



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.

I appreciate the opportunities to be directly involved with our students. Kapahaka is an area in which I have had continual involvement since I first became Kenakena's principal. Another regular activity for me is an annual invitation to accompany and help guide our Year 8 girls on our Mana Wahine Programme bike ride. Last week, on a cold winter's day we biked off to the Waikanae River track accompanied by Mana Wahine programme directors Marie Mead and Kate McDonald. On the ride up one side of the river and back down the other, our girls showed a spirit of adventure and enjoyment, that also involved seeking out puddles and mud for the fun of being splattered! Mana Wahine is a terrific programme that brings our girls together in their final year of primary school to build skills and confidence to take them forward as young women.





KENAKENA STUDENTS ATTEND NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Kenakena's Student Leaders and Tour Guides recently attended the National Young Leaders' Day at the St James Theatre in Wellington. Our young leaders enjoyed inspiring presenters, strategies to sustain good mental health, music and laughter. Enabling our young leaders to listen to, interact with and be inspired by high-achieving New Zealanders is a terrific opportunity.



Xanthe, Lachie and Mason enjoying the Young Leaders Day event.

The National Young Leaders Days (NYLD) are the largest and longest running leadership event for primary and intermediate school students. These large-scale annual events aim to develop student leadership. Since 2001, more than 130,000 students have been empowered to fulfil their ambitions and become great leaders.

The objectives of NYLD are

- Inspiration
- Connection
- Student empowerment
- Promoting positivity
- Motivation
- Education

This year's theme was "Leaning Into Fear" (Tūwhitia te hopo, mairangatia te angitū — Feel the fear and do it anyway). Our students were challenged to step out of their comfort zones, build resilience, and lead with courage even when things feel uncertain.

We had the privilege of hearing powerful, real-life stories from an amazing lineup of Kiwi trailblazers:

- Graci Kim (Bestselling Author & Former Diplomat)
- Dr. Riley Elliott (The Shark Man & Marine Scientist)
- William Pike (Adventurer & Relentless Optimist)
- Lola Fisher (Youth Advocate & Young Courage Award Recipient)

We can see our young leaders bringing some of these valuable lessons back into our classrooms, playground, and the wider Kenakena community as they 'lean into fear' and try hard things, while supporting others to do the same!

Thanks to the parents who helped with transport and supervision, and to Assistant Principal Marie Mead for organizing the participation of our students.

MATARIKI IS NOT FAR AWAY

As part of our Matariki celebrations, Kenakena School will be holding a whole school hāngī on **Thursday 2 July**. This is always a special occasion that brings our school community together to celebrate, reflect, and share kai. In the weeks leading up to our hāngī, classes will be learning more about Matariki, its significance, and the many ways people celebrate special occasions and traditions around the world.

Can You Help?

A successful hāngī relies on the support of our whānau and community members. We would greatly appreciate help with the following:

- Bring in your allocated vegetable donation and a \$2 Coin Koha – Wednesday 1 July at 9am to the classroom teacher.
- Vegetable preparation – Wednesday 1 July from 11:00am
- Digging the hāngī pit – Wednesday 1 July
- Distributing the hāngī to classes – Thursday 2 July from approximately 1:00pm

If you are available to help with any of these jobs, please contact the school office. If your child has dietary requirements, please also contact the office to let them know - reception@kenakena.school.nz

Share Your Knowledge and Celebrations

We would also love to welcome whānau and community members into our school to help enrich our Matariki learning and celebrations.

This could include:

- Reading a story to a class
- Sharing artwork or a creative activity
- Teaching a game
- Sharing aspects of your culture, family traditions, or celebrations
- Leading a workshop
- Sharing kai
- Or any other ideas you may have!

We know many people in our community have talents, experiences, and traditions, and we would love to celebrate and learn from them. If you have an idea or would like to be involved in the lead up to Matariki or on the day itself, please get in touch with Kate - kgallagher@kk.school.nz . Together, we can discuss your ideas and organise a way for you to be part of our celebrations.

The following article gives a very informative overview of Matariki.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/360722467/matariki-101-what-it-why-does-it-matter>

And here is the link to the official Matariki site.

<https://www.matariki.com/>



An image of our Matariki Hangi fire burning brightly last year.

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>

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.

Nga mihi

Bruce McDonald

PRINCIPAL

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KENAKENA SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

The online ordering of school photos is still available.

CHILDREN HAVE BEEN GIVEN A SLIP WITH A "SHOOT KEY" REFERENCE. THESE WENT HOME IN SCHOOL BAGS. (You can contact the school office, if you the Shoot Key Slip has been misplaced)

CLASS PHOTOS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS:

- An individual "Shoot Key" code were 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.

The photo packs will be delivered to school in a few weeks time. Once they arrive we will distributed the packs to the student to take home. On that day, we will send out a notice to advise parents via HERO to check their child's school bag.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Please could we ask all parents and caregivers to contact the school by 9.15am, if your child is absent from school.

To notify the school - please submit absence in one of the following ways:

1. via the school "HERO" App
2. By calling the office on (04) 2984011 Select Option 1 – Absences
3. Emailing the school office on office1@kenakena.school.nz

Please advise: Child's Name, Classroom Number, Length & Reason for Absence.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

Our office staff are absolutely critical to the day-to-day operation of our school. They have a variety of tasks to complete each day. To support them, please be well organised each day with your child's lunch, chrome book, change of clothes, and everything they need for the day.

