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Broadlands School

'The Broadlands Bulletin'

Term 4 - Week 1 Monday 6 October - Friday 10 October 2025

<u>Key Dates – Mark your calendar!</u>



- Week 2: Thursday 16 October Broadlands School Open Day (flyer below)
 - Meek 3: Tuesday 21 October Calf and Pet Day (details below)
- Week 3: Thursday 23 October Informal notification of NZEI Strike Action (see below)
 - Meek 3: Friday 24 October Group Day (for place-getters from Pet Day)
 - ₩ Week 4: Monday 27 October NO SCHOOL Labour Day
 - ★ Week 4: Monday 27 October NO SCHOOL Teacher-Only Day
- Week 4: Friday 31 October Go Bananaz Camp for 8+ years (details to follow)
 - week 5: Thursday 6 November Board of Trustees (BoT) meeting #7, 6pm

- Week 5: Friday 7 November Flower Show (details to come)
- Week 6: Monday 10 November Book Fair Week (details to come)
- Week 6: Tuesday 11 November Class Photo Day (details to come)
- www. Week 6: Wednesday 12 November Athletics Day (details to come)
- Week 6: Friday 14 November Grandparents (& Special Friends) Day Note date change!
 - Week 7: Wednesday 19 November Cluster Athletics Day (details to come)
 - Week 7: Friday 21 November Room 2 'Biking for Wellbeing' Biking trip to the Redwoods
 - www. Week 8: Wednesday 26 November Central Bay of Plenty Athletics
 - week 9: Thursday 4 December Board of Trustees (BoT) meeting #8, 6pm
 - week 10: Thursday 11 December Awards Assembly
 - Week 11: Monday 15 December Prize Giving



Virtue Awards from this week

Monday 6 October - Friday 10 October 2025

Virtuous behaviours are acknowledged and celebrated at our weekly Friday school Assembly.

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience,

Co-operation, Cleanliness, Confidence, Excellence, Reliability, Caring, Honesty,
Perseverance, Creativity, Loyalty, Helpfulness, Courtesy, Tolerance, Friendliness, Courage,
Justice, Self-Discipline, Initiative and Appreciation

Ruma Tahi

Sethumli Weeraratne

Welcome to Broadlands School, Sethumli!

Manaia Stafford

For writing a little story with teacher help.

Izaya Wipatene

For designing a beautiful butterfly using symmetry.

Logan Henderson

For your hard work in Spelling.

Ruma Rua

Luke Allan

For completing 100%, 10/10 homework tasks during Term 3.

Eden Leonard

For completing 100%, 10/10 homework tasks during Term 3.

Lucy Martelli

For your creativity and focus during narrative writing.

Ruma Toru

Lemeki Tangitau

For excellence in Maths. You have improved hugely in your fraction knowledge.

Tristan McDonnell

For your positive attitude coming back to school in Term 4. Well done!

Ruma Whā

Taika Church-Tahana

For diligence with your maths learning. First you do your learning, then you can watch Thomas (the Tank Engine!)

Delilah McDonnell

For excellence with your learning. You have been diligent in all areas of your learning this week.

Ruma Rima

Ashton Mogridge

For co-operation. By doing the right thing at mat time.

John Brignall

For your perseverance with Maths.



From the Broadlands Team

Ngā mihi nui, ki a koutou



Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day - Date change!

We have been challenged this year to find a suitable date that does not clash with other events.

We do sympathise if the new date does not suit some grandparents or friends, but there will be disappointment whichever date is chosen.

This year's Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day will be held on Friday 14 November (our Week 6).



Bird Week

Last term, all of our classrooms cast their votes for the annual Bird of the Year competition run by Forest and Bird, and the 2025 Winner of Bird of the Year has been announced to be... the New Zealand Falcon / Kārearea!





Staffing News #1 - Congratulations to our Whaea Felicity

Congratulations to **Whaea Felicity**, our fabulous Room 3 Teacher, who won a scholarship to attend the **Blake Inspire for Teachers** which is an Educational Leadership Course.

She spent one week during the holidays participating in environmental education, physical education and leadership development.







Staffing News #2 - Welcome to the Broadlands crew, Emma

This week we welcomed our new Teacher Aide, **Mrs Emma Fernandez**, to Broadlands School.

Emma is our 4th teacher aide who is permanently employed for 20 hours' / week at this stage.



