

★ The end of a busy Week 2
Have a restful weekend everyone ★



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'The Broadlands Bulletin'



Term 1 - Week 2

Monday 9 February - Friday 13 February 2026

Key Dates for Term 1 - Mark your calendar!



 **Week 3: Wednesday 18 February - *School Duathlon & Triathlon* from 9.15am**

Week 4: Friday 20 February - Te Puna Ahu Reo begins with Whaea Felicity Nepia for 2026
(mostly fortnightly)

 **Week 4: Wednesday 25 February - *Senior Swimming Sports*, from 12.30pm**

 **Week 4: Thursday 26 February - *Junior Water Skills Sports*, from 12.45pm**

 **Week 4: Thursday 26 February - Board Meeting #1, 6.00pm (in the staffroom)**

🐝🐝 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 being provided)

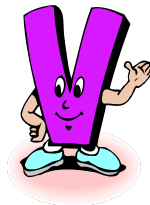
🐝 Week 8: **Monday 23 March to Wednesday 25 March** - Learner Conferences (details to follow)

🐝 Week 9: **Wednesday 1 April** - Sport BOP sports at Reporoa Primary - Years 1-3 / Reporoa College - Year 4-6 (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

Monday 2 February – Friday 13 February

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 Tahí

Wally Barnes

For showing perseverance with biking. You are becoming really fast!

Benjamin Carston

For helpfulness with getting the bikes out. Your peers are thankful when you help them.

Ruma Rua

Eden Leonard

For excellence. It is great being able to use your work as an example to others.

Sethumli Weeraratne

For excellence by completing the Year 4 Basic Facts Assessment.

Indi Mogridge

For excellence by forming capital and lower case letters correctly.

Ari Riddle

For helpfulness and enthusiasm by helping the younger students to practise the triathlon.

Brody Woulfe

For your focus and eagerness to listen and learn.

Ruma Toru

Jack Lee

For your courage trying new things in Room 3. Well done!

Jade O'Reilly

For initiative. You are always doing things without being asked.

Kruden Wills

For initiative. You are always helping others without being asked.

Tama Raroa-Kire

For Excellence. You have hard worked with addition and place value this week in Maths.

River Leonard

For Initiative. You have been helping around the school without being asked. Well done.

Annalise Purvis

For Excellence. You were performing with confidence and strength during Kapa Haka.

Jade Werahiko

For Excellence. You were performing with confidence and strength during Kapa Haka.

Ruma Whā

Welcome to Broadlands School:

Beau Guyton

Cooper Smith

Macey Thompson-Mohi

Reef Foden

Xanthia Phillips

You've had a great two weeks of learning at school!

Ruma Rima

Leon Venn

For Respect. This is your first week in Room 5 and you are showing amazing respect towards your teacher and your classmates. Well done!

Rocco Woulfe

For Respect. This is your first week in Room 5 and you are showing amazing respect towards your teacher and classmates. Well done!

Carter Axtens

For Responsibility. You show responsibility by completing your Morning Checklist every day. Well done!

George Cooper

For Responsibility. You show responsibility by completing your Morning Checklist every day. Well done!



From the Broadlands Team

Ngā mihi nui, ki a koutou



Employment Opportunity

Broadlands School is welcoming expressions of interest for our Teacher Aide | Learning Assistant position that is available for what will be a very specialised role.

More details can be found within the advert below or please feel free to contact Graeme with any questions. Please help us to *spread the word* to anybody who you think may be a great person and team member for this role and our school.



**WE ARE
HIRING!**



TEACHER AIDE

Broadlands School is seeking
an experienced Teacher Aide
for up to 20 hours / week
for permanent appointment.

Please send your CV,
including a cover letter and
the names of two referees, to:

office@broadlands.school.nz

by Friday 27 February 2026



Blake NZ - VR



Foundation Partner

*In partnership with **New Zealand Geographic**, and powered by Westpac, NZ-VR is our school outreach programme that aims to connect thousands of young New Zealanders with the marine environment.*

Through virtual reality (VR) technology NZ-VR allows students to experience the rich biodiversity that exists below the surface of the ocean, as well as the damage that has been done to the ecosystems

On Wednesday of this week, Rooms 1,2 & 3 were privileged to have Alice and Alice at Broadlands School introducing us to the world of VR in the marine environment. The excitement was amazing to see! Below are a few pics from Room 2 to share.

