

KAIPAKI SCHOOL

'BRINGING LEARNING TO LIFE'
WHAKATINANAHIA TE
MĀTAURANGA

LEARNING IN FULL SWING: TERM HIGHLIGHTS AND MORE!

KIA ORA TE WHĀNAU O KAIPAKI

Can you believe we're already in Week 5 of Term 1? Time is flying by, and things are in full swing here at school! We've got a big week ahead with two key events we'd love you to be part of.

Tuesday (4th March) are our Setting Up for Success meetings with teachers and whānau from 2:30–7:00pm — a great chance to connect, share insights, and set goals for the year. If you didn't manage to book through Skool Loop, just flick an email to your child's teacher to sort a time that works for all.

Then, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings (6:30–8:30pm) at Cambridge High School Hall, we have "Keeping Our Kids Safe Online" sessions with Rob Cope — a must-attend for any parent navigating the digital world with their tamariki. Grab your free tickets here:

- Wednesday 5th March (Years 1–8 focus): [Event link](#)
- Thursday 6th March (Years 7–13 focus): [Event link](#)

We really encourage you to come along — it's all about working together to support our tamariki's wellbeing, both in the classroom and online.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **4th March - Setting up for Success meetings (Please note change of date)**
- **5th/6th March - Online Safety Information Evening with Rob Cope**
- 5th March - Tiwai and Peka Swimming
- Sunday 9th March - Waipa Fun Run
- 17th - 19th March- Whole School Camp in Raglan
- 21st March - Rural Schools Swimming Sports
- 26th March - Board Meeting - 5pm
- 2nd April - EPro8 Competition
- 11th April - Last Day of Term 1



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RUBEN THE ROAD SAFETY BEAR

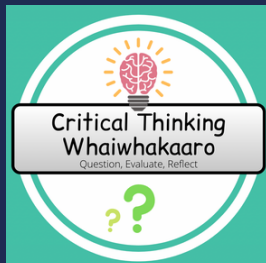
We had an absolute blast this week with a special visit from Ruben the Road Safety Bear! Our tamariki in Years 0-3 were buzzing with excitement as Ruben shared some important lessons about staying safe on the roads.

Ruben taught us all about looking both ways before crossing the street, holding hands with an adult, and the importance of wearing bright colours to be seen. The kids loved his fun games and catchy songs that made learning about road safety a real hoot!

It was fantastic to see our little ones so engaged and eager to practice what they learned. A big mihi to Ruben for making road safety such a fun and memorable experience for our tamariki!



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DR SEUSS DRESS UP DAY

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KAIPAKI SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Labour Weekend 2026



If you are interested in being involved in planning this special event, please come along to our first planning meeting

7pm, Monday 19th May
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CAMP RAGLAN

A team of our teachers recently had the pleasure of doing a pre-camp visit at Raglan Christian Camp. Wow! The stunning views took our breath away, and the range of activities on offer looks absolutely exciting. With only two weeks to go until our whole school camp, the countdown is officially on! Our tamariki are in for an unforgettable adventure filled with learning, fun, and exploration.

We can't wait to see everyone enjoying the beautiful surroundings and making the most of the fantastic activities.



ELECTIVES

The long awaited return of a school favourite - Electives - is locked into the Term 2 calendar. For those of you who haven't experienced Electives before, it's when learners have the opportunity to pursue interests in a variety of areas including things like dance, cooking, gardening, photography, building - the list is limitless. We would absolutely love to have our community involved in this. If you have a special interest or skill that you could share with a small group of students, and have time available on a Friday in Term 2, (likely 11.45am - 12.50pm) please let us know!



