

★ Welcome Back to School
Have a restful weekend everyone ★



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'The Broadlands Bulletin'

Term 1 - Week 1

Monday 2 February - Thursday 5 February 2026

Key Dates for Term 1 - Mark your calendar!



🐝 Week 1: Friday 6 February - Waitangi Day **SCHOOL CLOSED**

🐝 Week 2: Wednesday 11 February to Friday 13 February - Life Education Trust
(Harold!)

🐝 Week 3: Wednesday 18 February - School Duathlon & Triathlon (details below)

🐝 Week 4: Wednesday 25 February - Junior Water Skills Sports

🐝 Week 4: Thursday 26 February - Senior Swimming Sports

🐝 Week 4: **Thursday 26 February** - Board Meeting #1, 6.00pm

🐝 Week 4: **Friday 27 February** - Te Puna Ahu Reo begins with Whaea Felicity Nepia for 2026 (fortnightly)

🐝 Week 5: **Wednesday 4 March** - Cluster Swimming at Reporoa College (details to follow)

🐝 Week 5: **Friday 6 March** - GoBananaz begins with Jono for 2026, 10.00am (fortnightly)

🐝 Week 7: **Wednesday 18 March to Friday 20 March** - Year 5 & 6 MiCamp (details to follow)

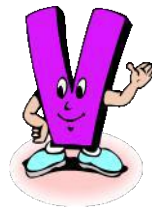
🐝 Week 8: **Monday 23 March to Wednesday 25 March** - Learner Conferences (details to follow)

🐝 Week 9: **Wednesday 1 April** - Cluster Tabloid Sports at Reporoa Primary / Reporoa College (details to follow)

🐝 Week 9: **Thursday 2 April** - Book Character Day (details to follow)

🐝 Week 9: **Friday 3 April** - Good Friday **SCHOOL CLOSED**

*****HOLIDAYS*****



Virtue Awards will begin from next week

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*



From the Broadlands Team

Ngā mihi nui, ki a koutou



School Communication - With Staff

Open three-way communication (teacher/parent/tamariki) is important to us.

The means of communication with Broadlands School are as follows (in no particular order):

1. Phone:

(07) 333 8576 (Landline to reach Office & Principal)

021 0291 9131 (For absences/important messages only)

(027) 291 9171 (Principal - if specifically needed / in urgent situations)

2. Email:

Mr Graeme Taylor - principal@broadlands.school.nz

Ms Felicity Cook / Whaea Felicity - felicity@broadlands.school.nz - Year 5 & 6 / Room 3 -
Ruma Toru

Mrs Debra Lynch - debra@broadlands.school.nz - DP / Year 4 & 5 / Room 2 - Ruma Rua

Miss Tayla Nicholson - tayla@broadlands.school.nz - Year 2 & 3 / Room 1 - Ruma Tahī

Mrs Kylie Parkes - kylie@broadlands.school.nz - Year 1 & 2 / Room 5 - Ruma Rima

Ms Lou Wright / Whaea Lou - lou@broadlands.school.nz - NE & Year 1 / Room 4 - Ruma
Whā

Miss Emma Fernandez / Whaea Emma - office@broadlands.school.nz - Office

3. **Seesaw** - our learning sharing tool. Classroom teachers will have you fully set-up here.

4. Broadlands School website

www.broadlands.school.nz

5. Appointments to see your child's teacher about their learning can be made by **email**, **phone**, **Seesaw** or **in person**. For a quick chat, please just call in (before or after school is best).



Student Leadership

This week, Whaea Felicity and I spoke to all of our Year 5 & 6 tamariki concerning their leadership throughout 2026.

As our tuakana (older tamariki), we expect them to consistently role model virtuous behaviours in all areas of school-life, especially to our teina (our younger tamariki).

We also expect of them an actual willingness to be of service to Broadlands School as a community and to use the virtues of **respect**, **responsibility**, **reliability**, **resilience** (and others) through their leadership.

