



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.

Last week's Kenakena School Cross Country was a magnificent event on a stunning Kāpiti Coast day. Whole school events are important for our Kenakena School culture, where our students come together for a common purpose that they have all worked towards. Having a terrific turnout of parents and whānau to encourage and support them added to the feel of our school as a community.

Student absences on the day were not unusual. Our kids gave it a go and were encouraging and supportive of each other. It was great to watch the races-within-a race, where they tried to catch the runner in front of them, and the children who gained pride and satisfaction from just running the whole way, maintaining their pace and finishing to crowd applause and support. This photo epitomises what the day is all about.



Thank you, for supporting and encouraging your children for their participation in this event. Thank you, to Kenakena's staff for working with them in the lead up to the event and on the day, and to Sue Hawkins for organizing the 2026 Kenakena Cross Country.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Kāpiti Pakeke Lions Club has granted \$1500 to the Kenakena School Dyslexia Programme. Lions' clubs in Kāpiti have been supportive of our programme and often provides grants.

A private trust has been supporting our dyslexia programme through patronage since 2017 with initial annual support of \$5000. This year, the trust has increased its level of support from \$6000 to \$10000 for the year ahead. This patronage has enabled us to provide life-changing opportunities for many children.

Grants, donations and patronage are critical for the sustainability of the Kenakena School Dyslexia Programme, so we are very grateful to Lions and the private trust. Of course, I am always open to further offers of patronage and would be pleased to hear from anyone in a position to offer patronage.

WINTER SPORTS SPECTATOR GUIDANCE

With winter sports under way, with parents and whānau turning out to watch their children participating and competing, it is good to remember how we encourage and support them. This article provides some excellent advice on how to achieve that in a positive way:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/life/relationships/family/how-to-behave-on-the-sideline-at-winter-whistle-sports>

ONLINE SAFETY

Included alongside this newsletter is a direct letter to parents regarding online harm. Please read it, reflect on the online protocols you have in place for your children at home, and ensure you are following the law in regard to age restrictions. It also contains advice for parents and whānau.

SECURITY CAMERAS UPGRADED

We are incrementally upgrading the security cameras across our school site to keep our school site safe day and night. From the time we first installed cameras at Kenakena, we have had a huge reduction in vandalism. School community feedback has been positive about the 24-hour safety enhancement our cameras provide.

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.

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 ORDERING](#)

Kenakena School Photo Day took place on Tuesday 26 May 2026.

ORDERING DETAILS:

All students present at school on Tuesday 26 May 2026 were photographed.
The online ordering is now OPEN.

CHILDREN HAVE BEEN GIVEN A SLIP WITH A "SHOOT KEY" REFERENCE, THESE WENT HOME IN SCHOOL BAGS TODAY.

CLASS PHOTOS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS:

- An individual "Shoot Key" code will be given to you to access your child's images.
- 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.

[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 currently have 13 international students enrolled for Term 3. We have interest from another group of students wanting to come to New Zealand and experience what Kenakena School has to offer. **To be able to accept this group, we will need 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 at \$400 per student, per week.

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.

[BEE HEALTHY DENTAL SERVICE](#)

The Bee Healthy Dental Service will be at Kenakena School from 8 June 2026 to 20 July 2026.

See below for more details:



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 FESTIVAL OF FUN



Bring the fun! ✨ Join the Festival of Fun Committee!

- We still need 5 people to join our happy crew and bring some passion!
- Job descriptions & lists provided
- New ideas & skills are SO appreciated
- No experience required...
- If you're keen, you're qualified!
- We make \$18-25k a year for the school!

Next meeting
Monday 8 June

7:30 PM
school library

Want to know more? Contact Cat
kkgala@kk.school.nz



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

Fri 05 Jun 2026

New Entrant Hearing & Vision

Tue 21 Jul 2026

Pōwhiri - Term 3 11am

WED 10 Jun 2026- Date Change

Paraparaumu College – Open Day

Mon 31 Aug 2026

Teacher Only Day -School Closed

Mon 08 Jun 2026

Bee Healthy Dentist Onsite

Tue 22 Sep 2026

Kapiti College – Option Day

Thu 11 Jun 2026

Boostrix & Gardasil

Year 7 immunisations

Tue 13 Oct 2026

Pōwhiri - Term 4 11am

Wed 17 Jun 2026

Kapiti College – Open Day

Kauri Y 7&8 – Makahika Camp 2026

Mon 2 Nov – Wed 4 Nov - Camp 1

Wed 4 Nov – Fri 6 Nov - Camp 2

Thu 02 Jul 2026

Matariki Hangi Day

Sat 14 Nov 2026

Festival of Fun – Gala

Fri 10 Jul 2026

Matariki Day

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

FUNZONE

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.

ENROL NOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION
WWW.FUNZONE.CO.NZ

TO CONTACT OUR TEAM
INFO@FUNZONE.CO.NZ

The poster features a photograph of a family (a man, a woman, and two children) walking along a path. A QR code is located in the bottom center of the poster.

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 Lwc@pc.school.nz



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KUMON PARAPARAUMU EDUCATION CENTRE

Anish Madhani
1/10 Seaview Road, Paraparaumu Beach, Paraparaumu 5032
021 138 7944



Visit website or
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KUMON IS OFFERING A FREE TRIAL THIS MAY FOR STUDENTS IN MATHS AND ENGLISH. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS BUILD STRONG FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS, DEVELOP INDEPENDENT LEARNING HABITS, AND GROW CONFIDENCE THROUGH INDIVIDUALISED STUDY AT THEIR OWN PACE.

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



PRINCIPAL PARTNER



Mitey is collaborating with Renew Your Mind to support parents and whānau with practical, grounded tools for navigating parenting in today's world. We know many families are looking for ways to manage the added pressures of social media, screens, big emotions, busy family life and the challenges children and young people are facing.

Renew Your Mind is offering online Mindful Parenting courses later this year, facilitated by Shirley Pastiroff, counsellor and author of *The Mindful Parent*.

There are two courses available:

- Kids Parenting Course, for parents of children aged 0–10
- Teens Parenting Course, for parents of young people aged 11+

The courses are live online via Zoom, and any missed sessions can be watched on demand.

You can find out more and sign up here:

<https://renewyourmind.co.nz/mindful-parenting>

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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