Greenings Taupo

On **Thursday 9 October**, **Rachel** and **Heidi** from **Greening Taupo** visited Broadlands School again.

With Biosecurity NZ, Waikato Regional Council and Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board support, Rachel spent time with each class talking about the biosecurity risk associated with the invasive clam that is threatening our waterways.



'You may have heard about <u>our work spreading the word about invasive clams</u> and how to 'Check Clean Dry' to keep them out of our lake. The clams are in the river up to Mangakino and could easily be transferred on togs, wetsuits, or other gear into the Reporoa area of the river or Lake Taupō (they will not naturally spread upstream). Baby clams are microscopic and can survive on damp gear for a long time. It will just take one clam getting into our lake for us to lose the beautiful lake that we love, as they can reproduce without a partner and one clam can have 70,000 babies in a year. This is a huge threat to our local environment and a really important message to get out to our local communities.' (Notes from Rachel). The image below is from a lake in France.



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In the afternoon, Rachel, Heidi and the school were involved in the planting of additional natives around our bike trail. These included pittosporums, harakeke, corokia, five finger, kowhai, tōtara, kanuka, lancewood and cabbage trees.



Thank you to First Credit Union for sponsoring the plants

provided!

The link below will provide you with lots of information about the invasive clam that was used with each of the classes on Thursday morning. There is also a great crossword activity.

https://www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/activities-nature-connection/invasive-clams













<u> Hats | Pōtae</u>

From Week 2 (next week), all students will be expected to wear a **school** sunhat at morning tea and lunchtime.

We have a 'NO Hat - NO Play' policy, so those without a school hat | pōtae, will need to sit under the trees by the office. Please...NO NON-regulation hats | pōtae!

We appreciate that some hats | pōtae are on order through the office, which is fine, as we will allow some exceptions *IF* the order is underway. Thank you!



Broadlands School Open Day - Thursday 16 October - Week 2

In Week 2 of Term 4, on **Thursday 16 October**, Broadlands School is offering an Open Day!

Our school will be open for prospective and current families to walk through our grounds and classrooms, to see what a day at Broadlands School looks like. This is also a good opportunity for families who are still undecided about enrollment at a school, to ask questions and see what is on offer at our awesome kura.

Morning tea will be provided at 10:30am.

The Open Day will also be advertised via local media platforms so please feel free to share and spread the word to any families you think may benefit from this opportunity.





Calf & Pet Day - Tuesday 21 October - Week 3

We have LOTS of animals registered for our Pet Day happening in Week 3! (woohoo!)

Our amazing PTA is busy behind the scenes planning this day.

Calf & Pet Day is a really fun day for students and families with numerous ways to participate whether you bring along a pet or not.

This year's theme for Creative and Digital Arts is 'Animals Around the World".

Categories for this are:

- Edible Creations
- Recycled Crafts
- Digital Art
- School Art (created in class).

Students are encouraged to enter a creation into one (or more!) of these categories. Get the *creativity* flowing! (see the poster below which is also in the Office window.)





Pet Day Grocery Raffle - Urgently seeking donations!

The PTA would really appreciate donations of non-perishable items for the Grocery Raffle being run on Calf & Pet Day. Two (or even more) items per child would be very gratefully received by the Office - by Friday 17 October. There is a box in the office foyer to put donated items.

Thank you very much to those who have already donated!



Strike Action - Thursday 23 October 2025 - Week 3

The Broadlands School Board of Trustees has received INFORMAL notification by the NZEI Te Riu Roa union of a planned strike action on Thursday 23 October 2025.

Broadlands School union members covered under the following Collective Agreements are included:

- Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement
- Primary Principals' Collective Agreement
- Support Staff in Schools' Collective Agreement (Teacher Aides & Admin.)

NZEI members are taking industrial action because the Government has failed to provide offers in negotiations that will ensure educators receive the resources needed to support tamarike and pay that will attract and keep quality professionals in our schools.

The Education and Training Act requires that the **FORMAL** notification of strike action must be made three days before it commences. Short notice, but this is the legal process within which we are required to operate.

Based on the availability of only one non-NZEI member registered teacher at Broadlands School on the day of the proposed strike, the Board has made the decision to CLOSE the Broadlands School should the proposed strike action take place.

We appreciate your anticipated support.





Book Club Book Club Orders - due by Thursday 24 October - Week

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Book Club flyers have gone home with students today and you can also see the issue online

Orders and payment (cash only) for these are welcomed by the office, to be in by Friday 24 October.





