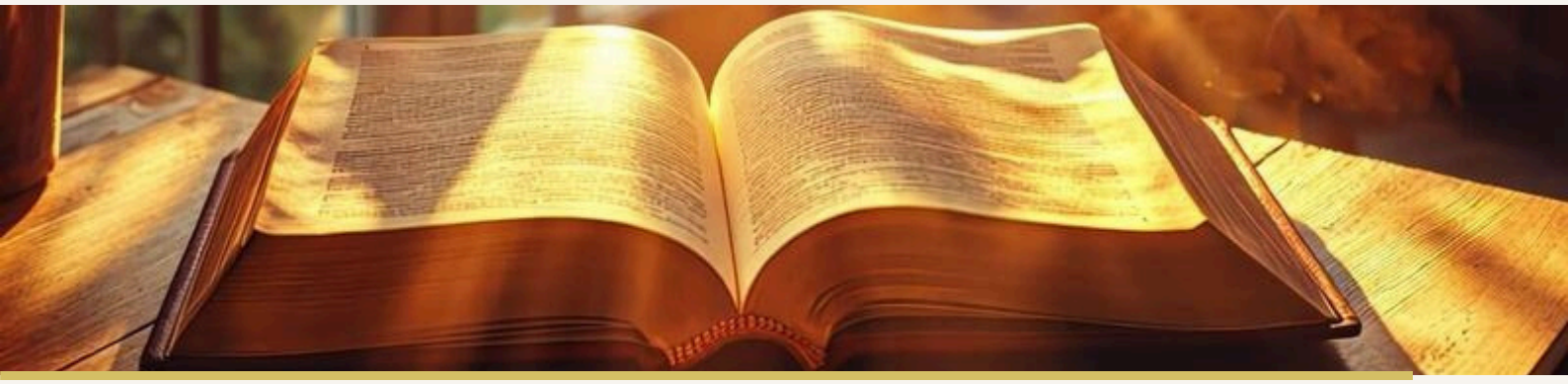
Kaikohe Christian School

Term 4| Week 1
Thursday 15th 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 1

For your loving kindness is before my eyes, And I have walked in truth.

Psalms 26:3

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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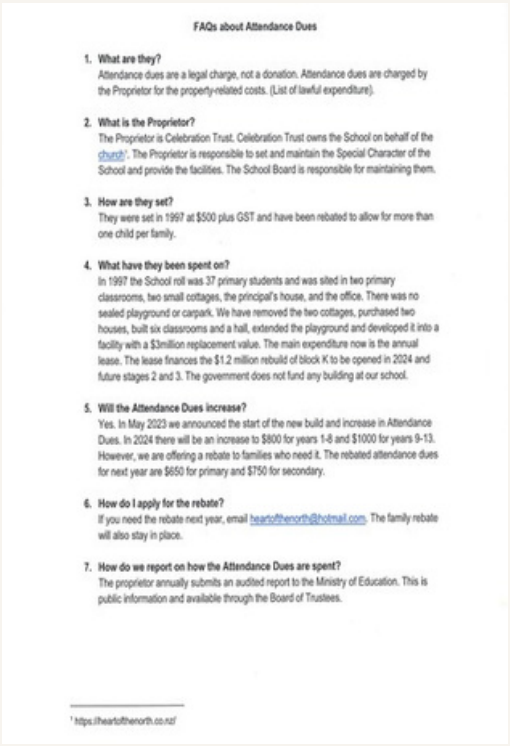


FAQs about Attendance Dues

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.

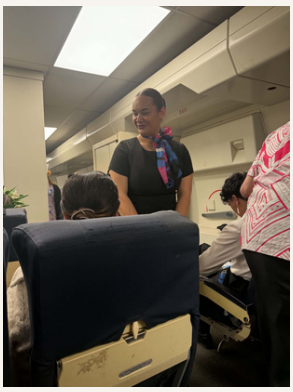
7. **How do we report on how the Attendance Dues are spent?**
   The proprietor annually submits an audited report to the Ministry of Education. This is public information and available through the Board of Trustees.

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

Teacher Notices

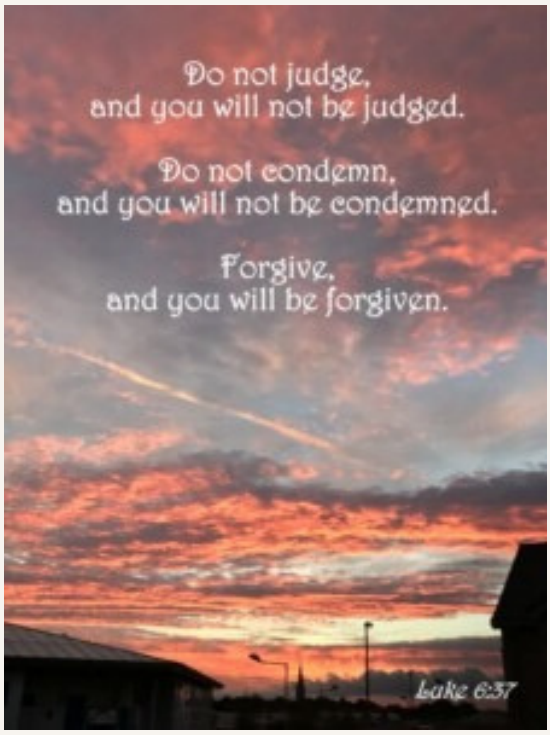
Parent & Whanau Notices

It was so awesome having our former Head Girl Danielle back at school for a visit! Danielle is now studying Flight Attending and Tourism at NZST (New Zealand School of Tourism) and absolutely loving it. She's made some amazing friends, found an awesome church community and is working towards her dream of becoming a flight attendant with Air New Zealand.



General Reminders

Community notice



May God's peace and guidance be with you all

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