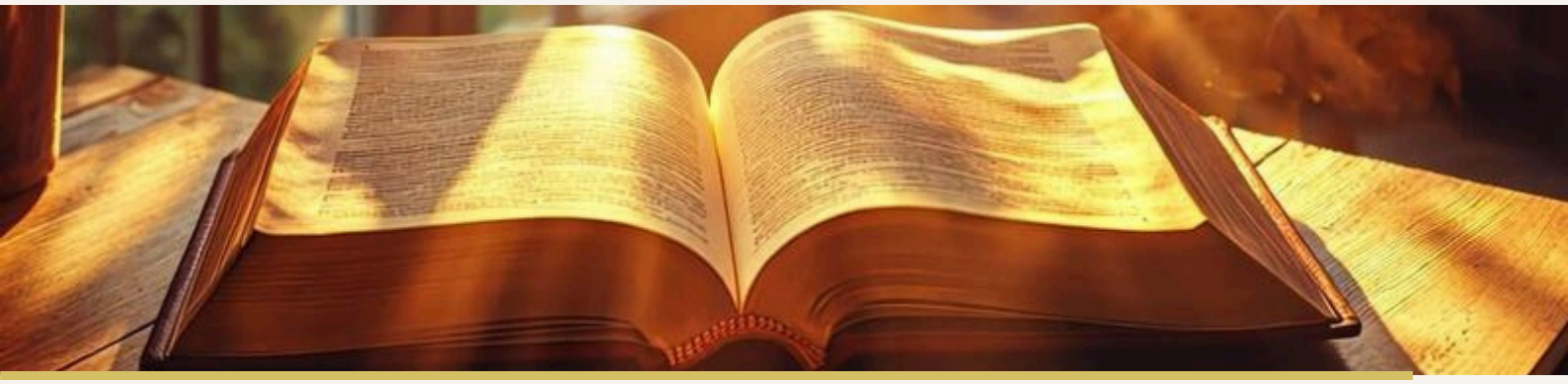
Kaikohe Christian School

Term 4| Week 3
Thursday 29th October 2026

"Equipping this generation to transform the world through the power of the gospel"



Principal's Message



Kia ora KCS whanau,

Strategic Goals:
Attendance Management Plan:
Kia ora whanau,
Welcome back to our last Term.
We can celebrate that for the past three terms we have improved attendance. Term Three, 69% of students had 80-100% attendance, compared with 65% of students in 2025. An improvement, although small; we are slowly turning the kura around.

Present Roll: 159

Primary and Secondary Staffing & Collaboration
Current Staffing: Supported by a dedicated team of teachers and Teacher Aides (TAs).
To optimize staffing capabilities, five TAs and one third-year teacher-in-training currently hold a Limited Authority to Teach (LAT).

Accelerated Learning: We are conducting an accelerated 6-week reading programme for students in Years 9-13 to prepare them for CAA Literacy exams.

Professional Growth Cycle (PGC)
All staff are actively engaged in the PGC, balancing individual goal-setting against the Teaching Standards with collaborative work.

Cultural Competency: Seven staff members are currently enrolled in Te Kura Raunui (MoE te reo Māori initiative) across Terms 2 and 3. The goal is to increase Te Reo in our Kura.

Sports Academy / Sport: Have had a hui with Jessica Kean MOE and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa with the idea of running a L4 Certificated Sports Academy. In 2027, they will offer a Level 4 Standard for Year 13 students.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori: Our Years 1-10 tauira took part in the Te Reo Hikoi and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They wrote placards, sang waiata, and competed onstage. Little by little, lest the beasts of the field consume us.

Nga Manu Korero: A very successful National event. We had students partake in the pohiri, volunteers over two days helping with cleaning up the area, and Matua Rob bringing students over to watch.

Manuhiri: We had the pleasure of hosting principals from the Northland Christian Schools Association. They were blessed by the pohiri and impressed with the school uniform and tidiness of the grounds. We shared each other's progress within our kura and how we could help our small kura like Kaitaia and Otamatea Christian kura. The outcome is that we will host Kaitaia and Otamatea Christian Schools with a Top Town.

Progress of Strategic Plan 2026-2027
Measures of success for the following,

Spiritual Growth:
There is a peace that only the Holy Spirit can create, and when the enemy comes in like a flood, it is Jesus that raises a standard against him. We have had quality preaching by our students during form time as well as assemblies.

