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Our final newsletter for 2025

You can find all newsletters and reminders [on our website](#).

One of our teachers asked me recently what my biggest 'win' was for 2025. It took me a minute to think about. Unfortunately for that person, once I got started I could not stop! I was reminded "Viki, I only asked for one!

It has been a fantastic year at OPS academically - our 'student achievement' AND 'progress made' has increased in all areas! I have shared some of this later in this newsletter and look forward to sharing more early in 2026.

We have also had so many great opportunities for our ākonga which might not fit specifically in 'reading, writing and maths' which still support and provide crucial growth, development and learning.

On Wednesday 17/12 at 2.35 pm you are welcome to join us for the final event for the year, to 'Clap Out' and acknowledge Year 6 ākonga, whānau, and any other ākonga and staff leaving.

[More details later in this newsletter](#). Classes line both sides of the walkway between the office and field, and the 'leavers' walk along to claps and cheers. This is a really fun, positive way to finish the last day of the school year.



We are fortunate to be part of such a diverse, vibrant, and engaged community. I want to extend a sincere thank you to each of you—our OPS whānau—for your incredible support in 2025; your contributions are vital to our school's success

To all of our ākonga and whānau who are moving on at the end of 2025 - especially those who have their last child finishing Year 6 - we wish you all the best as you embark on the next chapter of your journey.

On behalf of our staff, we also extend our warmest wishes to you and your whānau for a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday season. We hope this time allows you to spend precious time with loved ones, do the things you love to do, and recharge for the 2026 year

We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to begin Term 1 on Monday, 2 February 2026. We look forward to an incredible start to the new year!

Viki Holley
Principal

Quick Calendar

This Week - Week 10 - 08 - 12 Dec

10/12 - Meet your 2026 teacher and whānau class

10/12 - BOT Meeting 6.30 pm meeting room

11/12 - Farewell, Mrs Ghadiyar on the turf - 2 pm

Friday 12/12 - FOTS meeting 8:45 am, school meeting room

Friday 12/12 - School Picnic Lunch on Field 1.10 pm

Friday 12/12 - Farewell Mrs Crous & Assembly - Kea Learning Community - 2 pm - on the turf

Next Week - Week 11 - 15 - 17 Dec

15/12 - Reports go home

16/12 - Year 6 Leavers Event

17/12 - 'Clap Out' - 2.35 pm

17/12 - Wednesday, last day of 2025 school year

[Link to calendar](#) - [Link to OPS Website](#) for full Calendar. Also included at end of this newsletter

Tomorrow - Friday 12 December, we will have a Whole School Picnic Lunch on the field at

1.10 pm. Tamariki just need to bring their lunch as usual. Ordered lunches will come ready for 1.10 pm. Whānau welcome to join us at 1.10 pm and then go on to assembly.

Visit your teacher and learning community before school starts!

Thursday 29/ 1/ 2026 - 1.30pm - 3pm

A chance to check out your learning community and reconnect with your 2026 teacher before school starts for the year. This is a really great opportunity for any tamariki who are feeling a wee bit nervous about going back to school again after the holidays.

Saying Haere Rā (Farewell) to Namrata

It is with mixed emotions that we approach a change in role for one of our long-serving staff members, **Namrata Ghadiyar**.

I clearly remember my first meeting with Namrata when I was visiting before officially starting as Principal. She was based up in Room 10, and she was immediately warm and welcoming. Since then, I have had the privilege of knowing her not only as a dedicated colleague, but also as a mum of a child in her class.

Writing and delivering a leaving speech is always hard, but this one is especially difficult because of the huge contribution Namrata has made to OPS and the significant hole she will leave as she steps away from full-time teaching.

Namrata truly embodies the spirit of a lifelong learner. She is excited by new learning and actively seeks it out. It's the kind of excitement we usually see in our children—where she is bursting to share a new idea, approach, or run a concept past me.

She is determined to continue to learn, try new things, and actively seeks and listens to feedback, all aimed at being the best teacher, leader, and person she can be.

When her team had the opportunity to be involved in the Structured Literacy trial several years ago, I barely got the words out before she said an emphatic **yes!** That adaptability and eagerness to take on new teaching approaches, even when the roles of teacher and team leader have changed so significantly, is a reflection of her dedication. She embraced working collaboratively with more



enthusiasm than I could ever have hoped for. She listens to her team, questions, wonders, and always gives new things a go.

