



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.

Hot on the heels of our recent Mitey 'Go Green' Day, last Friday we celebrated **Pink Shirt Day**. Seeing how our kids, whānau and staff get behind these days is terrific. The Pink Shirt Day activities were organized by our Kenakena School Student Leaders, who did a terrific job reinforcing the anti-bullying message to their peers and to all the kids in our school.

Essentially, both days are about protecting and promoting good mental health, so having those special days close together helps reinforce the mental health message.





[Check out Kenakena School's Facebook page for more photographs.](#)

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING INFORMATION

The New Zealand Curriculum now prescribes year-by-year teaching sequences and progressions for learning. The achievement reports you will receive at the end of this term will show your child's current year level and a description of how they are achieving in relation to that year level. The descriptors teachers use in this achievement report are detailed below.

When making a best-fit overall judgement of your child's achievement, teachers consider whether a student can be assessed as independently able to achieving in relation to their year level.

As I have written before in this newsletter, Kenakena Schools' teachers, like most teachers throughout New Zealand are still becoming familiar with Mathematics and English curricula that have been changed several times during a rushed implementation phase. Our teachers are working very hard to implement the new curricula at the same time as trying to accurately assess and report on student outcomes in relation to those curricula. Our teachers will work to be as accurate as possible as we prepare to report to you on the new curriculum for the first time.

The language for assessment and reporting has been standardised across our primary schools nation-wide, which is not a bad thing. The Progress Descriptors for assessment and reporting are one of the best things to come out of the changes to NZ Curriculum.

Progress Descriptors for Assessment and Reporting

Progress Descriptor	Indicators for Teachers
1 Emerging Students require support to meet curriculum expectations for their year level and/or goals as described in their personalised learning plan.	Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand some concepts and strategies for learning with significant guidance and assistance.• Can make some connections and apply knowledge with significant guidance and assistance.• Make progress in line with goals described in their personalised learning plan, with significant support
2 Developing Students are making some progress towards curriculum expectations for their year level.	Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand concepts and strategies for learning with some guidance.• Can learn facts and apply knowledge, in familiar contexts with some support.• Are making progress with new knowledge towards meeting year level expectations or are progressing with support to accelerate learning towards expectations for their year level.
3 Consolidating Students are meeting many curriculum expectations for their year level and are steadily strengthening their understanding across learning areas.	Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply familiar strategies to reinforce their learning with increasing independence.• Often recall and use knowledge with growing confidence.• Are beginning to transfer knowledge to new contexts.• Can reflect on and explain their ideas clearly to express what they could do better.
4 Proficient Students are meeting curriculum expectations for their year level.	Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can consistently apply learning strategies confidently, accurately and independently.• Can independently use their knowledge in a variety of situations.• Can often apply knowledge to new contexts.• Can reflect on and explain their ideas clearly, explain their reasoning and apply this to improve their learning.• Often shares their ideas to grow and build knowledge.
5 Exceeding Students are exceeding curriculum expectations for their year level.	Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use higher level thinking strategies to reflect on their learning.• Consistently connect ideas and concepts across different contexts.• Deepen their ideas, thinking and understanding.• Can use their learning in purposeful and innovative ways to make sense of complex ideas.• Consistently reflects on ideas to test, challenge and extend their knowledge.

Accompanying this newsletter is an update on Reporting to Parents and Caregivers. This update communicates a change of date for the publication of your children's achievement reports to Monday, June 29, which is two weeks later than originally planned and communicated to you. The reason for this change is to give our teachers more time to adjust to and implement the new assessment and

reporting changes, particularly the use of the Progress Descriptors when assessing work in relation to the new Maths and English curricula.

You will receive more guidance documentation on the new reporting system closer to that time.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – TERM 3 MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2026

As you have been informed, the Ministry of Education has approved all schools to hold two teacher only days (Curriculum Days) in 2026. <https://tahurangi.education.govt.nz/curriculumdays>

Our first Curriculum Day was Math's-based and was held on March 20.

The second of our two "Teacher Only Days" is scheduled for Term 3 on Monday, August 31.

We tag "Teacher Only Days" onto weekends to make it easier for families to exercise the option to arrange annual leave for long weekends at a time when the rest of the country is not also on the road.

Our usual out-of-school-care providers will be contacted and asked to provide a service for whānau who need it. If required, please get in touch with these care providers directly to make a booking.

I do appreciate that this can be disruptive for families and thank you for working with us to fulfil our obligations to the Ministry of Education.

