

★ Another busy, fulfilled Week
Have a restful weekend everyone ★



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'The Broadlands Bulletin'



Term 1 - Week 3

Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026

Key Dates for Term 1 - Mark your calendar!



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 (selected students)**

Week 5: **Wednesday 4 March** - Central BOP Top School Competition at Rotorua Intermediate School (selected students)

🐝 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)

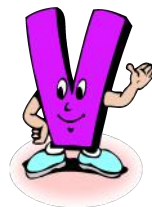
🐝 Week 8: **Monday 23 March to Wednesday 25 March** - Learner Conferences (details to follow)

🐝 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 16 February - Friday 20 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

Lennox Harvey

Welcome to Broadlands School and Room 1. You have had a busy week and completed the Triathlon with amazing speed. Well done.

Jordan Purvis

For showing resilience with your writing.

Blake Evans

For your cleanliness. You really help to keep the classroom tidy without being asked.

Audrey Axtens

For excellence in your basic facts weekly test and getting 100%.

Ruma Rua

Bentley Harvey

Welcome to Broadlands School. You have had a fun filled and busy week one. You have settled in so well.

Indy Sheely

For your independence and focus during writing.

Cheyne Te Moni

For your independence and confidence publishing your writing about your summer holiday.

Isaac Gallardo

For excellence completing the Year 5 Basic Facts Assessment.

Ruma Toru

Meadow Foden

For perseverance. You continually work hard during maths working on your addition and place value knowledge.

Solenn Bell

For perseverance. You continually work hard during maths working on your addition and place value knowledge.

Lopini Tangitau

For excellence. You complete your work to the best of your abilities every time. You are an amazing role-model for others.

Kyzah Totorewa

For Effort. You have been working hard on your handwriting formation and phonics. Well done!

Ruma Whā

Ava'Lee Cooke

For being focused on your learning during independent reading time. Thank you for being leaderful.

Maddy Elsworth

For participation during our Breathing Circle. You focused on your task the whole time.

Hugo Buckley

For Co-operation. You have been an awesome buddy learner during maths.

Ruma Rima

Keaton Elsworth

For resilience. You showed amazing resilience swimming during the Triathlon.

Fletcher Cowie

For resilience. You showed amazing resilience in swimming, biking and running in the Triathlon. Well done!



From the Broadlands Team

Ngā mihi nui, ki a koutou

Broadlands School Duathlon & Triathlon 2026

Thank you to those parents who helped at the Broadlands School Duathlon & Triathlon and to the many who attended to support. The students showed enthusiasm, resilience and self-management. This is the first school event for the 'Participating and Contributing Award' Medal awarded at the end of the year for 100% attendance at our eight major school events.



Student Leadership 2026

Congratulations to the following students for being appointed to senior leadership positions for 2026. Photos will be taken and shared via Facebook and in next Friday's Bulletin.

Heads of School:
Kruden Wills & Jade O'Reilly

Heads of Houses:
Ngauruhoe - **Niko Nottage & Grace Cowan**
Ruapehu - **Brady Fitzgerald & Emma Snowdon**
Tauhara - **John Stoddart & River Leonard**
Tongariro - **Israel Wills & Lucy Martelli**

Kaea - Kapa Haka / Cultural Leaders:
Te Kaea o ngā Kōtiro Teina - **Florence Halliday**
Te Kaea o ngā Tama Teina - **Reilly Fitzgerald**
Te Kaea o ngā Kōtiro Tuakana - **Keana Ohlson**
Te Kaea o ngā Tama Tuakana - **Jade Werahiko**

Heads of Sport:
Declyn Te Awhe-McAsey & Flynn Shaw

Head Librarian:
Lucy Martelli

Jump Jam Leader:
Emma Snowdon

All require a high level of responsibility and commitment throughout the year, as 'opting out' is not an option we offer at Broadlands School!

