

★Two weeks in already...
Term 2 is set to be a busy one!★



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'The Broadlands Bulletin'

Term 2 - Week 2

Tuesday 28 April - Friday 1 May 2026



Key Dates for Term 2 - Mark your calendar!



🐝 Week 3: Wednesday 6 May - Fell Cup games for netball and rugby | Reporoa College
(details provided for selected students)

🐝 Week 3: Thursday 7 May - Board Meeting #3, 6.00pm | Staffroom

🐝 Week 4: Wednesday 13 May - School Cross Country (details below)

🐝 Week 4: **Friday 15 May** - Pink Shirt Day

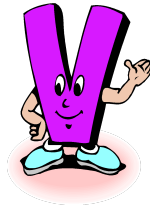
🐝 Week 5: **Tuesday 19 May** - Cluster Cross Country | Lake Rerewhakaaitu School (details to follow)

🐝🐝 Week 7: **Monday 1 June** - King's Birthday **SCHOOL CLOSED**

🐝 Week 7: **Monday 1 June** - Approximate date for Blocks C & D site contract work to begin

🐝 Week 11: **Tuesday 30 June** - Hearing & Vision Testing in school

🐝 Week 11: **Wednesday 1 July** - Cultural Festival | Reporoa College (details to follow)



Virtue Awards

Tuesday 28 April - Friday 1 May

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

Joziah Barnes

For showing creativity with your Poppy artwork, demonstrating excellent colour blending.

Viheli Nanayakkara-Withanage

For showing creativity with your Poppy artwork, demonstrating excellent colour blending.

Kylah Ohlson

For showing creativity with your Poppy artwork, demonstrating excellent colour blending.

James Millward

For showing courage and determination while participating in cross country training.

Ruma Rua

Ari Riddle

For effort and determination during cross country training.

Sethumli Weeraratne

For your patience and helpfulness during Maths by teaching other students how to do the 9 x strategy.

Evelyn Hay

For outstanding progress with your water skills.

Ruma Toru

Jade Werahiko

For your effort and thoughtfulness during maths this week. Keep it up.

Jade O'Reilly

For your commitment and perseverance during cross country training. Well done!

Lopini Tangitau

For excellence. Completing bookwork and home learning to a high standard.

Keana Ohlson

For your creativity and use of personal voice in your writing. You have worked hard during writing time.

Israel Wills

For creativity. You have explored different art and pattern techniques during art this week. Your moon/sun art is looking fantastic.

Ruma Whā

Reef Foden

For using your initiative by helping your friends in class.

Ava'Lee Cooke

For the leadership you show in guiding us all during our morning karakia.

Ruma Rima

Fletcher Cowie

For responsibility. It is wonderful to see how much pride you take in completing your daily routines. You manage your personal belongings and stay focussed on your learning.

Jasmine Beveridge

For responsibility. It is wonderful to see how much pride you take in completing your daily routines. You manage your personal belongings and stay focussed on your learning.



From the Broadlands Team

Ngā mihi nui, ki a koutou

On **Wednesday 29 April**, as part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum, our Year 5 and Year 6 students took part in a Water Safety Programme at AC Baths, Taupō.

This programme highlights the importance of water safety and survival skills. These skills are especially important for children growing up in New Zealand, where many of our students spend time near water, including local rivers, Lake Taupō, and the beach during summer.





Broadlands School Cross Country 2026



Kia ora Parents/Caregivers & Whānau,

The Broadlands School Cross Country will be held at Broadlands School on **Wednesday 13 May**. Students will be regularly training at school for this annual event. For those students who qualify, the Cluster Cross Country will be on **Tuesday 19 May**.

For this school event, the students should wear their own **active wear/sports clothing to and from** school. The optional sports hoodie may also be worn on this day.

We require parental support with marshalling around the Broadlands School Cross Country course. Please see Debra, email debra@broadlands.school.nz or let the School Office know if you are able to help with marshalling.

Age Groups are based on each student's age at the start of Term 2 (Monday 20 April 2026).