One of the greatest losses we will feel is her absolute determination to support ākonga to learn and progress. I'm going to truly miss those excited visits where she shares news about a tamariki who has made progress. She genuinely gets excited about it all—the huge leaps and the smallest steps forward in learning.

I will also miss her determination—or perhaps, her competitive streak—when it came to achieving 100% whānau attendance at reporting events like 'Whānau Connect'. I can't even say it was a bit 'like' she stalked parents to get them signed up... she actually stalked them - waiting for them to pick up their child, rushing out to make that connection. This level of commitment to building relationships with whānau is what defines her. She is the teacher who will always find those few extra minutes each day to spend with a child who needs it.

We are extremely fortunate that Namrata is not leaving us entirely! We are grateful to still have her for two days a week - that is all she could fit in around her many plans to focus on *whānau* and personal well-being.

This reduced schedule will allow her to enjoy more time with her *whānau*, especially her grandchildren, and focus on her own well-being.

Namrata, your work here—from embodying our values of **We Care** and being truly **EPIC** in your teaching practice, to mentoring colleagues—has shaped OPS for the better. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your immense contribution.

We wish you all the very best as you step into this new, well-deserved phase.

Farewell to Our Incredible Learning Support Lead, Marie Crous

It is with sincere gratitude and some sadness that we acknowledge the departure of our Learning Support (LS) Lead, Marie Crous (Mrs. Crous), who is embarking on a new journey. with her whānau in Cambridge

Marie initially joined us as a part-time teacher, and I remember staff and parents saying, "We need to hold on to her!" When the Learning Support Lead role became available, Marie came to us and shared that this was her dream job. It's a role that truly requires a very special person.

Marie has been that special person. She has approached the role with huge passion and an unwavering belief in supporting every one of our ākonga with additional learning needs. She lives and breathes our school's commitment to being truly inclusive.

Marie has grown and learned in her role, advocating for our students who find school a challenge and those who need some extra aroha (love) and support.

Her commitment extends beyond the classroom. She has connected deeply with families, helping them navigate the complex bureaucracy of the education and medical systems - from referrals to meetings, to applications - all with the single aim of gaining greater understanding and finding the right support for the tamariki, whānau, teachers, and Learning Assistants.

Marie has always been hands-on, actively involved in learning and working directly in classes. She sets up targeted programmes, works with groups, and continually develops her own understanding of best practices to support our ākonga.



Often when we hear an upset child from the office and go to see if we can help, Marie has already anticipated the problem and gotten there before us. This proactive approach has been invaluable. She has also carefully created a safe space in her own room—a place where children can go when they are feeling sad, upset, angry, or dysregulated, knowing they will find comfort and calm.

The Learning Support role is one of the more challenging in education. It is a marathon, not a sprint, where the battle for our ākonga is often long, filled with setbacks and frustration.

But Marie, it is also a role where the wins and achievements are immensely significant and truly make a difference in the lives of the ākonga you work with. Thank you for never giving up on that battle.

We wish Marie and her whānau all the very best in her future endeavors and thank her for the lasting legacy of care and inclusion she leaves behind at OPS.

Road Patrollers: Screams, Slushies & Service! Thank you FOTS!



On Thursday 4th December, our Year 6 Road Patrollers traded their stop signs for pure adrenaline at Rainbow's End! It was the perfect way to acknowledge their dedication to keeping our school safe, rain or shine.

The atmosphere was buzzing as students stuck together with their friends to conquer the "big ones." It was awesome to see them facing their fears on the Roller Coaster, spinning on the Invader, and braving the heights of the Stratosphere. When they weren't screaming on rides, they were fueling up on sugar! The students couldn't get enough of The Rainbow Factory, a child's dream candy store and, of course, cooled down with epic coloured slushies.

We want to send a special, heartfelt thank you to our **Friends of The School (FOTS)**. They generously donated \$500 to cover the cost of our bus transport. This contribution was a massive help. It took the pressure off our families and ensured that the day was focused purely on celebrating the children. We are so lucky to have a committee that supports our student leaders like this!

Finally, to the whānau who joined us as adult helpers - you were the best! Thank you for giving up your day to supervise and join in the fun. We couldn't have made this trip possible without you.

