

Week 8, Term 1 2026



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:

Griffin Prebble, Angad Ghuman, Iylah Ivamy, Kyriese Wijohn, Tom Taylor, Niamh Tait, Paxton Borlase, Reggie Te Hana, Abigail Durrant, Angus Davidson, Fern Te Iringa, Millen Taoho, Ryka Burt, Poppy Binion-Cooper, Elijah Hicks, Eilidh Ferguson, Carson Mills, Eden Carter

Our next Learning Celebration is on Friday 27 March at 2.15pm - Please note the earlier start time

PB4L - Our Expectations

Thank you for your support with our expectations for students; moving quietly around the school, and taking turns.

For the next fortnight, our focus turns to: keeping gates closed and staying within the school boundaries.

Updates

2026 Brightwater School
GROCERY GRAB FUNDRAISER
Proudly sponsored by Four Square Brightwater



TICKETS \$5 each - Tickets \$5 each to enter the draw, limited to 3,500 tickets

Prize drawn 31st March 2026

Grocery Grab Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported this by selling tickets for the raffle. Please ensure all raffle books and money are back at school as soon as possible.

Hero Dress Up Day and Fundraiser Friday 27 March

Bring a gold coin and come to school dressed as your favourite hero! Pizza lunch orders must be back to the office before school on Thursday, or by Wednesday if paying online.

All proceeds go to support the Brightwater Fire Fighters entry into the Skytower Challenge - with everything they raise going to Blood Cancer NZ.

Best Dressed Contest:

Judged by the local firefighters - 2 children from each team can win a trip to or from school in the fire truck!

The Ministry of Education has provided all schools with 2 teacher only days during the year to continue with Maths Professional Learning and Development in relation to the new curriculum. Our first day for this year is **Friday 15 May - school will closed on this date.** This date is required due to facilitator availability.

Lunchbox Tips and Tricks

We are noticing an increasing number of students coming to the office with no food left in their lunch box for lunch. This can be due to eating it all at different times of the day or not having enough to get through a busy day. We would not let a child go hungry as they need the fuel to support their learning. Please ensure your child has a good breakfast and lunch each day. If there is a problem please reach out.



Hero - Communication App

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](#)

Friday Juicie / Moosie

After school on Friday each week - \$2 each.

Proceeds will go towards supporting trips and outside school activities. **Helpers and support would be appreciated.**



Sausage Sizzles

A special thank you to Jason and Chantelle Gibson for their support with our recent sausage sizzles. They kindly donated the sausages, bread, and mustard for these events.

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.



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.

We are continuing to use Skool Loop to support our sponsors.



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.

Moturoa Mission - Sustainability Challenge 2026

Last week our Enviro Leaders and River Guardians represented our school in this event at Rabbit Island - a great day of challenges and problem solving. Thank you to Dan and Tessa for supporting our two teams.



Upcoming Events - This Term

Event	Date	Detail
Grocery Grab Raffle Draw	Tuesday 31 March	Our Four Square raffle will be drawn today
Celebrating Miss Chandler	Tuesday 31 March	Children invited to wear their gear from their favourite sport (or maybe a Weetbix Tryathlon t-shirt) to school!
Celebrating Ms Le'mon	Wednesday 1 April	Children invited to wear red to school (Ms Le'mon's favourite colour)!
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 2 April	Friday 3 April - Good Friday

Upcoming Events - Term Two

Event	Date	Detail
First Day of Term 2	Monday 20 April	Term 2 Begins
ANZAC Day observed	Monday 27 April	Public Holiday
Staff Only Day	Friday 15 May	School Closed for Instruction
Aquatic Centre Swimming Fortnight	From Monday 18 May	Wai-iti and Wairoa Teams - daily instruction at the Richmond Aquatic Centre
Rippa Tournament	Tuesday 19 May	Selected students Postponement date - Thursday 21 May
King's Birthday	Monday 1 June	Public Holiday
School Cross Country	Date TBC - possibly Friday 5 June	
Cluster Cross Country	Wednesday 10 June	Selected students competing against local schools for place in regional event
Playhouse Theatre	Tuesday 16 June	Stage Show at school