



Wednesday, 8 February 2023

Community Update:

Kia ora koutou,

We are refreshed and ready to go for the 2023 year and are looking forward to welcoming our new students and our returning students back to school this week.

Buses

Eligibility

Catching the bus to and from school is part of the reality for our students who live rurally. Please ensure your student catches only the bus they are eligible for. Note that Kaipara College itself does not make up the eligibility rules but we are charged with enforcing them. New students will be told which bus they are eligible for. Eligibility remains the same for our existing students unless they have moved, in which case please let us know.

Bus behaviour

The same high standard of behavior we expect at school is also expected on the school buses. If students are concerned about the behaviour of others on the bus they are encouraged to talk to their kaitiaki (dean).

Changes to some bus routes

Due to the recent flooding, there is damage to the following bus route roads: Zanders, Wilson, Kanohi, and Taiapa. This has resulted in changes to bus access for some of our students. If you live on one of the affected bus routes you will have received an email containing the information below. We will email those on the affected routes again as soon as we have further information from our bus provider.

Zanders Road (on route 5558)

Students living on Zanders Road will need to make their own way to the corner of Barlow and Ararimu Roads by 7.45am. The bus will start the run at 711 Ararimu valley Road at 7:40am.

Wilson Road (on route 5553)

Students living on Wilson Road will need to make their own way to the corner of Shine and South Head Roads or go to Tuparekura where the buses transfer students.

Kanohi Road (on route 5559)

Students living on Kanohi Road or roads that feed into Kanohi will need to make their own way to either the corner of Kanohi and Makarau Roads, or to a point where it is safe for the bus to stop on the stretch of Kanohi Road between Kaipara Coast Highway and Rix Road.

Taiapa Road (on route 5554)

Students living on Taiapa or roads that feed into Taiapa will need to make their own way to the stretch of Muriwai Valley Road between Valley Road and Taiapa. Alternatively, at the other end of Taiapa, students can wait at a point on Oaia; however, the bus will not travel as far as Oaia's intersection with Taiapa but will turn right onto Waitea.

If you have any questions about bus routes or eligibility please contact info@kaipara.school.nz or phone 09-420 8640.

Parent/Caregiver/Whānau Login to Caregiver Portal

The way our parents, caregivers and whānau log into the Caregiver's Portal has changed. Please use the MagicLink option which will send you a one time login to the email address we have on record for you. The old username and password is no longer used.

Devices and Digital Citizenship Agreement

Kaipara College is a BYOD school and all students are required to bring their own fully charged device to school every day. Information about device requirements can be found on the last page of the [2023 Special Panui](#). Kaipara College has a limited number of devices available to students for daily loan while their own device is repaired, replaced or unavailable for a limited time. For a student to loan a school device, caregivers need to complete the [Request to Borrow a Chromebook](#) form which is available on the Caregiver Portal. No device will be loaned to a student without this form being completed in advance and only caregivers can complete the form because by completing this form, you are accepting liability for any damage or loss caused to the device while it is in your student's possession. Devices must be returned to the Library at the end of each day.

A small number of long-term loan devices are available for students where financial hardship prevents students bringing their own device. Please contact Claire Farnan cfarnan@kaipara.school.nz for more information.

In the coming week, every Kaipara College student will be required to sign our [Digital Citizenship Agreement](#). This agreement details the School rules and expectations for using phones and mobile learning devices, which includes laptops, tablets, Chromebooks, and school computers. No use of mobile devices is permitted without a signed agreement from both parent/caregiver and student.

Phones and usage

Inappropriate phone use has increased over recent years, causing significant disruption to learning and teaching. During class, student phones are required to be on silent or switched off and in the student's bag. Bags will be placed in an area of the classroom at the direction of the teacher. We ask for your support and remind you to not contact your student during class time. Students may be contacted at interval (10:45 am to 11:15 am) or lunch time (1:15 pm to 2:00 pm). In an emergency, please contact the school office who will get a message to your student.

Bi-Weekly Reporting

This year, we are changing the way we report to you on your student's progress with the introduction of bi-weekly reporting. This method of reporting provides a more current and immediate way to report on achievement. The idea behind bi-weekly reporting is that instead of giving caregivers written reports a limited number of times a year, we give current information that means students can constantly reflect on their progress, set goals, and make improvements during the year, before it's too late! Every second week, you will receive a report that indicates the extent to which your child exhibits the school values and the extent to which your child is achieving academically. For each of these criteria in each subject, your child will receive one of the following descriptors: 'Concerns', 'Developing', 'Meets Expectations' or 'Exceeds Expectations'. If 'Concerns' is awarded, you will receive a follow-up phone call or email from the subject teacher with further information. You will receive the first bi-weekly report on 22 February 2023 via email. A copy of which will also be available in the Caregiver's Portal. Additionally, at the end of each term, your student will receive an academic transcript outlining their results for the year so far, with a final transcript sent at the end of Term 4 with the full year's results.

This is a good time to make sure that your email address is up-to-date. Please contact the office to make any changes via info@kaipara.school.nz.

Requesting your feedback on the draft Kaipara College strategic plan 2023-2025

The Kaipara College Board has been working to develop a draft strategic plan for Kaipara College which sets the direction of the college for the next three years and beyond. We are wanting your thoughts and feedback on the draft strategic plan before we finalise it.

Please take the time to have a look at the draft plan [Kaipara College- Strategic Overview 2023-2025 \(1\).pdf](#) and complete the feedback form. Your feedback is much appreciated.

[Kaipara College draft strategic plan feedback form](#)

Some information to help you understand the plan:

Acronym	Description	Link to more information
CSP	culturally sustaining pedagogy	What is culturally responsive teaching? The Education Hub
UDL	universal design for learning	Universal Design for Learning Inclusive Education
Māturanga Māori	Māori knowledge - the body of knowledge originating from Māori ancestors, including the Māori world view and perspectives, Māori creativity and cultural practices.	. Mana Ōrite mō te Mātauranga Māori - Equal status for mātauranga Māori in NCEA

Planned industrial action

As you will be aware via the media, the teachers union PPTA has planned industrial action for Term 1 this year. The industrial action bans teachers from covering other teachers' classes if they are absent. The purpose of the ban is to expose the staffing and relief teacher shortages which are being hidden by teachers working excess hours and highlight to the public the effects of underpayment and overwork on recruitment and retention of teachers. We have a team of relief teachers available to cover for teachers who are absent but when demand for teacher relief is high we have insufficient relief teachers to cover the gaps. Kaipara College is planning to minimise any disruption to learning that the industrial action may cause.

Coming events

7 February	Year 9 Students Powhiri and Orientation
8 February	Year 9 and New 10-13 Students Orientation
9 February	All Year Levels Attend
2 March	New Student Whānau Evening For Year 9 students and other students new to Kaipara College and their whānau.
3 March	Whole School Tabloid/Athletics
8 March	RYDA (All Year 12 Students)
13 March	Class Portrait & ID Photos
22 March	Whole School IEMS 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
7 April - 23 April	Easter and Term 1 Holidays - School Closed

Need questions answered?

Our office staff are able to help with any other general enquiries you may have, particularly regarding the start of the year. Please email info@kaipara.school.nz or phone 09-420 8640 if you need assistance.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your young person to help them achieve their very best.

Our focus as always is to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi and we continue to be here to support you as well. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, if there is something you need assistance with.

Stay safe.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Sullivan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cindy Sullivan
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