Fun Run Fundraiser - Run the Elements!

What an amazing day last Friday was for our ākonga. As of today we have raised over 16, 451.00! A big thank you to our sponsors Skids, Coppins Construction, SportX, and the Gemmell and Redhill whānau. Thank you to everyone who sponsored a child or whānau class. Thanks to Mr Insull for organising the event and to our caretaker Jim for building the dunking machine. Thank you to Rotary Maungakiekie, KidsCan and ASB.

We gave out prizes, which were drawn on Tuesday, including 5 children being drawn to dunk 5 staff members.



2025 Snapshot of Student Achievement.

To accurately measure these positive shifts in student achievement, and to be able to show whānau their child's progress, we utilized the previous curriculum documents in reporting achievement data.

While our staff is actively using the new, revised documents in their teaching, changes were still occurring in the new curriculum as recently as October this year. The decision to use the previous curriculum allowed us to provide reliable, useful data to see achievement and progress.

We anticipate some differences in achievement levels may emerge in 2026 as we fully transition to the newly released curriculum, due to differences between the old and revised curriculum frameworks. We will be sharing more about this before our first written reporting in 2026.

Whole School Student Achievement Data 2024



Whole School Student Achievement Data 2025



We also measure the actual progress our students are making. Between 2024 and 2025, we saw a clear increase in the number of students who achieved either **expected progress** (the learning growth anticipated for a year) or **accelerated progress** (achieving more than one year's learning within the year). This shift indicates a strong learning movement across the school.

2024 Expected Progress & Accelerated progress



2025 Expected Progress & Accelerated progress



In our analysis of student achievement, we look closely at cohorts or ethnic groups who are not achieving at the same rate as others. In addition to focusing on the learning and progress of all ākonga, our staff dedicate specific attention to these groups, actively working toward more equitable achievement for every student.

Uniform donations

At the end of the year our Year 6 ākonga get given a special printed T-Shirt. On the last day, they get others to sign their t-shirt. This idea started as a way to reuse school uniform items that are still in good condition.

If you have any donations of uniform items that are in good condition they would be greatly appreciated in our office.

Book Amnesty - Library Books and Readers

Please hunt for any school books that you may have at home and return them to school ASAP. You can return them to your child's teacher or our office.

We are happy to have any back you find in the holidays too when you come back to school in 2026!

'Clap Out' on Wed 17/12 2.35pm

In 2023 we started a new tradition, A 'Leavers Clap Out'. Year 6, staff and students from other year levels who are leaving are part of this.

All of our classes line up on either side of the walkway between the office and field. The 'leavers' walk along to claps and cheers. This is a really positive way to finish the last day of the school year.

Whānau are a crucial part of our school. We invite whānau to join your child/ren and be part of our 'Clap Out' if...

- your Year 6 child is the last of the whānau to attend OPS
- your child is leaving OPS at the end of the year

Please meet in our office at 2.35pm

If it is raining this will have to be cancelled. If we cancel we will email, share on HERO

Zones Athletics

Zones Athletics is an opportunity for our students to compete across a wide range of track and field events, including high jump, long jump, ball throw, and various sprints (60m, 100m, 200m, 400m) and distance running (800m).

Our OPS team was selected following the Te Papapa Athletics day and training at school. We competed against a large field of athletes from many other schools, including Kings College, St Cuthbert's, St Kentigerns, Meadowbank, Royal Oak Primary, New Market Primary School, Oranga, Diocesan, Ellerslie, Epsom Normal, and Ficino.

Vanesa, Ivy, Audrey, Una, Wolfe, Jarom, Jack, Ethan, Meika, Nadia, Gus, Flynn MT, Lincoln, Beti, and Beaumont were the students chosen to represent OPS, and they performed well in their competitions!

We extend a massive congratulations for these outstanding results:

- Una and Wolfe for coming 1st equal in the 60m.
- Wolfe for coming 2nd in the 100m and the long jump.
- Una for coming 1st in the 200m.
- Beaumont for coming 3rd in the 800m.
- Lincoln for coming 3rd in both the 60m and 100m, 2nd in the 200m, and 3rd in the long jump.
- Beti for coming 5th in the 200m and making the final in the 60m.
- Vanesa for coming 2nd in the ball throw.