Order of events and the distances for age groups for the 10.40am START:

- 9 & 10 & 11 year olds - 2.25 km (Senior)
- 7 & 8 year olds - 1.5 km (Intermediate)
- 5 & 6 year olds - 750 m (Junior)

At Cross Country your child will need:

- Active wear/sports clothing - worn to/from school
- Warm track pants to put over shorts - to be worn while waiting or when finished
- Warm school fleece or sports hoodie
- Appropriate footwear
- Lunch and a drink of water (NO sports or flavoured drinks are permitted)

If the weather is undesirable, the postponement date for the Broadlands School Cross Country will be **Thursday 14 May**.

Note: This is the next school event which contributes towards the 'Participating and Contributing Medal' awarded at the end of the year to those who have participated in and contributed towards **ALL** eight school events.

Order of events:

Note: All times are approximated so do arrive earlier

10:00-10:20am	Early morning tea
10:25am	Gather: Parent and Student Welcome
10:35am	Warm Up for 9 & 10 & 11 year old boys
10:40am START	Run Event for 9 & 10 & 11 year old boys
10:55am	Warm Up for 9 & 10 & 11 year old girls
11:00am	Run Event for 9 & 10 & 11 year old girls
11:10am	Warm Up for 7 & 8 year old boys
11:15am	Run Event for 7 & 8 year old boys
11:25am	Warm Up for 7 & 8 year old girls
11:30am	Run Event for 7 & 8 year old girls
12:00 Noon	Warm Up for 5 & 6 year old boys
12:10pm	Run Event for 5 & 6 year old boys
12:15pm	Warm Up for 5 & 6 year old girls
12:20pm	Run Event for 5 & 6 year old girls
12:30pm END	

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Debra Lynch
Health & PE Lead Teacher



Caretaker Position

Unfortunately due to personal circumstances, our new caretaker Tim was unable to continue with us. Soooo...here we go again in search of a real handy person so critical to the effective maintenance of our property assets.

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CARETAKER VACANCY



Broadlands School is seeking
a knowledgeable and hard-working
Caretaker to help with jobs
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Please contact Graeme for more
information:

Principal@broadlands.school.nz



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Get started with confidence!

 Wednesday 29 April

 5:30pm – 6:30pm

 Taupo Event Centre
26 AC Baths Ave, Taupo

Register to attend:

 <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrom.cgi?formID=121027>

(Helps us prepare your info pack)



We're looking for **community members, parents, and supporters** to help coach school basketball teams this year. No prior coaching experience needed — just a willingness to have fun, encourage players, and be part of something awesome.

Attendance



Late Arrivers - Early Leavers

We understand that there are the occasional and **genuine** reasons for a child being late to school, or picked up early. However, we do ask that this does not become habitual as the start and end of each day are very important for children with their daily routines.

We appreciate your support with this.



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).



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!”
OR
“My Mum didn’t give it to me”

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



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.***

You can contact us by:

Txt: 021 0291 9131

Email: office@broadlands.school.nz

Phone: 07 333 8576 extension 1

Scholastics

The Scholastics Catalogue will be coming home with your child. You can order through LOOP or by the office.

If you are ordering via the office please ensure your order is in by **Monday 4 May**.

Dental Visit - Fluoride Treatment

The dental team will be visiting Broadlands School to give a fluoride treatment to the students on Thursday 11th June.

If you do not wish for your child/ren to have this treatment please let me know at the office in person or email by **Tuesday 2nd June**, and I will note they are not to attend the dental bus.



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 (Librarian & gardener), Emma (Office admin.) & Tim (caretaker).



Community Info. of Interest

Keen to get into Scouting??

Waiotapu Scout Group is currently running Keas, Cubs and Scouts! Catering to boys and girls aged 5-14 years who live in the Reporoa, Rerewhakaaitu, Waikite, Ngakuru, Waimangu and Broadlands districts.

While weekly nights are based out of our awesome Waikite Valley den, we often use surrounding lakes, farms, rivers and forests for extra outdoor adventures. Check out our Facebook page or get in touch if you would like to know more.

Keas - (aged 5-8) Monday afternoons
Cubs - (aged 8-11) Tuesday evenings
Scouts - (aged 11-14) Monday evenings

waiotapu@group.scouts.nz





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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