Broadlands School Water Skills and Swimming Sports 2026

Kia ora, Broadlands Parents/Caregivers & Whānau,

You are welcome to join us for the annual Junior Water Skills Sports and/or Senior Swimming Sports. **Please note that the senior and junior Water Skills and Swimming Sports are on TWO DIFFERENT DAYS!**

For championship points for trophies, there are three age categories - **Senior, Intermediate & Junior**, as outlined below.

Broadlands School **Senior & Intermediate** Swimming Sports:

- **Wednesday 25 February** 2026 for 8, 9 & 10 years olds and **SOME 7 year old** (who are confident and capable swimmers who compete with the 8 year olds for points)
- **Intermediate** (Ages 7 & 8) and **Senior** (Ages 9 & 10) **12:30pm-2:30pm**

Broadlands School **Junior & Intermediate** Water Skills Sports:

- **Thursday 26 February** 2026 for 5 & 6 year olds and **MOST 7 year olds**
- **Junior** (Ages 5 & 6) and **Intermediate** (Age 7 & 8 years) **1.00pm-2:30pm**

Early next week, after a few more lessons, your child's teacher will assess each student's water and swimming skills to determine which races or events they will be entered in. We appreciate your support and your child should be able to tell you the races or events they have been entered in.

Your child will need to wear their uniform to school but have the following items:

- swimming togs
- 2 x towels
- bag for wet togs and towels
- school sunhat
- school fleece
- morning tea and lunch
- sunscreen will be provided
- drink of water ONLY

PLEASE name
towels and clothes
so they can be
returned if lost.

Event Structure

All events will be structured according to each student's age/age group as at Monday 2 February 2026 (first day of Term 1). Points will be earned on an individual and House basis to determine the overall Senior, Intermediate and Junior Champions.

Student Attendance

It is important that ALL students remain at the Water Skills OR Swimming Sports for the full event, unless actually unwell. Opting out of events and/or going home early are not options we support.

Swimming Pool Heater/Cover

For your information, the swimming pool heat pump will be on (from the beginning of Term 1) with the cover remaining on until just before the event to maximise water temperature.

Ngā mihi
Debra Lynch
Lead Teacher - Health & PE



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



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.



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!"

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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Guitar Lessons Term 1 2026

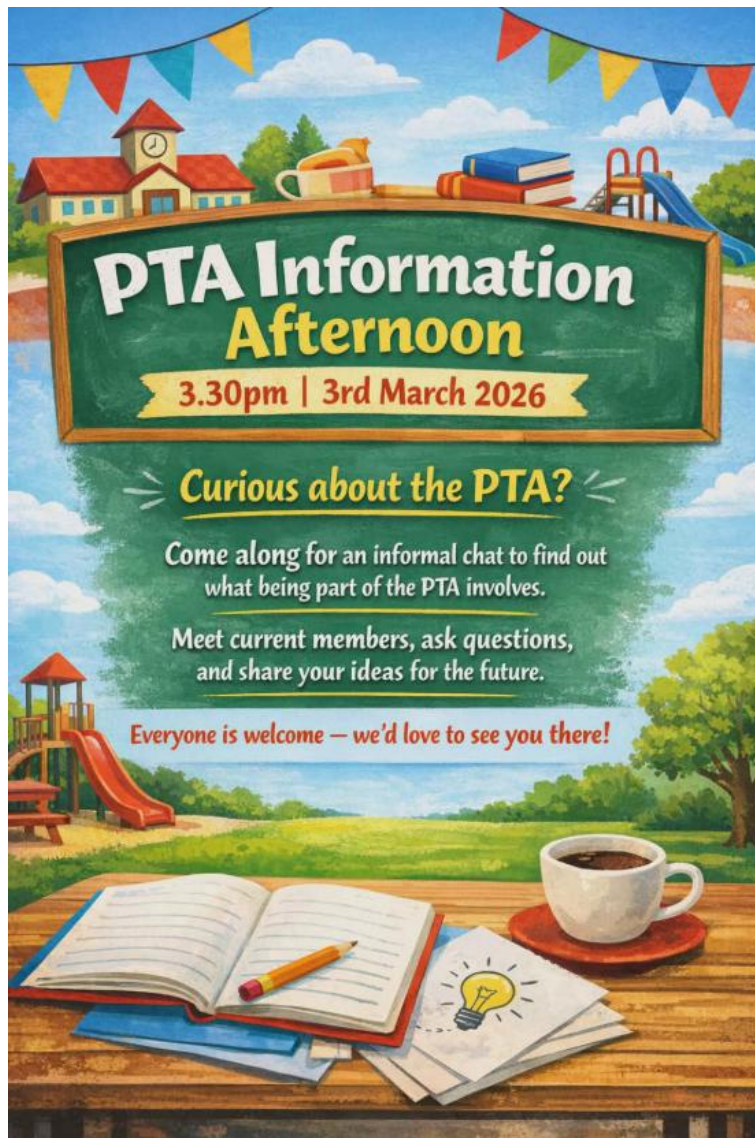
Returning students automatically have a space reserved.

