

Week 1, Term 2 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:

Quinn Parmentier, Jasper Mathius, Blake Harnett, Ryan Irvine, Odyn Evans, Ruby Thomas, Brookie Damaso, Archie Perrett, Indi Bayne, Archie Evans, Madi Sixtus, Ren Eden, Grayson Mackel, Harlo Rae, Lachlan Goodfellow, Oliver Monge-Grassi, Harvey Moffat, Antek Scoles

Our next Learning Celebration is on Friday 24 April at 2.25pm

PB4L - Our Expectations

Thank you for your support with our expectations for students; keeping gates closed and staying within the school boundaries.

For the next fortnight, our focus turns to: Letting others learn, and looking after our technology (such as chromebooks).

Updates

Tasman Pine Forests Ltd

We have received a sponsorship of \$1000 annually for 3 years from Tasman Pine Forests Ltd. This sponsorship will support our swimming pool costs and swimming in general. Thank you to Mason Robinson for making this happen.

We look forward to on-going relationships with Tasman Pine.



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Devices at School

As you will be aware students are not allowed to have cell phones at school under the 'phones away' policy implemented by the Ministry of Education. If your child requires a phone for after school use it must be handed into the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. This policy extends to smart watches also. Watches can be used at school as a watch only.

Staffing

A special welcome to Stacey Lewis and Corriena Price, our new teachers who have started with us this week.

Tayla Graham has tendered her resignation from Brightwater School, effective from 15 May. Tayla is moving to Wellington. We wish her all the best for the future. We are currently working through the appointment process.

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.

Winners of the Hero Dress Up Day from Last Term

On Monday, some of these students got their ride home in the fire truck. Thank you to Paul Shutte and Elliot Slotemaker for making this happen.



Scholastic Book Club Orders

Closing date for this order is: **Wednesday 27th April.**

All orders are to be made online - none via the office.

Go to the LOOP at mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

or download the app from the App store



Ministry of Education - SMART Assessment Tool

(Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool)



The Ministry of Education have introduced a new assessment tool for all students in Years 3-6. These are mandatory assessments and will take place in the middle and end of year. For your information, all students in years 3-6 will participate in these assessments in reading, writing and maths within the next 5 weeks. The results of these assessments will be taken into consideration alongside other classroom-based learning and these will be reported on at the end of Term 2 in our usual reporting to parents cycle.

The link below gives a little more information in relation to the SMART tool.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal/guide-smart-new-assessment-tool-your-child>

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.

Loading up the lunchbox

Ngā kai tika ō te tina For school children

Children need a variety of healthy food to learn and grow.
Try to choose foods from each of the four groups below, every day.



Children can choke on food at any age but the risk is higher in children under 5 years. Refer to the Ministry of Health Guidelines to find out more. Search 'food and choking' at health.govt.nz
*Popcorn is not recommended for children under 3 years and nuts are not recommended for children under 5 years. Check with your school if there are any allergy restrictions.

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](#)

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.



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.**



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 device 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

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.

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 - This Term

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
Rippa Tournament	Tuesday 19 May	Selected students Postponement date - Thursday 21 May
King's Birthday	Monday 1 June	Public Holiday
School Cross Country	Friday 5 June	Fun run and competitive event to select team for cluster event
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
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 3 July	Term 3 Begins on Monday 20 July

All students recently brought home a Sport Code of Conduct and a Student Internet and ICT Safety Use Agreement.

Please return these signed forms to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you for our support with this.

Upcoming Events - Later in 2026

Event	Date	Detail
First Day of Term 3	Monday 20 July	Term 3 Begins
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 25 September	Term 3 Ends Term 4 Begins on Monday 12 October