KENAKENA CROSS-COUNTRY DATES

Our School Cross Country Day is Thursday 28th May at Te Atiawa Park.

Start times -

1.00 - 1.30pm

Juniors

Years 0 - 2

1.30 - 2.30pm

Seniors

Years 3 - 8

Parents and Whanau are welcome to attend to cheer on the kids!

We would appreciate no dogs at the event as part of our safety plan.

The great thing about this event is that it involves our whole school. Your children train together, get fit together, support and encourage each other and then come together on this day for the big event. They know they can't all win, but it's great when they give it a go. Those are the positives!

Last year's participation was significantly higher than in 2024, when we experienced a very unsubtle drop in school attendance on the day of the event and many sudden injury notes from the parents of children who were running around freely during the lunch break prior to the event. **It is disappointing when children are supported by whanau to opt out.** Our physical education and fitness programme is an important aspect of health and well-being, and for building physical and mental resilience.

I am expecting to see high attendance again on the day of the event this year.

MATARIKI

Matariki is celebrated every year in late June or early July to celebrate the first rising of the Pleiades star cluster.

- The 2026 date for the Matariki Public Holiday is Friday July 10.
- **The date set for our School Matariki Hangi is Thursday, July 2.**

More information will be provided and a call for volunteer helpers will be made soon.

Nga mihi

Bruce McDonald

PRINCIPAL

School News

KENAKENA SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Kenakena School Photo Day will be on Tuesday 26 May 2026.

ORDERING DETAILS:

All students present at school on Tuesday 26 May 2026 will be photographed.

The ordering will be opened up to parents AFTER photo day.

With the exception of Family / Sibling Photos, these need to be ordered BEFORE photo day.

CLASS PHOTOS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS:

- An individual "Shoot Key" code will be given to you to access your child's images.
- Around a week after photo day, the images will be available for parents to view on the photographer's online portal.
- All orders are done online and payment is made directly to the photographer, LC SCOTT.
- Payment or orders cannot be accepted via the school office.

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTO OPTION:

If you would like your children photographed together, then Family /Sibling photos MUST be ordered in advance by 3.00pm on Monday 25th May = ORDER BEFORE PHOTO DAY.

Here is the link to ORDER Family / Sibling Photos –

<https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=6RMBPJWT>

UPDATE – The payment for this family photo is made AFTER photo day, as orders can be combined with the classroom photo or individual student photos. An individual "Shoot Key" code will be given to you to access your child's images.

Note: should you have siblings who attend Kindy or College you may include them in the family / sibling photo – Please be at the school hall by 8.30am as you will be given priority straight after the staff photo.

If all siblings are attending Kenakena School then the pre-ordered sibling photos will be organised throughout the day.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOST FAMILIES – NEEDED

We have had a lot of interest in our International Student Programme, following the principals marketing trip to China. We are hoping that a good number of international students want to come to New Zealand and experience what Kenakena School has to offer.

If this is the case, we will be in need of many more Homestay Hosts Families.

Please get in touch with Fiona our Homestay Co-ordinator by email on homestays@kk.school.nz, if you are interested in finding out more about hosting our international students. This is a paid cultural exchange programme.

International education income is important to our school and supports our specialist programmes. The students who bring that income usually have a terrific experience in school, on excursions and activities, and with their homestay families. Their presence in our school enhances our school culture.



FREE Dental Checks!

Kenakena School

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be parked at your school from term 2 from 8 June to 29 July 2026.

We want all children to have a positive experience when they have a dental check.

Please call us on 0800 825 583 to discuss any special considerations about your child that we need to be aware of. Special considerations may include ASD, sensory issues, developmental delay, anxiety or ADHD.

We would also like to know if your child has a medical condition or is taking medication we may not be aware of.

Our privacy policy can be found on our website:
<https://www.beehealthy.org.nz/contact-us/privacy-policy/>

If your child is **not** enrolled in the service please check their bag for an enrolment form. This is to be completed and returned to the school office so that we can see your child for their free annual checkup.

To update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)**

Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt
www.beehealthy.org.nz | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)

Kenakena School Parent Teacher Association News

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

To keep up to date with the exciting events organised by the KSPTA, keep an eye on the HERO - Community Feed, the Kenakena School and KSPTA Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/KenakenaSchoolPTA>

The Kenakena School PTA Pie Fundraiser is here — proper family pies from Rosebowl Bakery



💎 All pies \$12 each 💎

Available flavours:

- 🍖 Mince (800g) 🧀 Mince & Cheese (800g) 🥔 Mince & Potato (800g)
- 🥩 Steak & Cheese (800g) 🍄 Steak & Mushroom (800g)
- 🥕 Vegetable (800g) 🍗 Chicken & Vegetable (800g)
- 🥓 Bacon & Egg (500g)

🍏 Fruit pies (700g):• Apple• Apricot• Blackberry & Apple

⚠️ Allergens: wheat, egg, soy, milk, gluten in all pies.

