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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, اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ .

As Week 8 of Term 1 draws to a close, it's hard to believe how quickly the term is flying by!

With the extended summer, our school community has been buzzing with learning, achievements, and exciting events.

This week's newsletter includes updates on recent activities, upcoming events, and important notices to keep everyone informed. Whether it's celebrating student successes, preparing for the end of the term, or looking ahead to sports and cultural events, there's plenty to share.

Wairau Wero 2025—UPDATE

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy with our Wairau Wero Fundraiser, and we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our valued community. Currently, the total raised stands at **$13,645.00,** putting us well on the way to purchasing digital signage and resources for our wonderful school.

You will have received communication this week about our Fun Run happening tomorrow at 2:15pm. The event will feature water play plus an obstacle course, and students are encouraged to dress in bright, colourful clothing to make it even more of a celebration! It's going to be a fantastic way to end the week and acknowledge everyone's hard work and contributions. Parents are welcome to attend.

Students will also have the chance to gather more sponsors over the weekend, and the overall prize winners will be announced at next week's assembly. You can find more details about the prizes here: https://wairauwero.raiseit.co.nz/

Zone Days—Update

Last week, students participated in the Tennis and Orienteering Zone Days, showing great energy and school pride. While they did not place in the top rankings, they are to be commended for their determination and team spirit.

Zone days next week include:
Boys Futsal Tuesday 1 April
Girls Futsal Thursday 3 April

Māori Whānau Hui

On **Wednesday 9 April, 6.30pm – 8.00pm** we are looking forward to the opportunity to connect with our Māori whanau. This is an opportunity to meet, eat, connect and play fun games. We're also looking to being able to share student achievement with you and where to next.

Zoo Trips

A special thank you to the parents who supported the Block visits to Auckland Zoo recently. Your help and positive feedback have been greatly appreciated. These trips have provided students with valuable information for their animal studies and helped them make connections to their Science inquiry work on the living world. Block 2 are looking forward to their visit to the zoo next week.

Term 1 Summary Reports

At the end of this term, you will receive a **Term 1 Summary Report** electronically, via email, on how your child is settling into school for 2025. This report will give parents and caregivers an overview on key skills such as:

- Responsibility and Self-Management
- Collaboration and Communication
- Personal Presentation and Pride
- Learning Engagement

The report will also include your child's attendance record, with an indication on whether there are concerns in this area.

While I discussed attendance earlier this term, it is important to remember the following:

From the start of Term 1 2025, student attendance is reported to the Ministry of Education and Government on a daily basis. All students are legally required to attend school every day. It is a shared responsibility to ensure students attend and engage in learning regularly.

When students attend regularly, we visibly see encouraging progress across the curriculum.

What is classed as regular attendance?

	Student Categories	Student with	Equivalent to
	Regular attendance	over 90% attendance	missing fewer than 5 days across a term
	Irregular absence	more than 80% and up to 90% attendance	absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term
	Moderate absence	more than 70% and up to 80% attendance	absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term
	Chronic absence	70% attendance or less	absent for 15 days or more across a school term

School Policies and Procedures

Like many schools, our school policies and procedures are available online within "School Docs".

Each term you have the opportunity to contribute to the policies that are under review, by following these steps:

All Reviewers—Visit the website *https://wairau.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm*

- Type in our school's name: Wairau Intermediate school.
- Enter the username (wairau) and password (wairau)
- Click on Reviews
- Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed
- Read the policy
- Click the **Start your Review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page
- Select the reviewer type
- Enter your name (optional)
- Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
- Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit Review"

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

This term we welcome your feedback on: Health and Safety Management, Risk Management, Visitors and Worker Engagement, Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters and Crisis Management.

Photolife —Change of Date, Term 2

Photolife will be at school on **Tuesday, 20 May** to take class photos and individual portrait photos of students (including siblings if a request has been received prior to photo day). Flyers and information on the ordering process, will be sent home as soon as the school office receives them from Photolife. Keep an eye out for these.

Measles Guidance

Measles can cause significant disruption to education settings from kaiako and ākonga absences due to prolonged illness and isolation or quarantine requirements.

While it is the responsibility of public health services to manage measles outbreaks, they need your support to keep kaiako and ākonga safe.

