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Wairau Intermediate
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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi Atu, Taloha Ni, Ni sa bula, 你好, Namaste, 안녕하세요, Hola, ٱلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ .

Our students and staff are looking forward to the opportunity to recharge as they prepare for the new term ahead.

It has been a very productive start to the school year. Students have enjoyed settling into routines, experiencing new learning and participating in a number of Zone Days, wherein they have represented the school with pride.

Levels of student engagement in learning have been high and teachers have been able to gather baseline assessment data to help plan the next learning steps. Yesterday you will have received a Term 1 Summary Report. This report gives you an indication of how your child has settled this term, their participation and engagement and study habits.

At the end of Term 2 you will receive a Mid-Year Assessment Report and will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at our Mid-Year Student Learning Conferences. Again, there will be much to celebrate. Details will be provided closer to the time.

School closes tomorrow for the end of term break. I am sure many of you are looking forward to time away from work over the Easter holiday.

Easter has long been a time of celebration, dating back to the earliest days of Christianity. Over time, Easter has also embraced a variety of joyful traditions, from freshly baked treats to colourful Easter Eggs and playful chocolate bunnies.

Whatever you find yourselves doing over the school break, we hope you find time to pause, recharge, and spend meaningful time with loved ones. **Term 2 begins on Monday, 28 April**. We look forward to welcoming students back for a fresh and exciting term ahead.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Easter Season.

Eid Mubarak

A belated "Eid Mubarak" to our families who were celebrating Eid last week. Celebrated at the end of the holy month of Ramadan, we know this occasion marked the end of fasting and was a time of joy, prayer, and community.

As a special time in the Islamic calendar, We hope you enjoyed your time family and friends.

Wairau Wero—Fundraiser Prize Winners!

Almost two weeks ago now, we were so proud of our students' efforts as they participated in our Wairau Wero.

Many laps were walked to support their sponsorship efforts. This has been a successful fundraising initiative that will assist us with the purchase of digital signage and resources for the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to THANKYOU for the support of our FUNdraising event. We have been overwhelmed by the sponsorship money that has been donated. Together you have supported us to raise **$16,126!** This was an incredible effort, making this our best fundraiser to date.

Well done!

You will see that the fundraising hub has now closed. However, if you still wish to make a direct donation to the school you are welcome to do this by payment into our school bank account: ASB: 12-3109-0011778-00. Please put your child's name, and "Wero" as the reference.

Today we awarded our Wero prizes at our whole school assembly as below:

Winning Teams
Block 1: 1/1- an average of $67 raised per student
Block 2: 2/7 - an average of $73 raised per students
Block 3: 3/10 - an average of $53 raised per student

All classes are looking forward to having a pizza lunch early next term.

Individual Prize Winners
1st Jiwon S, 3/10 amount raised $1,170
2nd Liam B, 2/7 amount raised $800
3rd Rylee F, 3/11 amount raised $500
4th (Joint) Eli M, 2/8, Bethany M 2/6 both raised $400
5th Luke Waring, 2/6 amount raised $380

Congratulations to all our students who received prizes along the way! Not to mention who won the draw to "Slime the Teacher" in today's assembly. Thank you, Mr. Phillips, for your participation in this and your sportsmanship!

Term 1 - Principal Values Recipients

Respect - Manaakitanga
Arialani S, Ben W, Shenuli K
Integrity - Pono
Yireh K, Meila C, Jack G
Courage - Kaha
Jake S, Ruby L, Kavya A
Empathy - Aroha
Jiwon S, Medhansh G, Elsa Q

Strategic Priorities 2025

Our Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan can be found on our school website. You will see we have three strategic priorities which have a focus on:

- **Ako – Learning:** Developing a culturally responsive and innovative curriculum
- **Hauora – Well-being:** Nurturing a vibrant hauora centred culture
- **Whanaungatanga – Relationships:** Nurturing relationships and connections

These goals are underpinned by Nurturing our Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, where we ensure we create a respectful and inclusive learning environment that values Māori culture, language and identity.

At any time we welcome feedback and questions about our goals. Our partnerships with you are important in ensuring educational success for all of our learners.

Book Week—Coming Soon!

From **Monday 5 May - Friday 9 May**, our school will host a Book Week to promote the love of Reading. During this week we have a Scholastic Book Fair, a community Reading Breakfast and a Fancy Dress Up Day (as a favourite character). There will be daily trivia, reading challenges and lots of prizes to be won.