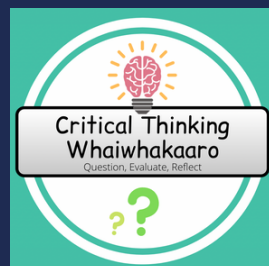
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Creativity/Auahatanga
Imagine, Invent, Experiment



**Collaboration
Mahi Tahī**
Contribute, Negotiate, Engage



**Critical Thinking
Whaiwhakaaro**
Question, Evaluate, Reflect



Community/Hapori
Care, Appreciate, Contribute



**Communication
Whitiwhiti Korero**
Listen, Speak, Present



Navigating the Digital World: Keeping Our Tamariki Safe

We want our school and our community to be a safe place for all children. Our tamariki are growing up in rapidly changing times, and the risk, frequency and severity of online harm are increasing. We need to tackle this as a community.

As such, we have organised Filmmaker, Author and Speaker Rob Cope, Producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online" to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our parent community.

His talk will cover:

Cyberbullying - How bullies can reach our kids 24/7

Social media - How social media is affecting the mental health in 3 out of 5 children. FOMO, depression, anxiety

Gaming and the developing brain – An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy

Naked Selfies - The pressure to send nudes from intermediate up through high school

Online predators - The methods they use, how to spot them

Online porn vs healthy sexuality - How consuming online pornography as a child or teen can create a sexual template where violence, aggression, and dominance are seen as normal and consent can become very blurry.

Solutions

Filters - Which filters are best and how to install them

Smartphones - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone

Boundaries - How to put good boundaries in place around device use

3 golden rules - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kids safe

Talking to your kids - How to have difficult conversations with your kids

Challenging our own phone and device usage - Reconnecting as a family.

Here is a promotional video for you to watch Our Kids Online Parent Evening.

The talks will be held in the **Cambridge High School Hall** on **Wednesday 5th March from 6.30 - 8.30** or **Thursday 6th March, 6.30 - 8.30pm**. Please note this talk is for adults only and is not suitable for children or teens to attend.

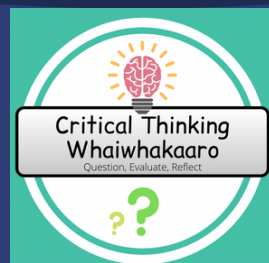
We hope that at least one representative from each family attend. This topic is too big for us not to pay attention.

Included in your ticket is a one-year complimentary subscription to "Parenting in an Online World 101" from Rob and team at Our Kids Online. This is a cybersafety parenting course, designed specifically for NZ families. It usually costs \$99 per family. So show up and get it for free! Course details can be found here Parenting in an Online World 101

Please register here: Wednesday 5th March: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/keeping-our-kids-safe-online-year-1-focus/cambridge>

Thursday 6th March: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/keeping-our-kids-safe-online-year-13-focus/cambridge>

"We need to tackle this as a community so that all of our kids are safe. When I protected my kids online, I also protected yours, so please, please protect your kids online so that you are also protecting mine" Rob Cope





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WAIPA FUN RUN

Don't forget the Waipa Fun Run is being held on Sunday the 9th of March.

It is set in the heart of Cambridge, the Waipa Fun Run is a great family event, held on the Town Square and offers courses for keen runners and walkers, plus families that just want to stroll the course.

Whether you want to walk or run, they have something for everyone; 2km School Challenge, Teams Challenge and the 5km and 10km walk or run events.

See their website for details:

<https://www.waipafunrun.co.nz/>



YEAR 7/8 TECH

Each week, our Year 7/8 students embark on an exciting journey to tech, where they dive into a world of new experiences and challenges. This opportunity allows them to explore a variety of practical skills and subjects that ignite their curiosity and creativity. From hands-on projects to innovative problem-solving, our students are developing valuable skills that will serve them well in the future. We're thrilled to see their enthusiasm and growth as they tackle each new challenge with determination and excitement!



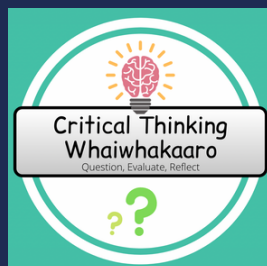
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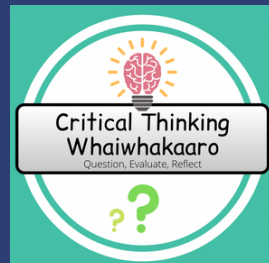
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Making Waves: Building Confidence in the Pool!

