



Friday 6th March 2026

Term 1 - Week 5

Kia ora e te whānau

We are halfway through the term already and our tamariki are thriving. Many of our tamariki have had to face a new classroom, new kaiako and new friends. I am really impressed with the way our tamariki are supporting each other and giving everything their best.

Whānau leaders 2026

Every year our year 6 tamariki have the opportunity to write a speech and apply for whānau leader roles. These leadership roles are voted on by the tamariki in their whānau group. Everyone wrote amazing speeches and we were super proud of them all. This year we have another strong group of leaders.

Kōwhai - Whānau leader tahi - Sophia Latavao, Whānau leader rua - Sarah Smith

Whero - Whānau leader tahi - Liam Wilson, Whānau leader rua - Alex Henderson

Kākāriki - Whānau leader tahi - Christian Tukumoeatu, Whānau leader rua - Ellamei Ross

Kikoraki - Whānau leader tahi - Ana Vaomotou, Whānau leader rua - Anica Gabasan



Walking and Wheeling Week 9 March to 13 March

We are delighted to announce that we are participating in Walking and Wheeling Week. This initiative encourages tamariki and their whānau to embrace active travel on their journey to school.

It is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the benefits of walking, cycling, scooting, or rollerblading - it's great for fitness, reduces traffic congestion, and is an excellent way to start the day.

While we want everyone to have fun, road safety is paramount. We encourage all families to:

- Be Bright, Be Seen: Encourage students to wear high vis gear or bright clothing. Let's light up the streets! 🌈
- Use Crossings: Always use crossings and listen carefully to those on duty. 🐎 🚦
- Wheelers Wear Helmets: A must for all students on bicycles, scooters, or rollerblades. Safety first! 🛑

What's coming up!

13th March
Rippa rugby tournament

16th - 19th March
Swimming

20th March
Kaiako only Day - School closed

23rd March
Otago Anniversary - School Closed

24th - 26th March
Swimming

27th March
Junior Assembly - farewell Anna and Ross

30th March
Board Hui 5:30pm

31st March
Netty Fest

2nd April
Last day of term

20th April
Term 2 starts

- Plan Your Route: If you live further away, try "park and stride" - park a short distance from school and walk the last part. We encourage you to drop tamariki at either The Mews (corner of Exe and Thames Streets), or the Basilica on Reed Street. We will have kaiako at each drop off to ensure they cross roads safely.

School Drink Bottles

Ever notice how a computer gets glitchy when the battery is low? Our brains are the same! Since the brain is about **80% water**, being dehydrated is basically like trying to stream a movie on 1% battery with a bad Wi-Fi connection. To help solve this problem and support learning we have purchased school drink bottles. These are subsidised by our Board and are \$3.00 each. They will be named at the office and we encourage these bottles to stay at school.

A big mihi to our Board as they have also purchased a chilled water bottle filling station. This will be installed at school over the next few weeks.



Pop in and buy your drink bottle - we have Eftpos!



School Swimming

Swimming lessons for the whole school start on Monday 16th of March. We have 7 lessons over two weeks. A reminder to send togs and towel will be on our Facebook page.

*Ko mihi
Stacey
Tumuaki*