

10 JUNE 2026

BIRKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Kia ora e ngā whānau o Birkdale,

RIPPA RUGBY CLUSTER COMPETITION

What a day! A quarter of our school headed out to the first of two cluster Rippa Rugby competitions, and they did not disappoint. Most of our teams came home with clean sweeps — Rippa Rugby might just be our sport!

Trips outside of school require a high level of trust, and we are so proud of our students for representing our school values beautifully. Thank you also to the parents who supported the day — it truly makes these events possible. We can't wait for day two!

DIGITAL SAFETY EVENING - BIRKDALE INTERMEDIATE (17th June 2026)

We have an important Parent Evening on Digital Safety coming up next Wednesday and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible.

Cost: \$5 per family

Payment: Please transfer to the school bank account or drop cash/payment into the office — a ticket will be sent home with your child once payment is received.

This evening is a great opportunity to understand how we support your child's digital wellbeing both at school and at home.

TOD

Teachers spent last Friday learning more about the curriculum, particularly Tuhituhi | Writing. During the second session, teacher aides and teachers spent time together going over our school Learn and Grow Programme. It was a great day of learning!

Whaea Natasha



CALENDAR



Week 9

Monday 15th June – Ngā Kākano trip to Stardome

Wednesday 17th June – Digital Safety Evening @ Birkdale Intermediate

Week 10

Friday 26th June – Kapa Haka Festival, all day

Week 11

Friday 3rd July – Matariki Breakfast
End of term

MID-YEAR REPORTING

We're making a few changes to reporting this term that we'd like to explain.

You will still receive the usual paper report with written comments on how your child is progressing. This term, however, you'll notice we've moved away from 'Key Competencies' and are now using our Graduate Profile indicators – a framework developed together with parents and students back in 2023.

Academic progress and learning information will now also be available on HERO, going live at the end of term. Here's what you'll see:

- Maths | Pāngarau – data from 2025/26
- English | Te reo Rangatira – 2026 data only

We are only displaying data from the new curriculum. Because the old and new curriculums are structured differently, comparing the two wouldn't give you an accurate or meaningful picture of your child's progress – so we've made the decision to start fresh with new curriculum data only.

MATARIKI KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

We are thrilled to be hosting the Kaipatiki Matariki Kapa Haka Festival this year! It's set to be a wonderful event with schools from across our local cluster coming together to perform and celebrate Matariki.

Our school will be performing at:

- 10:15 am – Auraki
- 1:00pm – Rumaki

Te Puāwaitanga will also be fundraising on the day, selling Hangi (pre-orders preferred – there will be limited sales on the day) and baked goods.

COOLER WEATHER

With the temperature dropping, students are welcome to wear black thermals or a black long-sleeve top under their school polo to keep warm.

School jackets are available to purchase from the office. We are also currently looking into an optional hoodie as an additional choice – the standard school jumper will of course remain available. We'll share more details on the hoodie once finalised.

ATTENDANCE

We are well into the winter terms and, as expected, we're seeing an increase in absences due to illness. Thank you sincerely for keeping your child home when they are unwell – it's the right thing to do for your child and for others.

As a reminder, our attendance goal is 90% or more, which works out to no more than one day off per fortnight. We know life happens, but we do ask that you keep non-medical absences to a minimum. This way, when your child genuinely needs a sick day, it doesn't eat into their overall attendance.

Regular attendance makes a real difference – it helps your child feel connected to their class, their friendships, and their learning.

VOLUNTEER - BREAKFAST CLUB

We currently have a wonderful volunteer covering Monday and Friday mornings for Breakfast Club and we're looking for one more person to help out for just one hour per week, 8:20–9:20am.

We'd love someone on a Wednesday if possible, but we're flexible – if another day works better for you, please let the office know.



Support Te Puawaitanga's bi-annual haerenga; helping provide valuable learning, cultural and life experiences for our tamariki.

\$25

Includes
Fried Bread
+ Drink



PRE ORDERS
ESSENTIAL
Payment

details on
booking
form

Pick Up

FRI 26 JUNE

10.30AM-12.45PM

BIRKDALE PRIMARY
MATARIKI KAPA HAKA

FESTIVAL

Cnr Birkdale + Salisbury Rd

FUNDRAISER

Nau mai, haere mai
ki te tautoko i te kaupapa nei!