As such, we provide important opportunities for our Year 5 & 6 seniors to be **Heads of School** (2), **Heads of Houses** (8), **Kaea** (4), **Sports Leaders** (2), **Head Librarian** (1), **Jump Jam Leader** (1) and **Monitors** (many).

All positions which they have a genuine interest in are now being applied for in writing (typed, hand-written or emailed) which are due by **Monday 16 February** (Week 3). Support to write these has been provided in class.

We look forward to receiving many outstanding applications!

School-wide, we strongly encourage and are focusing on the virtue of **initiative**...that is, doing things without being asked. For example, picking up rubbish without being asked, to showing independence with their own learning within class.

We will also focus on **appreciation** and **manners** this year as it is a virtue that seems to be slipping!

For example...

The teacher asks...

"How are you, John?"

Student should reply...

"Good thank you, Miss Nicholson"



Swimming Pool

Our swimming pool is now in action for Term 1 2026, so your child's teacher will expect towels and togs to be brought to school from next week sometime...a little weather dependent at this time.

Swimming is part of our Health & PE Curriculum so swimming is an expectation, not an option!



Sports Team Uniforms 2026



We are excited to share that we have new sports uniforms for students who represent Broadlands School in hockey, basketball, touch rugby, and summer football. We are very grateful to our hardworking PTA for funding these uniforms.

Our students will feel proud and look smart when representing our school.



Bus Vests



Bus vests are expected to be worn **TO** and **FROM** school **EVERY DAY!**

This is to keep them seen and safe.

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.



Hats | Pōtae



All students are now 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!



School Accounts

Student account statements are sent out around the 20th of each month. Please ensure your child/ren's school account is paid by the due date.

If you know you have an overdue account, please make contact, be it by email or just pop into the office.

We do have a few families who have an automatic payment set up to come out each week. This is a good way to manage payments. The school is happy to talk about a payment plan with you if this would be helpful. Please get in touch with the office about this.



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.



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.**

★ *If your child is being picked up by another family adult, we **MUST** have your consent.*

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.



School Uniform Order - Tuesday 10 February

Please note, a **uniform order** will be placed on **Tuesday 10 February**, next week. If you need any uniform please contact Emma at the office either by email on office@broadlands.school.nz or phone or in person.

Payment must be paid before the uniform can be collected.



Scholastics Book Club

The **Scholastics Book Club** catalogue should come home with your child this week. Book Club Issue 1 2026 is open until **Monday 23 March**. Please place your orders directly through the LOOP app or through the school office.

More pics from the last day of 2025

Thank you to the **PTA** for providing the slippery slide, pizza and ice blocks on the last day of 2025. The students had a blast. *Thank you* also to Father Christmas for making a surprise visit on this day.



Broadlands School Duathlon & Triathlon 2026



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Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

We will be holding our annual Broadlands School Duathlon and Triathlon on **Wednesday 18 February**.

The Broadlands School Duathlon/Triathlon event is the first activity on the 'Participation and Contributing Award' for 2026. We have organised this event to take place prior to Taupo Ironkidz (to be held on Sunday 1 March). You can enter your child in the Ironkidz event at <https://www.ironkidz.com>.

A triathlon consists of swimming, cycling and running. If your child does not have a suitable bike, they can take part in the duathlon; which consists of swimming and running.

Date: Wednesday 18 February
Venue: Broadlands School
Time: 9:15am - Senior event (*Years 6 & 5*)
 9:45 (approximately) - Intermediate event (*Year 4 & 3*)
 10:15am (approximately) - Junior event (*Years 2, 1 & NE*)

The Duathlon is run separately to the triathlon with the duathlon taking place first.

At the conclusion of the Duathlon and Triathlon event, there will be our annual whānau picnic which you are welcome to join in with.

Adult Help:

We require assistance around the course, at the entry and exit points of the pool and on the bike course. If you are able to help on the day, please let Mrs Lynch or the Office know **ASAP**.