Academic Excellence:
Accelerated programme for Year 10, 11, and 12 students for their Literacy Reading exam. We will soon see if the programme has been successful when we see the results.
Sport and Well-Being: The Academy is progressing well; however, we will look to improve the delivery.

School Culture and Pride:
Although we are still dealing with vaping and boy/girl relationships, there has been a reduction in behaviour incidents.
Positive feedback from whanau and the community is generating pride in our students and the desire to wear the secondary uniform.

I am so proud of how we have come so far to date this year. Therefore, I thank our whanau for your support. We are changing our kura from a kura of convenience to a kura of choice. Year 11: we will have 19 students, Year 12: 13 students, and Year 13: 5 students. This is the highest number of NCEA students this kura has ever had, and it will improve year by year. Our secondary roll will go from 59 to 70 students.

Nga mihi,
Matua Te Rangi
Tumuaki

Memory Verse

Week 3

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.

John 8:32

Important Dates

- Friday 4th December 2026 - Certificate of Recognition. Juniors AM - Seniors PM. (Times still to come)
- Wednesday 9th December 2026 - Secondary Prizegiving 6pm
- Beach day - Wednesday 9th December 2026
- Thursday 10th December - Junior Prizegiving 9:30am
- Teacher only Day - Friday 11th December 2026

School Terms

	Start	Finish
Term 1	Tuesday 27th January 2026	Friday 3rd April 2026
Term 2	Monday 20th April 2026	Friday 3rd July 2026
Term 3	Monday 20th July 2026	Friday 25th September 2026
Term 4	Monday 12th October 2026	Friday 11th December 2026

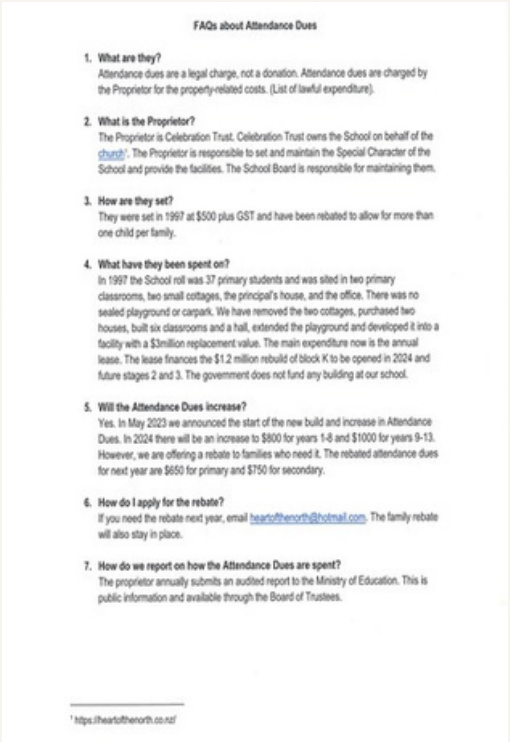
Public Holidays

TERM 1	Waitangi Day	
TERM 2	Anzac Day	
TERM 3		
TERM 4	Labour weekend	

What are attendance dues

The Ministry of Education does not fund building relatedcostsat our School. Attendance Dues are only used to pay for building related costs. They can not be used for any other purposes. Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrolment for all students attending our School. Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020. They are not a donation.

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FAQs about Attendance Dues

1. **What are they?**
   Attendance dues are a legal charge, not a donation. Attendance dues are charged by the Proprietor for the property-related costs. (List of lawful expenditure).

2. **What is the Proprietor?**
   The Proprietor is Celebration Trust. Celebration Trust owns the School on behalf of the church[1]. The Proprietor is responsible to set and maintain the Special Character of the School and provide the facilities. The School Board is responsible for maintaining them.

3. **How are they set?**
   They were set in 1997 at $500 plus GST and have been rebated to allow for more than one child per family.

4. **What have they been spent on?**
   In 1997 the School roll was 37 primary students and was sited in two primary classrooms, two small cottages, the principal's house, and the office. There was no sealed playground or carpark. We have removed the two cottages, purchased two houses, built six classrooms and a hall, extended the playground and developed it into a facility with a $3million replacement value. The main expenditure now is the annual lease. The lease finances the $1.2 million rebuild of block K to be opened in 2024 and future stages 2 and 3. The government does not fund any building at our school.

