



Term Two Calendar of Events 2025

Week 3

12th May Monday- Rimu Assembly 2:15pm -2:45pm
16th May Friday- Pink Shirt Day
16th May - Kauri Assembly 2:15pm -2:45pm

Week 4

21st May Wednesday-21 May Stepping Out (Kererū, Kākāriki A&B)
22nd May Thursday- Stepping Out (Pūkeko, Kererū, Kōtare B)
23rd May Friday- Whole school Cross Country

Week 5

26th May Monday- Whole school cross country (Postponement Day)
30th May Friday - Teacher Only Day (School Closed for the day)

Week 6

2nd June Monday - Kings Birthday (School Closed for the day)
3rd June Tuesday Stepping Out (Pūkeko, Kererū, Kōtare A)
4th June Wednesday - Inter School Cross Country for selected students

Week 7

9th June Monday- Rimu Assembly 2:15pm -2:45pm
11th June Wednesday Stepping Out (Kōtare A, Kōtare B)
12th June Thursday- Stepping Out (Kākāriki A, Kōtare A, Weka)
13th June Friday- Stepping Out (Kākāriki A&B, Kōtare B)
13th June Friday- Kauri Assembly 2:15pm -2:45pm

Week 8

18th June Wednesday -Winter Field Day- Year 5/6 selected students
19th June Thursday- Matariki Celebrations at School 9:15-10:15am
20th June Friday- Matariki Day (School Closed for the day)

Week 9

23rd June Monday - Rimu Assembly- 2:15pm -3pm
23rd June Monday - Stepping Out (Pūkeko, Kākāriki B, Weka)
27th June Friday- Kauri Assembly 2:15pm -2:45pm

Friday 27th June - Term 2 ends at 3.00pm

A Word from our Principal

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

We are back at school and learning is humming along in every Manu Group. Our Inquiry focus this term is 'Tinker, Create and Collaborate'. Read the short article below to find out more about this. As always Reading, Writing and Maths programmes continue to be a focus.

We have started the term with some special events, our Year 6 Camp on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last week and a pōwhiri for our new families. A huge welcome to our new whānau!. The whole school took part in the haka and waiata and sounded beautiful. A highlight for some of the new tamariki were the chocolate biscuits enjoyed afterwards as we enjoyed kai together!

You can read more about Year 6 camp later but I am told a wonderful time was had by all. A huge thank you to the parent helpers, Whaea Emma and the Year 6 teachers who did a wonderful job throughout Camp and also back at school. Camp is always a highlight of the year for our senior students and they really did make the most of this experience.

Looking ahead, we have Pink Shirt Day next week, the school cross country in two weeks time, and a range of other activities and learning opportunities. Watch out for more details of these closer to the time.

We also have three school days when we will be closed this term so please make sure that you have these in your diary.

Ngā mihi maioha, (Thank you with appreciation)

Neil Robinson

Principal



In Term 2 our Inquiry focus is Tinker, Create, Collaborate

The 'Big Idea' that we want the tamariki to understand is:

- We play, we explore, we create through tinkering.
- We are curious.
- We collaborate to solve problems and design original ideas.

Lines of Inquiry which tamariki may explore are:

- Playing and Experimenting
- Designing, inventing and using technology to solve problems
- Making manu tukutuku for Matariki

Community Event: Matariki Whānau Event Thursday 19th June
Watch out on HERO for more information closer to this time.



Attendance Matters



We want to help every child come to school every day. Our goal is for children to be at school at least **90%** of the time. This means they can only be away 5 days or less each term.

Good news: 75% of our students are reaching this goal!

If you are planning an overseas trip, please try to go during school holidays



We also want to help children come to school on time. Last term, **42%** of students were late at least once which is disruptive to the learning of everyone.

Please help your child come to school by 8:30am. This gives them time to get ready for their day.



Food Orders

These are organised by the Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay (FAB) Team and are a great way to keep the income for this group coming in as they receive a small amount of money for each order. Ordering can be completed through Kindo so please ask the office if you are unsure of how to do this.

The following dates outline what can be ordered and when:

Pita Pit - ordering closes 9am on the day

Wed 21st May

Thurs 12th June



Mai Sushi - ordering closes 12pm the day before

Wed 28th May

Thurs 19th June



Xi'an Food Bar - ordering closes 12pm the day before

Wed 14th May

Thurs 5th June

Thurs 26th June



STEPPING OUT PROGRAMME - YEAR 0-2

Soon, our Year 0-2 students will be taking part in the Stepping Out programme with Constable Richard. This programme helps our tamariki to learn how to stay safe when they are out and about in our community.



Some of the key learnings include:

- How to be a safe pedestrian and how to cross the road safely
- Understanding pedestrian crossings
- Staying safe near driveways and parked cars
- Walking safely with an adult



Message from the Ministry of Education: Consultation open for the draft relationships and sexuality education framework

The draft framework for relationships and sexuality education (RSE) is open for feedback until 9 May. The framework aims to provide consistent, age-appropriate and evidence-informed content from Years 0 to 13. It is not compulsory and does not require changes to planned delivery of health education in 2025, or your approach to community consultation.

We are also interested in feedback from your school communities, and have invited whānau to have their say through social media. You are welcome to share this link with parents and caregivers, so that they can be involved in the process too:

Consultation open for draft relationships and sexuality education framework - Ministry of Education

Feedback will shape the final RSE content in the refreshed health and physical education learning area. This is planned to be gazetted in 2026 and required for use from 2027.


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Pink Shirt Day on Friday 16th May

We will celebrate *Pink Shirt Day* next week by inviting everyone to wear pink or colourful clothes. As always, our message for this day is about showing kindness towards others and the teachers will take this opportunity to reinforce this message with the children.

Note that there is no parade or donation on this day."



Speak UP **STAND TOGETHER STOP BULLYING**

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025

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