Your child will need the following:

- Swimming togs
- Towel
- Bike (road worthy)
- Cycle helmet (NZ Safety Approved)
- Sun hat
- Sports clothes eg: shorts and a tee shirt (for cycling and running) **to be worn to school**. Therefore, no school uniform is needed!
- Sports shoes **MUST BE WORN** for cycling and running
- Sunscreen (will be provided by the classroom teacher)
- Water bottle (Energy drinks are **NOT PERMITTED**)

All bikes should be at school before 9:00am on Wednesday 18 February.

We recommend students bring their own **road worthy** bike across the field to the transition area and set up their belongings.

Bikes need to be placed in the correct year groups.

There will be cones and a teacher to guide your child.

Students have been introduced to the course prior to this event.

Debra Lynch debra@broadlands.school.nz

Lead Teacher Health & PE



Duathlon / Triathlon Useful Information

There will be no place getters as this is not a timed event.

Duathlon first followed by triathlon **for each year group:**

- Year 6 Duathlon - Year 6 Triathlon
- Year 5 Duathlon - Year 5 Triathlon
- Year 4 Duathlon - Year 4 Triathlon
- Year 3 Duathlon - Year 3 Triathlon
- Year 2 Duathlon - Year 2 Triathlon
- Year 1 Duathlon - Year 1 Triathlon
- New Entrant Duathlon - New Entrant Triathlon

Students **must not** hop on bikes until they are out of transition.

Students **must** wear a helmet that is done up for the bike.

Students **must** wear a tee shirt and shoes for the bike and run.

Bike Transition

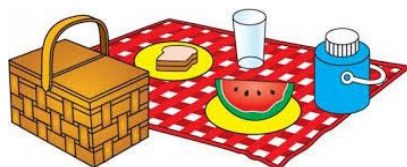
In order to support independence we have the following guidelines for students in the transition are:

- Year 4, 5 & 6 students should not need any assistance in transition
- Year 3 students can be helped to locate bikes but should not need help to put on clothes, shoes or helmet.
- Year 1 & 2 students can be helped to locate bikes and if needed; putting on tee shirt first, doing up shoelaces and helmets and heading off in the correct direction.

Staff members will be positioned to assist where needed in the transition area. Parents are asked to remain out of transition.

Distances
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 6 & 5</u> <u>Duathlon and then Triathlon</u> Swim: 3 lengths (with flutter board, or kicking rocket or freestyle) Bike: 3 laps of the bike track Run: 3 laps around run course</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 4 & 3</u> <u>Duathlon and then Triathlon</u> Swim: 2 lengths (with flutter board, or kicking rocket or freestyle) Bike: 2 laps of the bike track Run: 2 laps around run course</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 2, 1 & NE</u> <u>Duathlon and then Triathlon</u> Swim: 2 widths (with flutter board, or kicking rocket or freestyle) Bike: 1 lap of the bike track Run: 1 lap around run course</p>

2026 Whānau Picnic



At the conclusion of the duathlon and triathlon event, there will be our annual whānau picnic.

Please join us after the Broadlands School Triathlon and Duathlon under the trees for our 'Whānau Picnic' (a late morning tea/early lunch).

When: Wednesday 18 February from 11.00am (approximately) to 12.00 Noon, then the students will head back to class.

Where: On the school field/under the trees

We invite you to bring:

- A picnic blanket
- A picnic lunch

We look forward to seeing you all here!

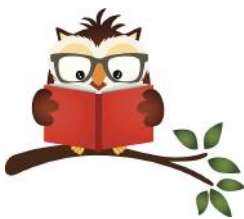
Graeme, Emma, Becky, Tayla, Traleenah, Debra, Felicity, Lou, Kylie, Halei, Maureen and Nicci



Guitar Lessons Term 1 2026

Returning students automatically have a space reserved.

There are limited spaces available. Please contact : theguitarguy@outlook.com to confirm for 2026.



Reading at home

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!



Helpful Conversations 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 helpful 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/privately, if you would like more information or would like to book a time with Karla.

