

School Newsletter

Week 9, Term 1, 2025



Kia Ora Koutou

Congratulations to the following students who received a certificate in our last learning celebration - we celebrate our students who display our values of respect, connect, belong and resilience:

Quinn Morris, Georgia McEwan, Mahe Pomeroy, Oliver Knowles, Tom Chalmers, Haru Kagoshima, Ollie Selwood, Beau Smith, Harrison Knowles, Troy Hicks, Lincoln Hall, Lydia Anderson, Ethan Deane, Sophie Manson, Blake Harnett, Koa Stevens

Our next Learning Celebration is on Friday 11 April at 2.25pm

TERM DATES 2025

4 Feb to 11 Apr - Term 1
28 Apr - 27 June - Term 2
14 July - 19 Sept - Term 3
6 Oct - 17 Dec - Term 4

Reminders and Updates

Marae Trips Next Week

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week our school are involved in syndicate trips to the Whakatū Marae. The children will experience a pōwhiri and learn about local stories associated with the Marae. The Wairoa and Waimea teams will then head to a local landmark for further understandings of our local history. Information has already gone home for these trips. Thank you to all of the parents who are able to support us with transport and supervision. Also a big thank you to Struan McKenzie for the organisation that has gone on to provide this valuable learning experience for our tamariki.

PB4L - Our Expectations

Thank you for your support with our expectations for students; Staying within the boundaries of our school and being kind with our words and actions.

For the next fortnight, our focus turns to working hard towards our goals and playing without natural items (such as sticks, stones and flax).

Road Resurfacing - Ellis St

Please remind your children when walking or scootering to school next week - single lane in places.
Please take care and stay safe.

Parent Liaison Group (PLG) Update

Save the Date: Saturday 18 October (pp Sunday 19th)



- **Garden Trail and Garden Party**

Garden trail to be organised - public buy tickets and map to visit gardens in local area throughout the day.

- **'Garden Party' at school from 2-6pm**

- Plants, produce, preserves, kids art, kids creations, raffles, food, entertainment, games, silent auction

Other Initiatives:

- Juicies, moosies (money toward Education Outside the Classroom trips and experiences)
- Sausage sizzle (money toward Education Outside the Classroom trips and experiences)
- Disco (money toward Education Outside the Classroom trips and experiences)
- Community Grants

Helpers and support with any of these initiatives would be appreciated. Meetings scheduled for every third Wednesday of the month at 9am - next meeting TBC. Minutes of each meeting are kept to share with those who can't make it to a meeting. To contact the PLG, email:

brightwaterschoolplg@gmail.com

Road Safety

It is great to see our students walking their bikes and scooters down to the Ellis St Auto driveway - it is much safer now outside our gate. Please be aware that our school policy states that children must be 10 years old before being able to ride their bike independently on the road to school. All other students must be accompanied by an adult. Please ensure your child is wearing an appropriate helmet when riding to school.

This is the last newsletter for Term One. We have had a really successful term with swimming, triathlon, student leadership opportunities, new whānau group initiatives and our marae visits next week. Thank you for your support throughout the term with our meet the teacher evening, goal setting conferences, trips and events. A special thanks to our staff for their mahi during the term.

Enjoy the school holiday break.

Upcoming Events This Term

Event	Date	Detail
Shark School - Rugby Sessions with Makos	3 April	Classes will have the opportunity to work with Makos players on rugby skills
Marae Visits	8-10 April	8th - Waimea Team (Seniors) 9th - Wairoa Team (Middles) 10 - Wai-iti Team (Juniors)
End Term One	Friday 11 April	
Start Term Two	Monday 28 April	Note: Easter and ANZAC Day are in the holidays

Upcoming Term 2 Events

Teacher Only Day - Friday 30 May (King's Birthday weekend - Public holiday Monday)

Cross Country - School (29 May) and Cluster event (17 June)

Community Matariki Evening - Monday 16 June

Matariki Long Weekend - Friday 20 June

SUBWAY LUNCHES – ONLINE

How easy is this??? – You can now logon to subway.co.nz/schools and order Monday subway lunches and they will be delivered to school. These can be ordered at any time during the week with a close off time of 9am on Monday morning. Here is how to do it:

On your PC or laptop go to:

- subway.co.nz/schools
- Subway express
- School lunch programme
- Register – takes a few minutes – but only has to be done once – next time ordering will be very simple
- Make your order by clicking through the selections and pages

Skool Loop - App



This is a free app that provides access to information, newsletters, sporting notices, permission forms etc and is a great communication channel between home and school. Please ensure you notify us of any absences before 9am - this can be done through the app or phoning the school. If you haven't already, please download it on to your phone.