It was an exciting finish to the day with our Year 5 and 6 Boys Relay teams both securing a win in their respective relays!

"It was nice having a go at different events that we had not done before and trying new events. The competition was tough!" - **Audrey**

"My favourite was the 60 metre, because it wasn't that tiring..and I won. It was fun". Una

Thank you to Mr Insull for taking and to Erin and Monika for training us. Thanks to the parents who came on the day.

Audrey and Una

Summer Reading | Pānui Challenge: Read with Me

This challenge is developed in collaboration with [Duffy Books in Homes](#), and encourages you and your child to track the days you've read together over the summer holidays. Regular reading builds positive habits and helps students maintain skills and knowledge learned during the school year.

Tamariki | children who will begin Years 0-8 in 2026 are eligible to participate. Those who return the reading | pānui tracker form at the end of the summer holidays will receive a badge and a certificate.

How to participate

Download the form in your preferred language:

[Download the reading tracker form in English here](#)

[Download the reading tracker form in Te Reo Māori here](#)

You can either print the form or save a digital copy. Most community libraries also have printing services available for a small fee, if needed.

Simply keep track of which days you read together. While daily reading is encouraged, whānau do not need to complete every day to be eligible for a badge and certificate. The key is to read consistently over the summer holidays.

How to submit your form

If you print a copy, return it to your new teacher | kaiako at the end of the summer holiday. If you use a digital copy, email it to us at SummerReadingChallenge@education.govt.nz and be sure to write your school or kura name on the form.

All forms must be returned to the school or kura, or emailed to the Ministry, by 20 February 2026.



2026 Information

All 2026 Information will be available on our OPS website after school finishes for the term on the [Back To School in 2026 page](#).

We invite you to visit Your 2026 Whānau Class and Teacher in the holidays - Thursday 29 January between 1.30pm and 3pm

We invite children and whānau to visit their 2026 whānau teacher and learning space anytime between 1.30 pm and 3 pm. This is optional. It is a chance to reassure any children who are feeling a bit nervous before the year starts.

2026 Term dates

Term 1 - Monday 2 February - Friday 2 April

Public Holidays: Friday 6th February (Waitangi Day)

Term 2 - Monday 20 April - Friday 2 July

Public Holidays: Monday 27 April (ANZAC Day observed), Monday 1 June (King's Birthday),

Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December

Public Holiday: - Monday 26th October (Labour Day)

Holiday Office Hours

Our office will be open for limited times in January.

- Wednesday January 28th from 10am - 3pm.
- Thursday 29 January 24th from 9am - 3pm.

Alternatively you can email us office@onehungaprimary.school.nz

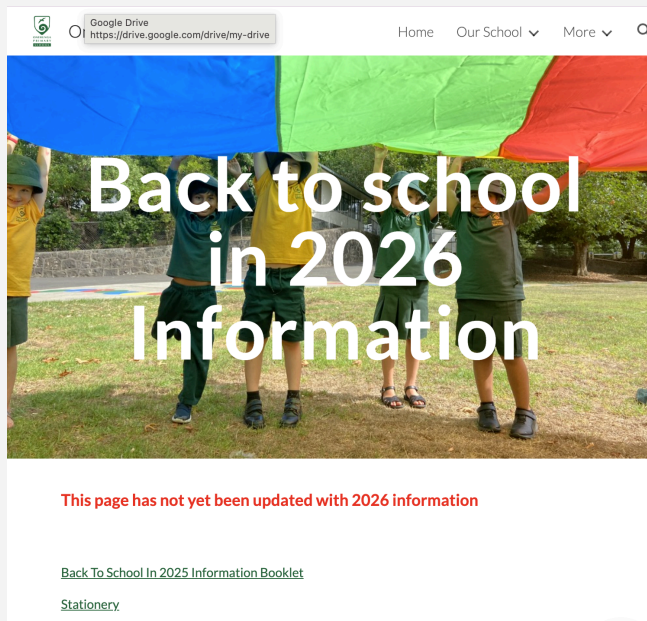
Hero, our [facebook page](#) and [website](#) will continue to contain updates over the holiday break.