Book Fair - Our school library will transform into a pop-up bookshop, offering a selection of engaging and affordable books for all reading levels. Book buying will be available during the lunch period throughout the week. Every book that is purchased at the fair directly goes towards raising money for our school library.

Who is Your Favourite Character? - On Thursday, 8 May, students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite story character. There will be prizes awarded for best dressed. Please note that facemasks are not permitted.

Reading Breakfast - To end the week, on Friday, 9 May parents and families are invited into our school hall from 7:30 - 8:30am. This is an opportunity for parents and community members to visit the fair, and spend time together reading over breakfast.

Thank you in advance for supporting our young readers, and this initiative at our school.

2025 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and first week of Term 3. The competitions take place at school under exam conditions. Parents/caregivers will be provided with an individual student report outlining student performance. All participating students will be awarded a certificate, and a prize will be awarded to the top students in each competiton. The cost for a student to participate is **$9.90** per competition entered.

Entry forms and Eftpos payments are available at the school office. Or you can pay by direct debit to:

- **Account Number:** 12-3109-0011778-00
- **Account Name:** Education Admin
  (Ref: Name and Kiwi Tests)

All entries and fees must be in by Friday, 2 May.

Uniform

This is a friendly reminder to please ensure all items of school uniform are clearly named. Labelling clothing helps us return lost items to their rightful owners quickly and efficiently.

Unusually, over the past couple of weeks, two students have had their shoes mistakenly taken. To help us resolve this, please check that your child has come home wearing the correct shoes, in the right size.

At present, I have two pairs of Nike shoes in my office that belong to two students who appear to have mistakenly taken two other students shoes in error.

If your child has brought home a pair of shoes that are not theirs, we would appreciate it if they could be returned as soon as possible. With the rising cost of school uniform, your support in ensuring all items are returned to their correct owners is greatly appreciated.

If you believe your child may be missing their shoes, or if you recognise the pairs in the below images, currently held in the office, please get in touch.

Pair A—Nike Full Leather

Pair B—Nike Stretch Fabric

School Drop off Zone

When collecting your child at the end of the school day, please use the designated drop-off zone and avoid stopping or idling on the road, as this causes congestion and blocks the flow of traffic.

We also kindly ask that you do not park in the bus bay area, as it must remain clear for school buses to pick up students safely and efficiently.

To help ease congestion outside the school, many parents choose alternative nearby pick-up spots such as the shops, Sunnynook Park, or near Burger King on Link Drive. These options can make the end-of-day collection smoother for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe.

Zoo Trip—Block 2

The weather eased just in time for Block 2 to enjoy their trip to Auckland Zoo last Friday. Students demonstrated common sense and resilience dressing suitably for the weather and displaying our school values. Block 2 were the first to explore the new dinosaur exhibition freshly unveiled at the zoo. To all our wonderful caregiver volunteers for all three zoo trips, you are truly appreciated. Such trips wouldn't be possible without you. **THANK YOU**.

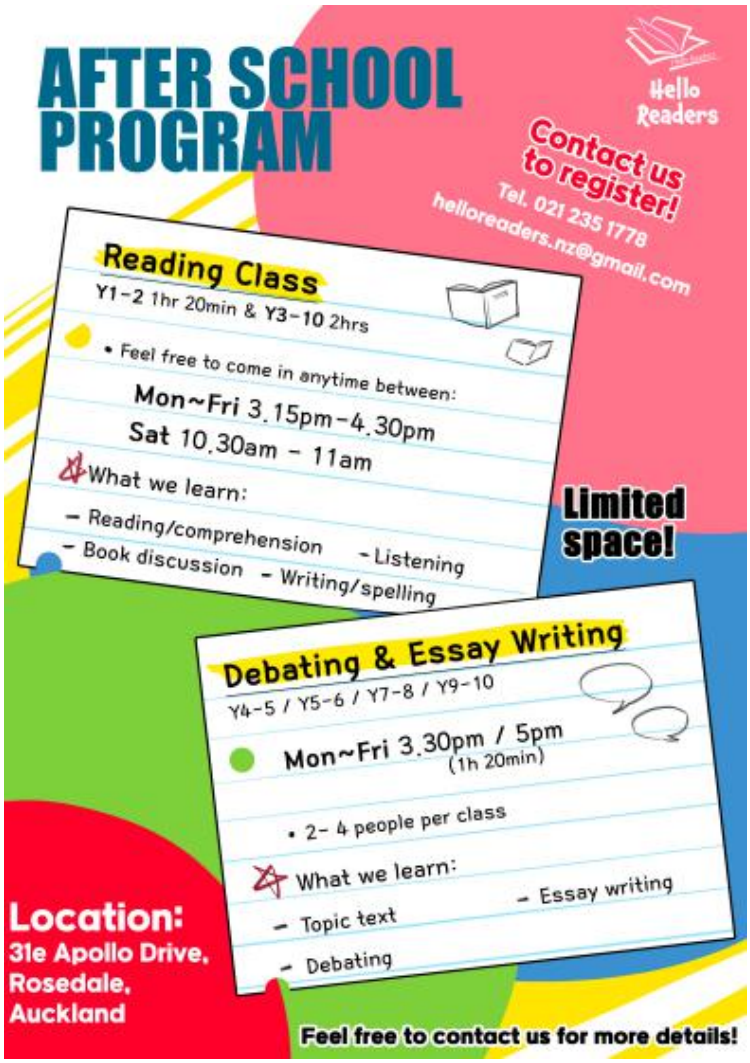
Sunnynook Community Association Matariki 2025 Volunteer Form

