

Week 9, Term 2 2026



Kia Ora Koutou

Our next Learning Celebration is on
Friday 19 June at 2.25pm

Inter School Cross Country

All of our runners competed really well in the recent event at Rabbit Island.

Year 6 Girls - Stephanie Manson (1st), Eva Johnston (4th), Eden Hosie (8th)

Year 6 Boys - Lincoln Hall (3rd), Thomas Woolley (4th), Lachie McEwan (5th), Antek Scoles (7th)

Year 5 and Under Girls - Pippa Smith (6th), Beau Smith (7th), Hazel Smith (8th)

Year 5 and Under Boys - Oliver Monge-Grassi (8th), Haru Kagoshima (9th), Parker Johnston (10th)

PB4L - Our Expectations

Thank you for your support with our expectations for students; We keep our hands and feet to ourselves, and we play non-tackle, non-fighting games.

For the next fortnight, our focus turns to: We use talking and problem solving strategies, and we act as we would, even if the teacher isn't there.

Updates

Cross Country:

Congratulations to everyone for your efforts in our school cross country event last week.

Our results:

Year 6 Boys

Thomas Woolley
Lincoln Hall
Lachie McEwan

Year 6 Girls

Stephanie Manson
Eva Johnston
Eden Hosie

Year 5 Boys

Oliver Monge-Grassi
Ryder Moyle
Max Hulleman

Year 5 Girls

Hazel Smith
Beau Smith
Finley Shea

Year 4 Boys

Haru Kagoshima
Parker Johnston
Millen Taoho

Year 4 Girls

Pippa Smith
Florence Eggers
Harper Howe

Year 3 Boys

Archie Prebble
Harper Chalmers
Cooper Cave

Year 3 Girls

Wynter Kalma
Blair Hosie
Georgia Moffat

Year 2 Boys

Odyn Evans
Carson Brown
Cyrus Bayne

Year 2 Girls

Reihanna Paenga
Quinn Woolley
Brea Mickell

Year 0/1 Boys

Kobi Heath
Angad Ghuman
Bo Royal

Year 0/1 Girls

Ruby Reed
Asherah Waitere
Holly Sixtus

All students riding a bike or scooter to / from school MUST wear a helmet



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Tasman District Libraries - Book Quiz 2026

A massive congratulations to our Book Quiz team - Ethan, Thomas, Mackenzie and Eilidh who represented Brightwater School in the Annual Book Quiz. They represented the school with great teamwork, courtesy, and joy. Our team won the best dressed award and also won the overall quiz. A special thank you to Adrienne Cairns for coaching and supporting our team over the past term.



Board of Trustees Update:

Following our recent casual vacancy, Jayne Ferguson has been appointed to the board. Jayne has 2 children at school and a 3rd about to start. We look forward to working with Jayne.

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 the 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](#)

Helpful Information Shared by Petrina Classen - Our School
Counsellor

Tips for Managing Device Use

While we can't stop children from wanting screen time or for asking for it, we can put boundaries in around when, where, or how long they use devices. It can take a bit of work to stick to these limits and reinforce them. Patience and consistency are key.

It can be helpful to discuss boundaries as a family in a family meeting. This is a good time for children's voice to be heard as they express any positives and negatives, they notice regarding device use.

Set clear boundaries by creating a Family Technology plan

- When your child has screen time
- Where they have screen time
- How they use screens
- What they watch or do on their screens

Some general guidelines:

- Use parental controls, like Apple Family Safety Centre or Google's Family Link app to manage app downloads and web browsing.
- Have device free zones in your house.
- Keep bedrooms screen free to improve sleep quality.
- Keeping your dining room screen free encourages conversation at mealtimes.
- Encourage watching of quality content that is both fun and where possible educational. Actively manage this.
- Supervise screen time and interact with your child while they are using screens. Even co-play or co-view with your child as this opens opportunities to talk about screen time.
- Pay attention to your child's wellbeing during and after screen time. If you notice distress or frustration take time to talk about how their screen time made them feel.
- Kidshealth NZ recommends:
For 5- to 12-year-olds up to two hours of recreational screen time a day.
For 2- to 6- year-olds take a break every 10 to 15 minutes.
For 6- to 12-year-olds, take a break every 20 minutes to move or go outside briefly.
Use of a timer can help with this.
- Instead of abruptly turning off devices, give a minimum of a 5-minute warning and have an engaging, enjoyable, and distracting activity ready to do together immediately afterward. Things such as a walk, shoot hoops, or quick game of soccer to burn some energy, read aloud together, play a board game, or have a milo, biscuit and a chat if just before bed.
- Be a good role model by enjoying screen-free time yourself when you are with your child.

Screen time isn't all bad, part of growing up in today's world is about becoming digitally capable.

Collated by Petrina Classen

References:

Kidshealth New Zealand
Parenting Place New Zealand

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

Event	Date	Detail
Giants in Schools	Thursday afternoons - starting 11 June	A player from the Nelson Giants will be in for basketball coaching with some groups of students
Snowden's Bush - Tree Planting	Thursday 18 June	Wai-iti Team - Leave school by 9:15am Waimea Team - Leave school by 10:30am Wairoa Team - Leave school by 12:30pm
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 3 July	Term 3 Begins on Monday 20 July

First Day of Term 3	Monday 20 July	Term 3 Begins
Community Matariki Celebration	Thursday 23 July	Held at Wanderers More details to come
Dance Curriculum - Dance Fortnight	From Monday 3 August	2 Weeks of dance instruction with final performance on Friday 14 August
Tackle Rugby Tournament	Tuesday 11 August	Selected students from Waimea Team
Tackle Rugby Tournament Regional Final	Wednesday 2 September	If we make it through the previous round
Aquatic Centre Swimming Fortnight	From Monday 7 September	2 weeks of daily swimming for Wai-iti and Wairoa Teams
Tasman Regional 7-A-Side School Hockey Tournament	Tuesday 8 September	Year 3-4 Mixed Tournament
Tasman Regional 7-A-Side School Hockey Tournaments	Tuesday 15 September	Year 5-6 - Mixed and Open Tournament
Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori	From Monday 14 September	Māori Language Week
School Photos	Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 September	Individual, class and sibling photos
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 25 September	Term 3 Ends Term 4 Begins on Monday 12 October

Staff Only Day

**This will be held on Friday 23 October (Labour Weekend) in Term 4.
Our focus will continue to be on the new maths curriculum.**