Note how engrossed **Mrs Lynch** is!

Thank you to **Whaea Felicity** for organising this for us. For more information and involvement online, visit:

<https://www.blakenz.org/programmes/blake-nz-vr/#:~:text=In%20partnership%20with%20New%20Zealand,Zealanders%20with%20the%20marine%20environment.>



Surplus iPads

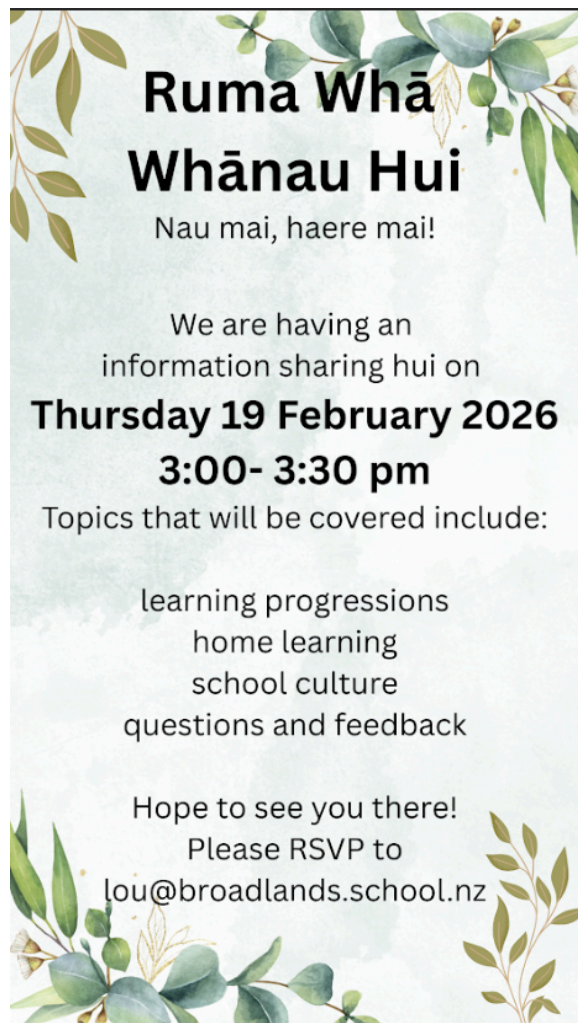
We currently have a small number of old generation iPads (iPad mini and standard sizes) whose apps are no longer usable or compatible to use as a teaching resource on our network, BUT, are (likely) usable in your home. They come with a charger but no protective cover.

IF you are interested in securing one FOC (but baking works well!), please come and see Felicity or Graeme ASAP.



Whaea Lou, our New Entrant | Year 1 teacher, is holding an important and very informative Whānau Hui (details below). We look forward to seeing you here with us at this time.

As staff are still here, with students about the school until 3.40pm (the last bus leaves), outside play for your child is quite ok so that you are well-focused on the information being provided inside.



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

Leadership letters for our Year 5's & 6's are all due on **Monday 16 February** at the latest.

Our 2026 leaders will be announced, with leadership badges awarded, at our **School Assembly** in the Learning Centre at **2.15pm** on **Friday 20 February**.



Bus Vests



We would have an approximate **95%** compliance rate at the moment which is quite pleasing...just the daily poor excuses, such as....

"I've lost mine!"

OR

"I left it at home!"

Bus vests must either **be worn OR** in at **school bag** at school or at home.



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** 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 providing a **REASON**, then this is marked as a 'T' - Truant!

Note: It is a legal requirement for a reason to be provided.



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

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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:

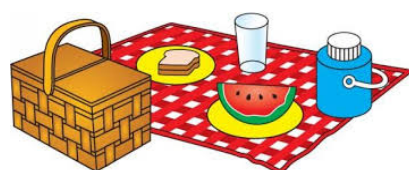
- Year 4, 5 & 6 students should not need any assistance in transition
- Year 3 students can be helped to locate bikes but should not need help to put on clothes, shoes or helmet.