2026 Term 1 Share and Connect - Week 2 - Wed 11/2/2026 & Thursday 12/2/2026

Bookings will be shared through HERO in January

The aim of this initial 10 minute meeting - 'Share and Connect' is for teachers, whānau and ākonga to meet in person to start to (or continue) to build strong relationships to support your child's learning. It's about 'whanaungatanga' building connections and relationships

Meetings will focus on whānau, ākonga and teachers sharing information about how the first few



days have been, and making plans to support your child's learning in 2026

We strongly suggest your child is part of this meeting.

Teachers will not be sharing any new achievement information at this meeting.

We believe this process will be a really positive experience that will have a big impact on learning and wellbeing.

Please note that on Wednesday 11 February **school will finish at 1pm** to allow teachers to be involved in these meetings.

We would like you to talk to us about your child at the Whānau Connect Meeting

Please take some time to think about the questions below in preparation for your meeting

- What is your child passionate about or show an interest in?
- What does your child do well or enjoy doing - at home and school?
- What have you noticed about learning and school in previous years?
- How could we build on your child's strengths to support learning?
- How would you like us to work together this year?
- What is the best way to communicate between your whānau and teacher?
- Is there anything that teachers would benefit from being aware of which might impact on your child's school life?
- Are there any health, wellbeing, whānau or custody factors you would like the teacher to be aware of?

(You are welcome to arrange another time if you would like to share this without your child there)

2026 Learning Communities

Kiwi Learning Community

Mrs Rochelle Wolhuter - Learning Leader	Yr 1	Kapua
Whaea Zara Longley	Yr 1	Kohanga Kiwi
Mrs Jean D'Souza	Yr 1	Ua
Miss Jacquie O'Driscoll	Yr 1	Hukarere
Mrs Nicole Worsley	Yr 1	Will open new Yr 1 class

Kea Learning Community

Mrs Shobhna Vallabh - Learning Leader	Yr 2	Puia
Ms Rebecca Smith	Yr 2	Ahi
Mrs Sela Ofanoa	Yr 2	Te Ao

Tui Learning Community

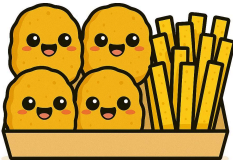
Mrs Susan Farley - Learning Leader	Yr 3	Manuka
Ms Lauren Ke	Yr 3	Kowhai

Whaea Sarah Ngaruhe	Yr 3	Pohutukawa
Kereru Learning Community		
Mr Arron Leaity - Learning Leader	Yr 4/5	Nikau
Mr Cam Insull	Yr 4/5	Puriri
Mrs Jackie Arthur	Yr 4/5	Miro
Mrs Rachel Taylor	Yr 4/5	Kahikatea
Mr Harrison Cochrane	Yr 4/5	Tawa
Piwakawaka Learning Community		
Mrs Sa Lialia'i - Learning Leader	Yr 6	Waipuna-a-rangi
Matua Aontacht Breatnach	Yr 6	Waitā
Matua Reuben Holmes	Yr 6	Tipuānuku
Speciality/release teachers		
Miss Mia Szymanik (Learning Support Lead), Whaea Lisa Maka (Learning Support Co-ordinator), Miss Sarah Hastings (Awhinatia Ngā Reo/ESOL), Whaea Hannah Gough (release), Mrs Justine Montague (release), Mrs Chrissie Hastings (release), Mrs Namrata Ghadiyar (release), Mrs Amy Graham (release), Mrs Katie Hutching (release), Mrs Raewyn Archer (release).		

Ordering Lunches at OPS

Lunches can be ordered every day of the week

A reminder that this information can also be found on our website [School lunch options](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				

School Calendar Dates - Term 4 - 2025

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29/ 1/ 26 1.30pm - 3pm - Visit your teacher and learning community before school starts	
Week 1 2 Feb - 6 Feb	02/02 - Term 1 starts - 8.45am (class doors open at 8.20am) 02/02 - 2pm Mihi Whakatau for new ākonga - new whānau welcome to join us. 06/02 - Waitangi Day - public holiday
Week 2 9 Feb- 13 Feb	11/02 - School finishes at 1pm for Share and Connect 11/02 & 12/02 Term 1 Share and Connect - Wed & Thurs

2026 Term dates

- **Term 1** - 2 Feb - 2 April (*a common start date with a number of local schools*)
- **Term 2** - 20 April - 2 July
- **Term 3** - 20 July - 25 September
- **Term 4** - 12 October - 11 December



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 122 Arthur Street, Onehunga
 Thursday 18 December to Friday 19 December 2025

0800 274 172
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THU 18 DEC



WORLDWIDE FESTIVITIES
 Create colourful origami Santa stockings to hang on your trees or fireplaces, design and decorate paper lanterns. Journey around the globe with us as we explore how different cultures celebrate the festive season.