Please discuss with your child in the morning, any after school pick-up arrangements.

For appointments during the school day, please allow enough time for the adult to come to the school office to sign out and then go to collect your child from their classroom.

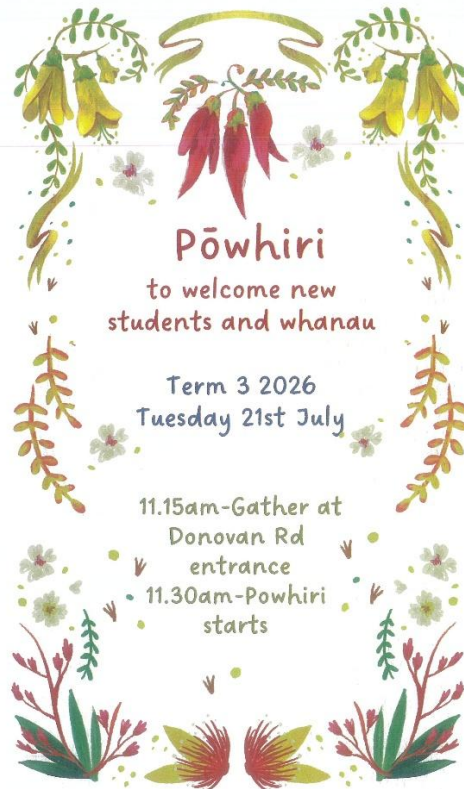
With a school role of 556 children, it is not viable for our office staff to be running non-urgent messages or errands for children during the school day.

WET WEATHER - PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH SPARE CLOTHES.

The wet weather has arrived and it can be very tempting for the students to play outside in the rain or to splash in the puddles. Sitting in wet clothes can be very uncomfortable and hinder their learning.

Please send a spare set of clothes to school in your child's bag, particularly the junior year levels. Pants, undies and socks are the critical items.

TERM 3 Pōwhiri



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 you 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 you 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 — proper family pies from Rosebowl Bakery



 Pick up date & location:

Kenakena School

Wednesday 24 June 2026

Pick up from the staffroom between 2.45pm – 3.30pm

Thank you for your support of Kenakena School

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

Event Date: Saturday 14 November 2026

A blue poster with a yellow sun in the bottom right corner. At the top, there are colorful triangular bunting flags. On the right, a circular inset photo shows a group of nine people standing in front of a school building. The text on the poster is as follows:

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!

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

 Kenakena School PTA

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

Mon 22 Jun 2026

Bee Healthy Dentist Onsite

Thu 02 Jul 2026

Matariki Hangi Day

Fri 10 Jul 2026

Matariki Day

Thu 30 Jul at 7:00 pm.

Y8 - Paraparaumu College

Wearable Arts Show

Tue 21 Jul 2026

Pōwhiri - Term 3 11am

Sat 29 August at Victoria

University.

Tournament of Minds (TOM)

Mon 31 Aug 2026

Teacher Only Day -School Closed

Fri 11 Sep 2026

New Entrant Hearing & Vision

Wed 16 Sep 2026

WOW – Show Optional Trip

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**

Thu 5 Nov 2026

Kahikatea Epro8 Inter schools

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

FUNZONE

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE BASED AT KENAKENA

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Fun Zone Holiday Programme July 2026

Senior 10+ Years (6th July - 17th July 2026)

MON 6 JULY '26	TUE 7 JULY '26	WED 8 JULY '26	THU 9 JULY '26	FRI 10 JULY '26
CHILL 'N' THRILL BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - Icebreaker Games And Activities That Will Provide Heaps Of Fun All Day 	MAGIC AND TRICKS FUN Enjoy Our Obstacle Courses, Potion Relay, Magic Tricks, And Wizard Escape And So Much More 	BLOCKBUSTER & SKATE PARK Catch The Latest Blockbuster At Events Cinemas & Zoom At Paraparaumu Skate Park. EVENT C I N E M A S	CELEBRATION OF KIWI CULTURE MATARIKI! Explore The Traditions, Music, And Flavours Of New Zealand's Heritage. 	CLOSED
MON 13 JULY '26	TUE 14 JULY '26	WED 15 JULY '26	THU 16 JULY '26	FRI 17 JULY '26
WINTER WONDERLAND Join A Magical Winter Adventure With Fun Activities And Exciting Games That Is Cool & Full Of Excitement 	BOUNTS OF FUN Discover Fun Amateur Boxing Skills And Drills At Our Neighbourhood Gym 	FZ INFLATABLES The Ultimate Inflatable Adventure For All Ages! Jump, Bounce, And Play Your Way To Unforgettable Fun. 	NATURE'S MARVELS Experience The Elements Of Nature From Fiery Passion, Playful Winds, Flowing Waters, And Grounded Earth. 	GROOVIN' FUN Get Ready For An Exciting Disco With Party Games And Activities To Keep The Day Lively.

Times

SESSION 1 | 8.30am - 4.30pm

SESSION 2 | 8.00am - 6.00pm

SESSION 3 | 7.00am - 6.30pm

Discounts

Session 1 (Booking Everyday) - 5% Discount (incl all excursions)

Session 2 (Booking Everyday) - 8% Discount (incl all excursions)

Session 3 (Booking Everyday) - 10% Discount (incl all excursions)

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Community Notices



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

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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.

Fees do apply.

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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