Ruma Peka and Ruma Tiwai's swimming lessons this week have been an absolute blast! It's been incredible to see how these sessions have not only sharpened their swimming skills but also boosted their confidence in and out of the water. Watching our tamariki tackle new challenges and grow more self-assured with each stroke has been inspiring. Big ups to our awesome instructors for their support and encouragement, we can't wait for our next lesson on the 5th of March!



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Board Buzz

We're so glad to welcome everyone back (or for the first time!) to another fantastic year of learning and experiences at Kaipaki School.

The Board met on 19 February and welcomed visits from:

- Our Project Manager on the progress of a number of projects around the school, such as our new school roofs.
- Jess Lawry, as a representative of our school PTA, to discuss working closely together on combined projects.

We also reviewed a summary of our Health Curriculum Whānau Survey - November 2024. We were pleased to hear that the Health Programme at Kaipaki School is well-received, with 80% of respondents rating it as a 4 or 5 out of 5. Strengths of the programme that were noted included the school's wide range of evidence-based programs and excellent sports support. The holistic approach to empowering children and fostering relationships between older and younger students is valued. Communication about health and safety procedures is effective, and general health checks are appreciated.

Suggestions for other areas of education to provide included; more initiatives to teach younger children about food origins and nutrition, and introducing self-awareness and emotional regulation education.

We will work to incorporate these suggestions into further health curriculum planning.

Other matters on the agenda were:

Health and safety matters

Budgets and finance

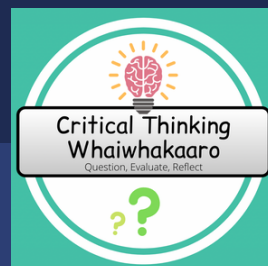
Property and maintenance

School bus matters

Review of relevant policies.

The next Board meeting is on 26 March from 5pm. All are welcome to the open sections of the agenda—just let us know in advance so we can prepare a space for you.

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Heartfelt Thanks for Your Efforts!



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A huge thank you to our caretaker, Rick, for his amazing efforts over the summer holidays to restore our Ruma Tiwai windows! Your work has preserved the character and history of our school. We also appreciate your fantastic work around the grounds.



Additionally, a big thank you to Shaws for the donation of the hardware for our new shade sail, and to Dan and Shaun for their efforts in organising and putting it up. The shaded area is looking great and is helping keep our students sun-safe!



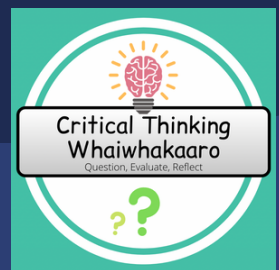
A huge shoutout to the amazing Gibb whānau — with Project Manager Dan and Artist/Designer Beatrix leading the charge — for transforming the Senior Playground with a stunning new design! It's already a hit with our tamariki, and we're all a bit curious about the special coded message!



A big thank you to Ruma Peka and the amazing Mrs Bracken for working their magic on the garden near our staffroom! It looks fantastic — what an awesome way to show our school values in action. Such a great example of "Bringing Learning to Life" — we love your mahi!



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Triumph in Show Jumping: Celebrating Our Kaipaki Kids' Success!

We are absolutely thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements of the Kaipaki Kids and Kaipaki Crew who competed in the Waikato Schools Show Jumping Champs! We're bursting with pride as both teams represented Kaipaki School with distinction, securing impressive 3rd and 4th place finishes overall.

It's moments like these that remind us of the wonderful community we have and the fantastic young individuals who make our school so special. A huge thank you to Gina for organising everything and everyone who supported the teams, whether it was cheering them on or helping behind the scenes. Your support means the world to us and our tamariki.

