

NewsSheet

7 April 2025

Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou parents

We are now in the final week of Term 1 and I hope you have some fun things planned for the school break. At least Easter falls within the break so you can spend some time with your family and friends.

Last week the Kauri team held their swimming sports day at the Birkenhead pool. The weather was very kind and with some cloud cover it was a great day for all involved. It was so good to see so many of your children swimming even when they weren't the most confident swimmers. Fantastic effort by all involved. Thanks to Whaea Vicki for organising the day and to all the teachers and adults who helped around the pool. Days like this couldn't happen without your support and time given.

Yesterday was the Shore to Shore timed run, fun run and fun walk. The day started off foggy but was clear at the Takapuna Grammar/Belmont Intermediate grounds so the weather was perfect. It was cool seeing so many of our school community involved. Thousands of people turned up in a variety of dress and the atmosphere was great. We had about 225 entrants from our school (children and parents). Special thanks to Whaea Vicky (again) for organising and promoting this at school, Astrid Powell from FONS for all your hard work and support, and to Kiri and Shaun Norton for not only erecting the gazebo before the event, but then doing the run and then getting behind the BBQ! Thanks also to everyone else who pitched in helping in many ways. Awesome effort team.



During the holidays the miniball court at the Onewa Road end of the Tiger Turf courts is going to be extended. This will be an exciting improvement for the current bitumen sloping surface currently there. A lot of work has been done getting to this point and huge thanks goes to Dan Brown, the board and supporters helping get this off the ground and getting some charitable trust funding towards this project. There was also considerable time spent dealing with the Council due to the protected Pohutukawa trees on the grass area by the courts. Fingers crossed the project will be completed during the two-week term break.

If your child is heading to the Skids holiday programme, please be aware that the gates by the hall from the monument entrance on the Onewa & Lake Road's corner will not be accessible. There is a gate along the grass behind the hall or the gate by the admin building steps if coming from this direction. Contractors will be using five spaces in the carpark and they will be coned off so if dropping your child at Skids, or attending swimming lessons please don't park in one of the coned off spaces.

Have a happy Easter and school break and we look forward to seeing all your rested children back for Term 2 on Monday 28th April.

Kind regards

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Upcoming Dates

Upcoming dates are published on the homepage of the school website and on the Calendar section in Hero.

Term 1 2025

- Friday 11 April - last day term 1 2.55pm

Term 2 2025

- Monday 28 April - first day of term 2
- Wednesday 30 April - Board meeting 6pm
- Monday 5 May - Friday 9 May - Book week
- Tuesday 6 May - FONS meeting 7pm
- Friday 30 May - Teacher only day - school closed to students
- Monday 2 June - Kings Birthday - school closed