For interested parties, registration forms can be collected from our school office .

SUNNYNOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Sunnynook Matariki 2025 Volunteer Registration Form

Yolanda East
Principal



Important Dates

2025 Term Dates:

Term 1	3 Feb—11 Apr
Term 2	28 Apr—27 June
Term 3	14 Jul—19 Sept
Term 4	6 Oct—17 Dec

Sports

6 May	**Yr7 Netball Grading**
8 May	**Yr8 Netball Grading**
13 May	**Yr7 Boys Football Zone Day**
15 May	**Yr8 Boys Football Zone Day**
26 May	**Yr7 Girls Football Zone Day**
27 May	**Yr8 Girls Football Zone Day**

Other

16 May	**PINK SHIRT DAY**
20 May	**PhotoLife Class Photos**

Board of Trustee Meetings Term 2 2025

To be held in the Staffroom:

Tuesday, 20 May—6:00-9:00pm
Tuesday, 17 June—6:00-9:00pm

Teacher Only Days 2025

Friday	**30 May**

Public Holidays

18 Apr	**Good Friday**
21 Apr	**Easter Monday**
25 Apr	**ANZAC Day (within school holidays)**
2 Jun	**King's Birthday**
20 Jun	**Matariki**
27 Oct	**Labour Day**

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- Building confidence in writing

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Programme Details

- Sign up to 1, 2, or 3 sessions!
- Strongly welcoming both girls and boys
- Dates & Time: Tuesday April 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, and Thusday 24th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM each day.
- Venue: Westlake Boys School Turf (accessed through Gate 1).
- Extreme Weather Plan: In case of extremely bad conditions, activities will take place in the container on Westlake boys bottom field (access via Bond Crescent).

REGISTER NOW!

Register through the google form **bellow** or **via our instagram bio!**
Sign-ups close Sunday, April 13th.
https://forms.gle/VUpj1yJ3wKhgz6i1A

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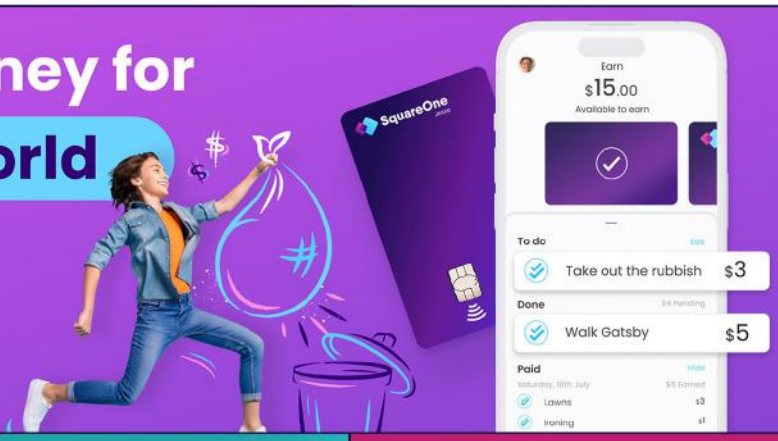

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