KŌRERO THAT CARES HELPFUL CONVERSATIONS

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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.



HELPFUL CONVERSATIONS

Karla Shaw is a teacher at our school and she's also learning how to be a counsellor. That means she's learning how to listen really carefully and have helpful conversations with kids and families who want to talk.




COUNSELLING STUDENT


Karla is currently studying counselling through the University of Waikato and is halfway through her Master's in Counselling (Narrative Therapy). These kōrero are part of her learning journey and offer a gentle, confidential space for tamariki or whānau to talk about what's going on.



A NEW 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.

The Broadlands Crew

Ka kite ano

Graeme, Debra, Felicity, Kylie, Tayla, Lou, Traleenah, Maria, Karla, Sally-Ann, Halei, Maureen, Nicci, Becky, Emma (Office) & Keelan (caretaker).



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CALLING ALL IRONKIDZ

Wairakei Estate Ironkidz 2026 - Sunday 1st March

Online entries for 2026 are now open



♥ **Girls year 3, 4, 5, & 6 Basketball Development Clinics** 🏀

📍 Taupo Events Centre

🕒 Sundays 11:00am – 12:30pm

Dates:

February 8, 15, 22

March 1, 8

\$ Cost: \$50.00

Register here: <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=115090>

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✦ No equipment needed – just come along and have a go!

FRIDAY SESSIONS

🕒 3.30 – 4.15 pm Primary and Intermediate students / New players.

🕒 4.30 – 5.30 pm Secondary school students and confident younger players ready for full matches.

🟢 MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

Try tennis first, then sign up for \$50 includes court access until the end of August 2026.

🟢 Professional group coaching available separately

**Registrations: Please contact Leani at
leanikirsten@yahoo.com**



Taupo Hockey 2026



MINI HOCKEY

Nau mai ki te tākaro

- Years 2, 3 & 4
- 11 week competition beginning Friday 1st of May & concludes Friday 31st July
- Weekly games played between 3:30pm – 4:34pm
- Cost is \$70 per player

MAXI HOCKEY

Players each need a hockey stick, shin pads, sneakers & mouth guard

- Years 5 & 6
- 13 week competition beginning Friday 1st of May & concludes Friday the 7th of August
- Weekly games played between 4:45pm – 8:00pm
- Cost is \$90 per player

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY

- Year 7 & 8
- 14 week competition beginning Wednesday 29th April & concludes Wednesday 12th of August
- Weekly games played between 3:45pm – 7:15pm
- Cost is \$110 per player

Registrations are through your school and children play in a school team



Fun, Friendship, Adventure

Guide units are starting back for 2026, and have space for your daughter!

Guides is a great way to make friends, boost self-esteem, build confidence and learn new skills.



We take girls aged 9-12.5, and always welcome new leaders (18+).

<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/>
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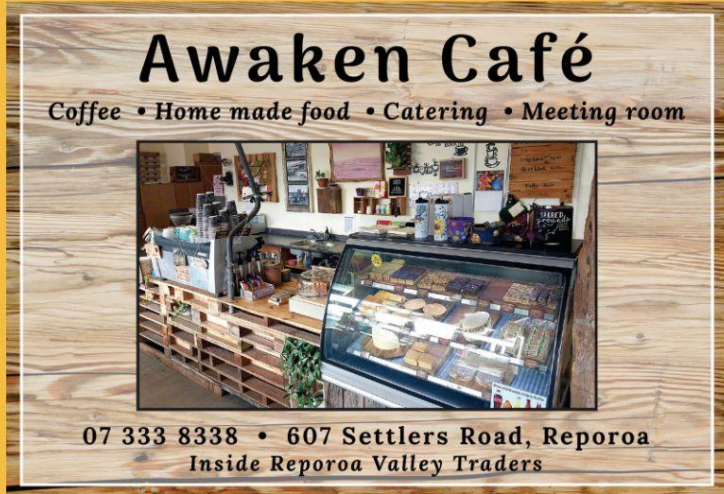
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