5. **Will the Attendance Dues increase?**
   Yes. In May 2023 we announced the start of the new build and increase in Attendance Dues. In 2024 there will be an increase to $800 for years 1-8 and $1000 for years 9-13. However, we are offering a rebate to families who need it. The rebated attendance dues for next year are $650 for primary and $750 for secondary.

6. **How do I apply for the rebate?**
   If you need the rebate next year, email heartofthenorth@hotmail.com. The family rebate will also stay in place.

7. **How do we report on how the Attendance Dues are spent?**
   The proprietor annually submits an audited report to the Ministry of Education. This is public information and available through the Board of Trustees.

[1] https://heartofthenorth.co.nz/

Teacher Notices

School Highlights

Whakairo Trades

Congratulations to Jada, Daizaleah and Tai, who have completed their Whakairo Trades Course, each earning 24 Level 3 credits! Ataahua!









Parent & Whanau Notices

Exam preparation lessons are currently ALL GO for timetabled classes as teaching will continue until ALL exams are completed. Every lesson is essential, so please make sure your rangatahi are attending every day, getting to bed early to last the distance and that they are minimising all distractions over the next few weeks.

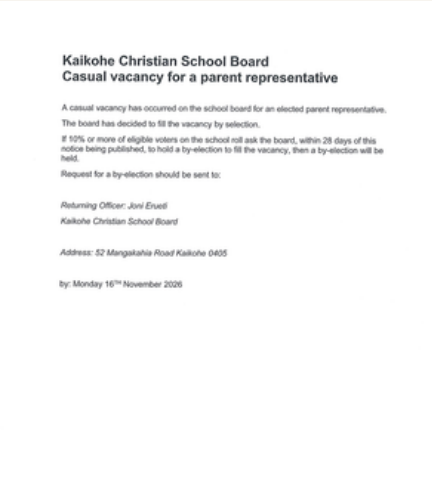
L1 Literacy and UE Literacy awards can be gained from achieving the English exams for Level 1 and Level 2+ respectively.

L1 Writing and L1 Numeracy Examination results will be published at 3:30 pm Tuesday 27 October to students NZQA account for those students who sat these exams in September.

Mock Exam Timetable attached: Week 3 28- 30th October (Wednesday - Friday) for English, Sciences and Mathematics.
Each exam session is a maximum of 3 hours in length.
All students should be giving their best effort and preparation to achieve as their results will be their official "derived grades" sent to NZQA.
If a student is unwell on the day of the exam, a medical certificate is needed, and the derived grade may be used as a substitute result.
In addition, at the beginning of week 4, exam students will receive their mock exam results and individual feedback from their teachers. This feedback will help each student to see their current areas of strength and what to work on to improve
NCEA Exams begin Week 5, Tuesday at Northland
All students have been given their Exam Admission Slips and Exam Information Sheets that explain general exam sesssion rules and expectations.
End of School date: Our students DO NOT have "stay at home" study leave. ALL students are to continue to attend school and normal timetabled lessons during the Week 5 & 6 Exam period.

Sign Out Procedures: Students will receive a Sign Out Procedures Card during Week 3 for parents/caregivers to read, sign and teachers to sign off classes when completed

Students must:
Attend timetabled subjects as per normal to prepare for exams
Exam students will be escorted by a teacher to Northland College to sit their exams. When they finish their exam they are to return to school. They will get a break, and then continue with lessons with their subject teachers. When a student finishes each course (internals and external exams) they will be supervised by that teacher, to study towards their next exams.
When all exams and internal assessments are finished, complete the Sign Out Procedures Card and hand into the school office for official end of year date
Return Chromebook and any other school equipement before leaving school for the year.
Please contact Whaea Yvonne (0274915218) or yvonnev@kcs.school.nz if you have any questions. We are praying for resilience and good success for all our learners. Thank you for your encouraging support at this time.



Kaikohe Christian School Board
Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Returning Officer: Joni Eruati
Kaikohe Christian School Board

Address: 52 Mangakahia Road Kaikohe 0405

by: Monday 16TH November 2026

General appearance

In accordance with our school policy,
students with long long hair are required to have their hair tied back while at school.
This supports a neat and tidy appearance, promotes good hygiene and helps reduce the spread of head lice.

We ask that all parents and caregivers to ensure their child's hair is tied back each school day.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining our school's appearance standards.

General Reminders

Community notice









May God's peace and guidance be with you all

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