- 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
<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
<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
<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

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

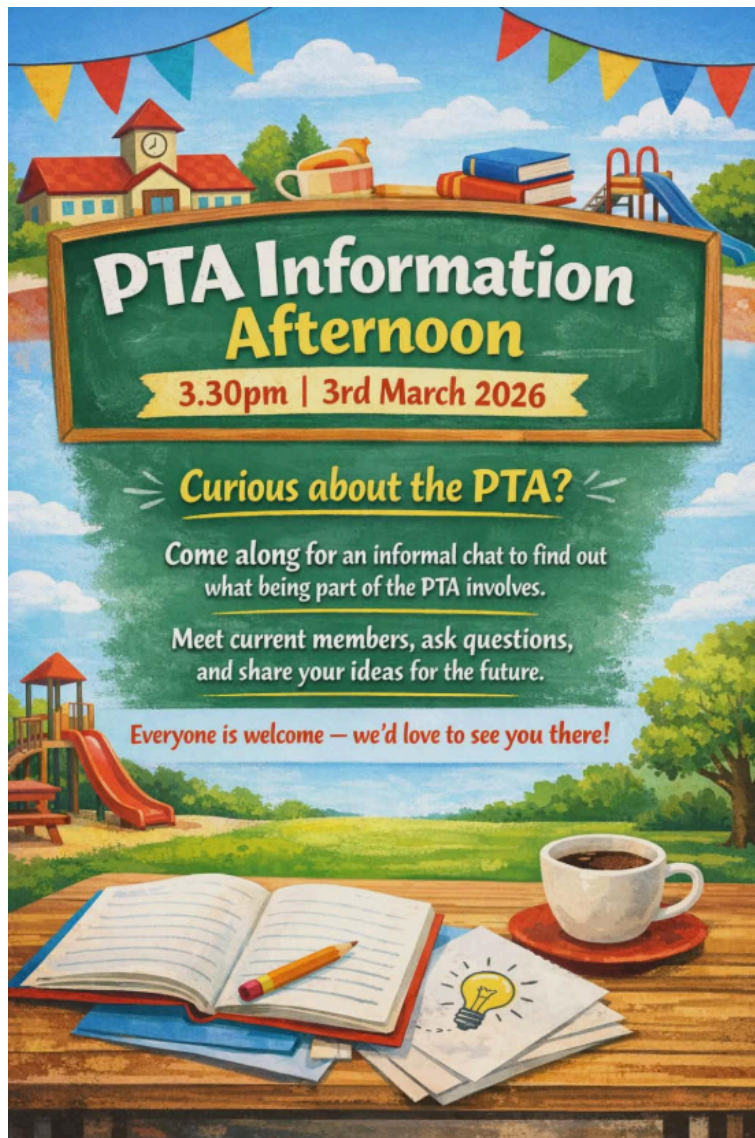
Returning students automatically have a space reserved.

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



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 on their site or through the School Office.



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).



Community Info. of Interest



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/>
0800 222 292



♥ 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>



CALLING ALL IRONKIDZ

Wairakei Estate Ironkidz 2026 - Sunday 1st March

Online entries for 2026 are now open

WAIKATO SCHOOLS XC MTB CHAMPS 2026

OPEN TO ALL BOP SCHOOLS

Sponsored by Alitech Window Systems

Track suitable for all abilities, a bit of off-road experience would be helpful.

Open from Year 5 - Year 13

Enter through your school by Friday 6th March
TEAM RELAYS ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Thursday 12 March

Te Miro MTB Park

Please email
temiromtbevents@gmail.com
for any queries

Food and drink available - please bring cash



For more information, please read the Event Manual on the Te Miro MTB Club website

JUNIOR TENNIS EVERY FRIDAY TERM 1 2026

**ROTORUA
TENNIS CLUB**



Fun, friendly tennis sessions for kids and teens of all abilities!
Games and activities use age-appropriate balls and court sizes, with match play introduced when players are ready.

✦ 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.

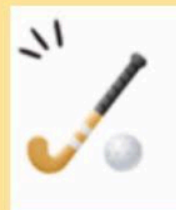
Professional group coaching available separately

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



Taupo Hockey 2026

Nau mai ki te tākaro



MINI HOCKEY

- 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





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