Specific ingredient details available on request to kspta@kk.school.nz.

📅 Orders close: 17 June

📍 Pick up date & location: TBA

👉 Order here:

[Online Pie Order Link - Click Here](#)

Support Kenakena School and make future-you very happy at dinnertime



🏀 ✨ SUPPORT KENAKENA SCHOOL & SEE THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS! ✨ 🏀

The NBL has partnered with Kenakena School PTA for an exciting fundraising opportunity

When you [purchase tickets](#) to the Harlem Globetrotters' 100 Year Tour using our special codeword **GLOBETROTTERS94** a portion of your ticket sale will go directly towards supporting Kenakena School

📍 TSB Arena, Wellington

📅 16 July 2026

🚫 IMPORTANT: To make sure Kenakena School receives the fundraising credit, you must:

✅ Use the direct ticket

link <https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/24006384D72F3A32?did=specialoffer>

✅ Enter the codeword: **GLOBETROTTERS94**

This is going to be an unforgettable family event full of basketball skills, entertainment, and laughs — definitely not one to miss!

[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, 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

Tue 26 May 2026

School Photo Day

Thu 28 May 2026

School Cross Country 1-2.30pm

Fri 05 Jun 2026

New Entrant Hearing & Vision

WED 10 Jun 2026- Date Change

Paraparaumu College – Open Day

Mon 08 Jun 2026

Bee Healthy Dentist Onsite

Thu 11 Jun 2026

Boostrix & Gardasil
Year 7 immunisations

Wed 17 Jun 2026

Kapiti College – Open Day

Thu 02 Jul 2026

Matariki Hangi Day

Fri 10 Jul 2026

Matariki Day

Tue 21 Jul 2026

Pōwhiri - Term 3 11am

Mon 31 Aug 2026

Teacher Only Day -School Closed

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

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

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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE BASED AT KENAKENA SCHOOL



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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Based @ Kenakena School

WE SUPPORT
SCHOOLS BASED IN PARAPARAUMU

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
We Pick Up Your Child From Their School And Bring Them To Our Kenakena School Programme.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
Drop Off Your Child And We will Get Them Ready And Safely Transport Them To School.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
WWW.FUNZONE.CO.NZ

TO CONTACT OUR TEAM
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 \(386 9663\)](tel:0800FUNZONE)

Skids

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.

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

Community Notices

 **Paraparaumu College**
Te Kāreti o Paraparaumu



Please register for the session you would like to attend at:
www.paraparaumucollege.school.nz

OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 10 June

Starting in the College Auditorium
Session 1 4.30pm - 6pm
Session 2 6.30pm - 8pm

ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR 2027

Paraparaumu College is a zoned school.
All the information about our zone and enrolments can be found at:
www.paraparaumucollege.school.nz
Out of zone applications for Year 9 **MUST** be received by
WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2026 to be considered.
Out of zone applications for Year 10-13 **MUST** be received
by **WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2026** to be considered.

If you have any questions about the enrolment process for 2027, please contact:
Cathy Lawry, Principal's PA on 902 5170 ext 0825 or email her on Lwcc@pc.school.nz

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THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE THE KUMON METHOD AT NO COST AND SEE HOW IT CAN SUPPORT THEIR LEARNING FURTHER.

TechWeek 2026

Expand Your Child's Horizons!

FREE

Beginner to advanced coding lessons available at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm every day during TechWeek.

★ Students learn a lot in one hour!
Ages: 9&10, 11&12, 13&14, 15 to adult

Book now at codingnz.com/freeactivity





ST PATRICK'S
COLLEGE
SILVERSTREAM



YEAR 9 2027

Open Day Thursday 21 May 2026
9am - 10:30am or 1pm - 2:30pm

See website: <https://www.stream.school.nz>



- For Year 8 boys & their caregivers/parents
- No Registration required
- Meeting point: School Chapel

2027 Enrolments open: 22 May 2026
2027 Enrolments close: 26 June 2026

207 Fergusson Drive +64 4 939 4224
Silverstream, Upper Hutt, enrolments@stream.school.nz
Wellington, 5018 <https://www.stream.school.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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