Soccer - Would you like to be a coach or manager?

We are so excited to have two new soccer teams representing Broadlands School.

This is friendly competition with the aim being to get children active, learn football skills and to be involved in a team sport.

Thank you to **Mrs Debra Lynch** for organising the teams for us and thank you to **Ann Snowon** for offering to coach a team!

We are still in need of a coach for one of our teams and a manager for both teams.

This role will require you to communicate with parents and to organise the substitutions during the game.

Please contact Debra if you are able to help with this: debra@broadlands.school.nz

Broadlands Summer Football Teams 2025		
Broadlands Arsenal 5-8 years	Broadlands Bandits 5-8 years	
Cash Forrest	Ashton Mogridge	
Izaya Wipatene	Awa Te Kiri	
John Brignall	Ezekiel Nabeka	
Jordan Purvis	George Cooper	
Matthew Snowdon	Harvey Riddle	
Noah Busst	Keaton Elsworth	
Paul Theron	Londyn Hirst	
Reilly Fitzgerald	Ryan Elsworth	
Coach: Ann Snowdon Manager:	Coach: Manager:	
First Game: Monday 16 October		

Season: Monday 16 October to Wednesday 11 December

Bus Vests

Over these holidays, please ensure your child has their BUS VEST in their bag ready to go for next term. This is to keep them seen and safe.

For those students travelling on a Ritchies bus service, a bus vest **MUST** be worn **TO** and **FROM** school. Please have a routine and expectation sorted at home to ensure students have their vests every day at school.

You may notice some of our students now are wearing a **blue vest** - these are our fantastic **bus monitors** who help to carry out bus duties each day.



Term Dates 2026

At the last Board of Trustees' meeting, the Board approved the following Term Dates for 2026.

- Term : Monday 2 February Thursday 2 April (84 half-days)
- Term 2: Monday 20 April Friday 3 July (106)
- Term 3: Monday 20 July Friday 25 September (100)
- Term 4: Monday 12 October Tuesday 15 December (92)

Note that these dates meet the Ministry of Education's requirement for schools to open for instruction for **382** half-days per year. They exclude Public Holidays.

For 2026, the Ministry of Education has also approved an additional two Teacher Only Days for schools to engage in professional learning around the implementation of the new curriculum. You will be advised well in advance when these are. (see official statement below)

Issue 200: Ministry Bulletin 02.09.25.

The Government has approved four curriculum half-days each year in 2026 and 2027 to support staff with planning and professional learning for curriculum and assessment changes. You will not need to make up these half-days, they are officially approved under the Education Regulations: 8(5) and 9(1).



School Communication - Absences

Just a reminder - please ensure you let the Office know of an **absence**, with a reason, by 9:30am.

This can be done by: **Txt**: 021 0291 9131

Email: office@broadlands.school.nz **Phone**: 07 333 8576 extension 1

Or via our website: https://www.broadlands.school.nz/report-an-absence/ If we don't hear from a parent or guardian, this is marked as a truancy.

PLEASE NOTE

School Communication - Changes to bus rolls

Please ensure that the Office and your children know how they are getting home/to activities after school, i.e. whether they are on the bus or getting picked up. This prevents confusion and undue stress at the end of the day for both students and the Office. We do not change any bus plans based on what children tell us.

If there are changes to bus plans during the day, please let the Office know by 2:00 pm; i.e.

- if a child is taking a bus different from their usual bus or;
- if they won't be on the bus that day due to getting collected from school.

You can contact us by: **Txt**: 021 0291 9131

Email: office@broadlands.school.nz Phone: 07 333 8576 extension 1

This ensures sufficient time to get messages out to students before this very busy time of the day and helps to ensure the bus leaves Broadlands School on time for connecting buses.



Board of Trustees - Project Update - Exciting

We have some exciting projects on the horizon at Broadlands School!

- ☆ Our main carpark will undergo a two-chip re-seal within the next six weeks.
- ☆ A re-roofing of Room 4 is going to take place.
- ☆ Remediation of an external weather-tightness issue with Room 5 will also occur this year.

