00pm', 'Mon, 2 Feb 2026 to Fri, 3 Apr 2026', and a 'SEE DETAILS' button.

Paraparaumu

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

sKids

sKids Paraparaumu Term 1 2026- Before & After School Care

Paraparaumu School

5 to 13 yr olds 6:45am - 6:00pm

Mon, 2 Feb 2026 to Fri, 3 Apr 2026

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SEE DETAILS

About sKids Totally Tamariki

At sKids Totally Tamariki we work along side your whanau to help grow awesome kiwi kids. We are dedicated to making your life just that little bit easier with the care and services we offer.

It's all about having lots of FUN and your kids will have so much fun at our sKids centre that they won't want to leave.

We offer Before-School Care, After-School Care and Holiday Programmes.

We provide afternoon tea, help them with their home work, let them play then do a fun activity with them so you can rest assured that they are safe, secure and having the time of their life.

Enquires: sonia@skids.co.nz / Sonia: 027 739 1986

Community Notices

MARKET DAY

Sat 21st March
10am - 2pm



Kāpiti
Arts & Crafts Society
192 Matai Road, Raumati Beach

arts & crafts
baking & produce
plants
pottery
white elephant
books

sausage sizzle
easter egg hunt
art activities
raffles and games
entertainment

Stalls available to hire
only \$15 or \$30
email: art192@proton.me
phone: 021 029 02914
by March 6th

Grateful thanks to Harcourts Team Group and Warehouse Stationery for the raffle prizes

SIGN UP TODAY!

Rangatahi Fundraising
BEACH FUN RUN
>>> OR WALK >>>
Sunday 29th March 2026

www.kapitirunforyouth.co.nz

Event organised by
webgeniūs
Websites & Web Marketing

Kāpiti Run for Youth has been raising funds for rangatahi in Kāpiti since 2011 while having fun strolling or running along the beautiful Kāpiti coastline. We are a lively, family-friendly event focused on fostering community spirit and supporting organisations that encourage and uplift local young people. RAIN or SHINE, get ready to have fun!

ĀHURU MŌWAI TRUST

The Āhuru Mōwai Trust, creates safe spaces for families who have children with extra and special needs.

Āhuru Mōwai Trust, they run weekly low-sensory sessions at the Rebound Trampoline Park.

Sensory Sessions are held weekly at Rebound, Playland and Trampoline Park, in Paraparaumu.

Session Details:

When: Mondays (Yes, even in the school holidays!)

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Cost: \$10 per family (immediate, not extended)

Who: School aged children with extra and special needs and their parents, guardians, family members, carers, siblings.

PIPPINS- THE JUNIOR BRANCH OF GIRLGUIDING NEW ZEALAND

ENROLMENTS ARE BEING TAKEN NOW FOR FIVE AND SIX YEAR OLD GIRLS AT PIPPINS- THE JUNIOR BRANCH OF GIRLGUIDING NEW ZEALAND

AT PIPPINS, GIRLS DEVELOP AWARENESS OF THE THE WORLD AROUND THEM. THEY LEARN IMPORTANT NEW THINGS ABOUT THEMSELVES, OTHER PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT. .

HADFIELD PIPPINS MEET ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS AT THE JUNE OAKLEY GUIDE HALL IN TE KUPE RD. SIGN UP ON THE WEBSITE, GIRLGUIDINGNZ.ORG.NZ OR TXT PIPPINS TO 021 0404 115.



The **BIG** Easter Weekend!

Over **\$3000** of prizes to be won!

FOUR DAYS OF WHĀNAU FUN !

- Annual Easter Rock Hunt
- Easter Hub for the kids
- Face Painting
- Sausage Sizzle

ngamanu.org.nz

74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road
Waikanae



Rhino by Carpet Court
JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL
CHALLENGE
EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT

WELLINGTON 4, 7 & 8 MAY 2026



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Email: info@eventpromotions.co.nz

As this is a school community newsletter, please let the school office know of any successes that your child/children may have had outside the school. We are only too happy to share their achievements.

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