FRI 19 DEC



KIWI CHRISTMAS
 Celebrate the last day of 2025 HHQ with our Kiwi Christmas. Enjoy exciting North Pole Party games, create beautiful Pōhutukawa Christmas cards and wrap up the year with festive fun, creativity and festive cheer!

Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season!







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MON 5 JAN



CAMP KICK OFF
 Let the summer camp fun begin! Celebrate the first day of 2026 with our exciting camp Olympics, packed with games and teamwork. Then get creative and craft your own watercolour paper tents to kick off an unforgettable summer at sKIDS.

TUE 6 JAN



SPORTS SHOWDOWN
MAKE & TAKE: DIY DECORATIVE WATER BOTTLES
 Summer Camp is getting sporty today. Our first Make & Take activity of 2026 is designer drink bottles - design your own decorative water bottles to keep hydrated all summer long! Plus get ready for games, sports and exciting challenges that will keep you moving, laughing and having a blast!

WED 7 JAN



WILDERNESS EXPLORERS
 Explore, navigate, and carve your own path using teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity. Craft your very own paper plate compasses, design detailed treasure maps, and tackle fun challenges and games that test your wit's and skills. Adventure awaits around every corner.

THU 8 JAN



TASTE OF SUMMER
PREMIUM: POI +
 Mix movement, play, and cultural discovery through poi with the Poi+ team. Taste, create and celebrate food, fun and friendship under the sun! Step into a delicious outdoor foodie themed day with tasty s'mores from solar power ovens, craft fun pretzel necklaces and enjoy hands on activities that bring the flavours of camp to life.

FRI 9 JAN



CAMPFIRE CELEBRATION
 Wrap up an incredible week with salt dough creations to treasure as a keepsake from camp. Show off your skills and creativity in the big sKIDS Talent Show, take part in exciting games and challenges, and celebrate all the fun, friendships, and adventures you've shared.

MON 12 JAN



OVER THE RAINBOW
 Get ready for a week bursting with colour. Today we explore over the rainbow as we create yummy rainbow jelly cups for a tasty treat and then bring the outdoors to life with puffy footpath painting.

TUE 13 JAN



SENSORY SPECTACULAR
 It's a bright hands on day bursting with colour, fun and sensory activities. Enjoy the cool fun of painting with ice, make and taste yummy treats, and get hands on with squishy dough.

WED 14 JAN



BRAIN PLAY
COLOUR SPLASH
PREMIUM: BRAIN PLAY
 Brain Play is onsite today to help us build, code, and bring robots to life! Tackle fun coding challenges, control game characters and robots, and get creative with LEGO. Then, dive into our creative process art activities, games and more!

THU 15 JAN



COLOUR CREW
MAKE & TAKE: DECORATE YOUR OWN KITE
 Join our colour crew for a rainbow filled adventure! Team up for exciting challenges, creative games and colourful fun. Enjoy a special make and take activity as we decorate our own fabric kites to take home and soar into the skies!

FRI 16 JAN



COLOUR CARNIVAL
 We're wrapping up colour week with an extra splash of fun! Join us to dive into a whole lot of arts & crafts, games and team challenges. Exploring creativity and working together in exciting activities. From colourful creations to playful competitions it's a day full of imagination, vibrant energy and laughter.

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MON 19 JAN



COASTAL DISCOVERIES
MAKE & TAKE: TREASURE
CHESTS & SEA CREATURE BAG
CHARMS

Kicking off Water Week with us as you construct your own wooden treasure chests to fill with secret treasure and decorate your own ocean themed bag tags or key chains to take home. It's a day filled with imagination, seaside vibes and hands on fun with your friends!

TUE 20 JAN



SPLASHY SCIENCE

Get ready to make a splash with our STEM focussed Splashy Science! Featuring unpopable bubbles, powder shield experiments and plenty of wild water powered experiments. Tamariki will explore how science and fun flow together through hands on challenges, teamwork and creative discoveries.