In other major project news, the Board of Trustees has recently engaged the services of **DCA Architects** and consultant **Nandia Lines** to undertake project management services for the following projects:

- ★ The modernisation of areas surrounding Rooms 4 & 5 including extensive decking, bi-fold doors, bag areas and an outdoor wet area all covered with an Archgola canopy solution (matching our newest addition).
- ★ The modernisation of the interior of Room 5 including Autex wall coverings, carpet, storage and one breakout space (the same as in Room 4).
- ☆ The extension of the Learning Centre / Library by approximately 50m2.
- ☆ The rationalisation / removal of the old PE Shed, caretaker's shed and storage shed.
- \star The installation of a large three-bay shed to be used for PE equipment, caretaker's shed and general storage (location TBC).
- ★ New decking outside Rooms 1 to 3 above and beyond the old concrete steps we currently have, providing outdoor learning spaces for these classrooms.
- ☆ Other projects to be advised as funds permit.

We are now awaiting costings and concept designs to arrive in the coming weeks.

Exciting times ahead!



Reading to your child, or your child reading to you everyday will make a big difference!

Reading together helps to promote the development of early literacy skills including:



- Knowledge of the alphabet
 - Turning pages
- · Pointing/sweeping of the finger
- Text orientation (left to right)
- Developing word knowledge/vocabulary
- Recognising punctuation and grammatical features
- Phonological awareness- the sounds that letters and letter blends make
 - · Improving comprehension
 - Building independence
 - · Creating social awareness
 - · Developing perceptions and emotions in life.



The quantity and quality of your shared reading experience will impact greatly on your child's reading success!

Children who are readers find other learning easier!



Counselling for Families / Whānau

One of our lovely Broadlands School teachers, Karla Shaw, is currently working towards her Masters in Counselling (Narrative Therapy) through the University of Waikato (see the poster below). As part of her studies, Karla is offering **free counselling conversations** to students and/or families - in a confidential space to talk and share.

These sessions are available on **Thursdays**. Please feel welcome to contact the school Office, in confidence, if you would like more information or would like to book a time with Karla.



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These conversations are similar to counselling. They offer a safe, confidential, caring space to talk things through and are for children and families.



CONVERSATIONS

how to be a counsellor. That means she's learning how to listen really carefully and have and families who want to talk.



COUNSELLING

her Master's in Counselling are part of her learning journey and offer a gentle, confidential space for

ANEW **OPPORTUNITY** FOR WHĀNAU

You might want to talk about something that's been on your mind, something that's happened, or just have someone to listen. You can choose what to talk about - or not talk about!



NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

This is a free confidential service available on Thursdays in term 3. Children and families can pop in for a chat, or if you need more information talk to Becky or Graeme in the office.



Confidential conversations

If this sounds helpful for you or your child, ask Becky in the office for more information.

More information at the school Office.

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou

The Broadlands Crew

Ka kite ano

Graeme, Debra, Felicity, Kylie, Robyn, Maria, Lou, Leanne, Lucy, Karla, Halei, Maureen, Nicci, Emma, Traleenah (on Maternity Leave), Keelan (caretaker) & Becky.



Community Info of Interest

Vet Plus Reporoa Pink Ribbon Walk - Wednesday 29 October from 5:30pm

The lovely team at Vet Plus Reporoa is once again organising the Reporoa Pink Ribbon Walk. This is a fantastic event to raise funds for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation.

When: Wednesday 29th October

When: from 5.30p

Where: Reporoa Primary School.

What: Dress up in all of your pinks and pop your walking shoes on.





The Lake Taupō Basketball Association (LTBA) Basketball Development Programmes for Years 5 & 6 (girls and boys).

The Lake Taupō Basketball Association (LTBA) is inviting students to participate in their upcoming Basketball Development Programmes for Years 5 & 6 (girls and boys).

These programmes have been designed to provide young players with opportunities to develop their fundamental basketball skills, improve game understanding, and build confidence in a fun, structured environment. Our coaches focus on individual skill development, teamwork, and fostering a positive attitude towards sport and physical activity.

