

Week 2, Term 1 2026



Kia Ora Koutou

Welcome back to school for 2026.

It has been great to see everyone back and our students have settled quickly back into the routines and expectations of the school day.

Our first Learning Celebration is on Friday 13 February at 2.25pm

PB4L - Our Expectations

Thank you for your on-going support with our expectations for students; these expectations are explicitly taught and reinforced over a fortnightly period. These expectations relate specifically to our values - Respect, Belong, Connect and Resilience and are reinforced within the classroom and in the playground.

Each fortnight, our focus is introduced at a PB4L hui with the whole school and then followed up in the classroom and playground over the next 2 weeks.

Our first hui is on Monday, with an identified focus of wearing helmets when on our wheels, and walking our bikes and scooters until we get to Ellis Street Auto.

TERM DATES 2026

Term 1: 3 Feb - 2 April

Term 2: 20 April - 3 July

Term 3: 20 July - 25 Sept

Term 4: 12 Oct - 15 Dec

Updates

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to Brightwater School for 2026.

It has been great to reconnect with you and your tamariki.

A special welcome to the many new families who have joined us this year.

Also another warm welcome to Belinda Mackean, our new Deputy Principal and also to Ellie Harvey who is our new part-time office administrator, working with Jill in the office.



Hero

Information has been sent out to download our new Hero app - we are confident that this will be a more effective communication tool and (over time) replace the many different ways you receive information.

If you, or another adult in your whānau, are not receiving updates then we may not have your correct email address - please get in touch so we can update our contact information for you.

Please follow this instructions in the link below to download the app or reach out to Aimee or Glenda at school for help.

[Instructions and Step by Step guide here](#)

Meet the Teacher Evening and Health Expo

Keep the date free: Thursday 26 February - 4.30 - 7pm. Public Health Nurse and other organisations will be available with resources, information etc on a variety of topics. Come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle and a picnic. Also take the opportunity to pop into your child's classroom to see their learning so far and meet with their teacher. More information to follow.

Weetbix Kiwi Kids Tryathlon - Sunday 8th March

If you are signing up to participate in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon, don't forget to join our Brightwater School team! You can find our school group and sign up here:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2026/109742/nelson-weet-bix-kids-tryathlon/register?team=858392>

We would love to see lots of our children get involved and give it a go - there are a range of events on the day, starting from the Splash & Dash for 6 Year Olds and team/individual events for 7 to 15 Year Olds.

Our own school Tryathlon and Splash and Dash will take place on Friday 6 March - more information to follow.



Friday Juicie / Moosie

**Starts again after school this week
\$2 each.**

**Proceeds will go towards supporting
trips and outside school activities.**

**Helpers and support
would be appreciated.**



Parking at Pick Up Time:

When parking to collect your children, please park in correct places (not over driveways). This is to ensure there is no disruption to the public at busy times.

Also - the gate into the school must be kept clear at ALL TIMES.

Road Safety

If your children walk, scooter or bike between home and school, please talk to them about road safety and crossing roads. It has been brought to our attention that there have been some near misses recently when children are crossing Starveall St and Lord Rutherford Road before and after school. Another dangerous area is when crossing the forecourt of NPD. Electric scooters can be particularly problematic given the speeds they can go. Our school policy states that children must be 10 years of age before riding their bikes on the road unsupervised.

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

We're happy for school parents and caregivers to use the premises for pick-ups / drop-offs.

Parking is **only permitted if vehicles reverse in along the fence line for the safety of the children** and if the driveway is full, they're welcome to park at the rear of the workshop.

Please be mindful of neighbouring driveways and ensure all workshop entrances remain clear at all times.

All parking is at owner's risk.



Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Detail
Lockdown Drill	Wednesday 25 February	Whole school practice / evacuation process
Meet the Teacher Evening and Health Expo	Thursday 26 February	4.30 - 5.30 - Health Expo From 5 pm Picnic and sausage sizzle From 6pm - opportunity to visit classrooms
School Tryathlon and Splash and Dash	Friday 6 March	More information with timing to follow
Weetbix Tryathlon	Sunday 8 March	Tahunanui Beach - join us at the Brightwater School gazebo
Tima Waimea Swimming Sports	TBC	Wakefield School
Goal Setting Conferences	10 and 12 March from 2pm	An opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and generate social and learning goals for the year ahead
Interschool Swimming Sports	Thursday 12 March	Wakefield School
Fire Evacuation Drill	Tuesday 24 March	Time to be determined - opportunity to practice our processes in the event of a fire at school
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 2 April	Friday 3 April - Good Friday Monday 6 April - Easter Monday