WED 21 JAN



WATER DETECTIVES

Dive into the world of watery mysteries as we design our own Secret Agent ID Badges, crack top secret codes and tackle mind bending summer themed STEM missions. Sharpen your detective skills through thrilling spy games, puzzles and challenges. Agent are you ready for action?

THU 22 JAN



SPLASH & DASH
EXCURSION: SKIDS SUMMER
PARTY

BRING TOGS & TOWEL FOR AN EPIC WATERFIGHT!
Get ready for an epic day of water play, laughter and summer fun with our friends from other sKids sites! Exciting splash games to cool challenges, it's all about being active, keeping cool and making awesome summer memories. Please remember to bring your togs and towels!

FRI 23 JAN



AQUATIC WILDLIFE SAFARI

Explore the magic of the sea, rivers and ponds with an aquatic themed wildlife adventure today. Enjoy crab themed crafts, ocean inspired painting and splashy games. Dive deeper with STEM experiments and show your creativity in the kitchen.

MON 26 JAN

**Service
Closed for
Auckland
Anniversary
Day**

TUE 27 JAN



BUSH CRAFT BASICS

Learn essential survival skills like building shelters using a range of materials, trying strong knots and making bush cordage from natural materials. It's a hands on day of creativity, problem solving and outdoor fun!

WED 28 JAN



PICNIC PARTY
EXCURSION: AUCKLAND ZOO

Enjoy the wildlife up close in the spectacular lush grounds of Auckland Zoo! Pack your sunny smiles and get ready for a fun filled picnic party with the animals! Back at sKids there is more fun to be had with our arts and crafts, games and team challenge activities.

THU 29 JAN



OUTDOOR EXPLORERS
MAKE & TAKE: DIY BIRD HOUSES

Construct your very own birdhouse to take home! Make Morse code bracelets, craft mini bows & arrows, and show us your archery skills. It's a fun nature day full of outdoor adventures, exploring, and laughs with friends!

FRI 30 JAN



SURVIVOR DAY

Test your survival skills today for the last day of Outdoor Adventures Week! Take on our Water Distiller experiment, play survivor themed games, and work together to problem solve and adapt just like real explorers. It's a day of discovery, teamwork and outdoor fun!

If applying for OSCAR subsidy, eligibility criteria will apply. Visit www.skids.co.nz/oscar-subsidy for eligibility and entitlement. Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your programme for detailed information. Programmes, surcharges, and activities may change; check our website for updates. Special Experiences incur extra costs for all attending children, regardless of participation.



Public transport services for 2026

Kia ora,

With the end of the school year approaching, we want to reach out to schools and parents with information about public transport in readiness for 2026.

The beginning of the school year, from the second week of February through until Easter, see a sharp increase in demand on Auckland's roads and public transport as schools and universities commence and people return to work from summer holidays. There will be more people than usual on the roads and using public transport services, especially during peak hours.

Each year, Auckland Transport reviews the performance of the network from February to April of the previous year, including school bus services and other popular services. We have already reached out to schools across Auckland asking for roll changes to plan ahead.

Here are three things parents and students can do to help ease the impact on school journeys during this busy time:

- **Ensure student's HOP cards are topped up.** Children ages 5 to 15 are eligible for a child concession giving them 40% off travel by bus, train or ferry when using their registered AT HOP card. For information on how to set up concessions search 'AT HOP card' online.
- **Encourage students to tag on and off each school bus trip.** It is important that everyone tags onboard so we can get accurate information about how many students are onboard each bus. This information is used to make informed adjustments to school bus timetables and bus sizes.
- **Plan ahead for the busy season.** If school buses are not an option for students, they can use urban bus services. You can use AT Journey Planner to find the service that will work best for them. Please know that public transport services will be busier than usual, so it's important to allow enough time for them to arrive early to get their bus, train or ferry in case there are queues.

If you have any questions about public transport services, you can call **09 366 6400** or email **info@at.govt.nz**.

Have a great end of the year and summer break,

Auckland Transport



Carwash:
\$10

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE & CARWASH



SUPPORT OUR TEAM!

Ice blocks/Cold
drinks for sale!



**Fundraiser for Onehunga
High School Football Team trip to Sydney**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Royal Oak Intermediate School

ROI & OHS Uniforms,
Sports gear, football
boots & more!