Programme Details

Girls Years 5 & 6

Mondays: October 20, November 3, 10, 17, 24, and December 1

♣ 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

📍 Taupō Events Centre Gym

Boys Years 5 & 6

Mondays: October 20, November 3, 10, 17, 24, and December 1

○ 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Taupō Events Centre Gym

Registrations for years 5 & 6 can be made at:

https://membership.mygameday.app/regoform.cgi?formID=115090

Cost: \$50.00 per player

Boys Years 7 & 8

Mondays: October 22, 29, November 5, 19, 26, and December 3

○ 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

↑ Taupō Events Centre Gym

Registrations for years 7 & 8 can be made at:

https://membership.mygameday.app/regoform.cgi?formID=116552

Cost: \$60.00 per player

Programme Focus

Participants will:

- Develop core basketball skills (dribbling, shooting, passing, defense)
- Gain a better understanding of game strategy and teamwork
- Build confidence and sportsmanship in a supportive environment

For any further information, please contact:

taupobasketball@gmail.com



LTBA TERM 4, BOYS YEARS 7 & 8

BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS WITH US

BOYS

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22ND - 4:00 PM -5:30 PM WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29TH - 4:00 PM -5:30 PM WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH - 4:00 PM -5:30 PM WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19TH - 4:00 PM -5:30 PM WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26TH - 4:00 PM -5:30 PM WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26TH - 4:00 PM -5:30 PM WEDNESDAY DCEMBER 3RD - 4:00 PM -5:30 PM

PROGRAMME COST: \$60.00

VENUE: AC BATHS EVENT CENTRE, 26 AC BATHS AVE, TAUPO

REGISTER HERE:



https://membership.mygameday.app/regoform.cgi?formID=116552

https://www.facebook.com/Taupobasketball Email: taupobasketball@gmail.com



LTBA TERM 4, YEARS 5 & 6

BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS WITH US

GIRLS		BOYS	
	MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH - 4:00 PM -5:00 PM		MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH - 5:00 PM -6:00 PM
•	MONDAY NOVEMBER 3RD - 4:00 PM -5:00 PM		MONDAY NOVEMBER 3RD - 5:00 PM -6:00 PM
•	MONDAY NOVEMBER 10TH - 4:00 PM -5:00 PM		MONDAY NOVEMBER 10TH - 5:00 PM -6:00 PM
•	MONDAY NOVEMBER 17TH - 4:00 PM -5:00 PM		MONDAY NOVEMBER 17TH - 5:00 PM -6:00 PM
•	MONDAY NOVEMBER 24TH - 4:00 PM -5:00 PM		MONDAY NOVEMBER 24TH - 5:00 PM -6:00 PM
	MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST - 4:00 PM -5:00 PM		MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST - 5:00 PM -6:00 PM

PROGRAMME COST: \$50.00 Venue: AC Baths event centre, 26 AC Baths ave, taupo

REGISTER HERE:



https://membership.mygameday.app/regoform.cgi?formID=115090t

https://www.facebook.com/Taupobasketball



Playcentre Vacancy

Playcentre Aotearoa are inviting applications from competent administrators interested in supporting their centres to run efficiently and remain compliant.

The Kaimahi is responsible for a range of tasks including the day-to-day administrative tasks of the centre to allow centre whānau to focus on their tamariki, adult education and their community.

Start date: 29 October 2025

Days & hours: This is a permanent position with 10 hrs per week, two mornings (Monday –

Friday). Contact: vacancies@playcentre.org.nz for a position description.





Kaimahi - Position Description

New Zealand Playcentre Aotearoa Vision/Mission:

Whānau Tupu Ngātahi - Families growing together.

Playcentre is a family organisation where:

- we empower adults and children to play, work, learn and grow together
- we honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and celebrate people's uniqueness
- we value and affirm parents as the first and best educators of their children so that whānau are strengthened and communities enriched

Purpose of the Position

The role is responsible for completing the day-to-day administrative tasks necessary for the efficient and compliant operation of our centres. This will ensure centre whanau can focus on their tamariki, curriculum planning, strengthening their centre community, and furthering their education.

Please note this position description may change from time to time as reasonably required by Playcentre Aotearoa and you may be required to undertake additional responsibilities for which you are suitably experienced and that you could reasonably be expected to perform.

Based in Centres as specified in Individual Employment Agreement

Reporting

Kaimahi Support Lead

Direct Reports

Nil

Key Relationships

- Playcentre whānau
- Centre Advisor
- Regional Team
- Finance Team
- · Property Team
- Kaihononga Māori
 Education Team

Delegations



"Whanau tupu ngatahi - families growing together"



2025 Funsticks Hockey for Years 1 and 2

Registration is now open for Taupo Hockey's Funsticks Hockey for Year 1s and 2s.



6 weeks starting Tuesday 28th October to Tuesday 9th December

Years 1 and 2

3:30-4:30pm

\$45

Register online at www.taupohockey.co.nz





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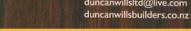
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