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



Scholastics Book Club

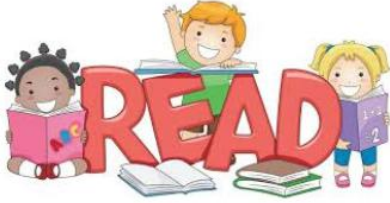
The **Scholastics Book Club** catalogue should come home with your child this week. Book Club Issue 1 2026 is open until **Monday 23 March**. Please place your orders directly through the LOOP app on their site or through the School Office.



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



♪ **Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument?!**
We are taking final enrolments before lessons begin on
Tuesday 24 February 2026! ♪

At the Taupō School of Music we offer group lessons for a whole range of musical instruments, for primary and intermediate aged tamariki.

Lessons are held on Tuesdays after school at Taupō Primary School.
The instruments now available (subject to enrolment numbers & tutor availability) are:

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| ♪ Music Makers (5-7 yrs old)* | ♪ Keyboard (from 8 yrs old) |
| ♪ Recorder | ♪ Flute |
| ♪ Violin | ♪ Saxophone |
| ♪ Guitar | ♪ Clarinet |
| ♪ Trumpet | |

***Music Makers:** A fun and engaging class for our smallest budding musicians to explore their musicality. Sessions will include a variety of content including percussion, movement, instruments, singing theory and games.

Instruments are available to hire (other than guitar and recorder).

Please visit our website: www.tauposchoolofmusic.org.nz for further information, and to enrol please go to:
www.tauposchoolofmusic.org.nz/enrolment-information

Please get in touch with any questions, our inbox is always open and we are happy to help: info@tauposchoolofmusic.org.nz

All returning students must re-enrol for 2026 – enrolments don't roll over!



Keen to get into Scouting??

Waioapu 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/>
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>



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Thursday 12 March

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for any queries

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



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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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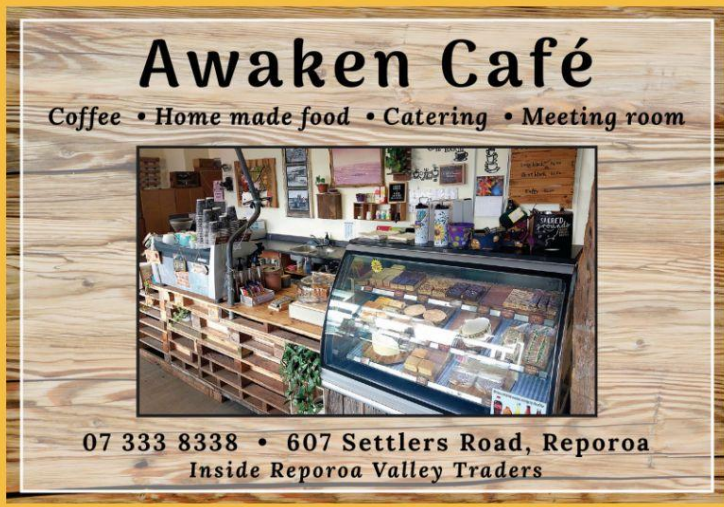
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