To learn more, refer to the measles guidance, which includes:

- What to do if you think someone in your setting might have measles
- Measles symptoms, who is at risk, how it spreads and testing
- The impact measles can have and what may happen if someone with measles attends your facility
- Communicating about measles with kaiako, parents/caregivers and others
- What you can do to prevent measles spreading.

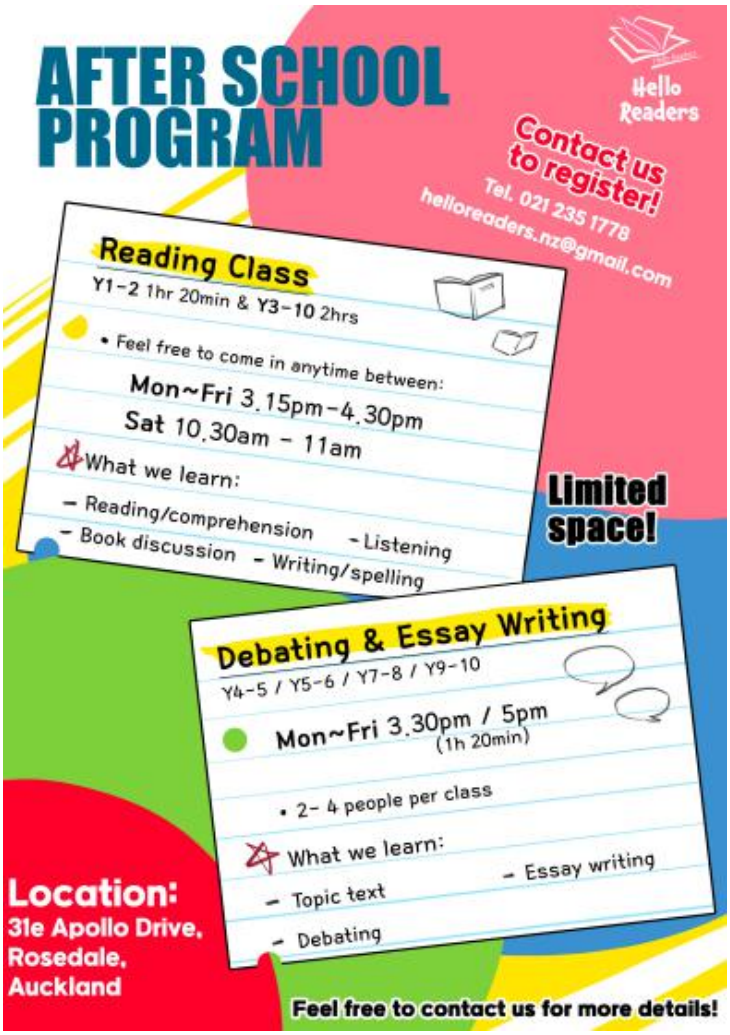
https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-services-and-programmes/public-health/measles-education-settings

Last Day of Term 4—Date Change

Owing to additional teacher only days as granted by the Government, the **last day of Term 4** will now be extended by one day to **17 December 2025**.

Thank you for your continued support as we head into the final weeks of the Term 1!

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

NH Futsal Boys	**1 Apr**
NH Futsal Girls	**3 Apr**
Shore to Shore Run	**6 Apr**

Other

24 Feb - 31 Mar	**Wairau Wero FUNdraiser**
Block 2 Zoo Trip—	**4 Apr**

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**

Learn the secrets of writing great stories from an award-winning author "**Write Like an Author**" is a school holiday program for young writers.

Held in a fun and supportive setting at **Kristin School** this camp will see children develop and write stories with help from award-winning author **Brian Falkner**.

Award winning author of 21 books including Northwood, Shooting Stars and the Katipo Joe series.

It will be held during the school holidays, from Tuesday, April 15 to Thursday, April 17, 2025. This is a three day camp for children aged 9 to 14. In addition there will be a one day workshop for children aged 7 to 10.

Young writers will learn:
* How to come up with story ideas
* How to plan and outline a story
* How to come up with interesting, sympathetic characters
The writing process, how to put it all down on paper

Plus they'll make new friends and have heaps of fun!

Young writers (or their parents) can register here:
* http://www.writelikeanauthor.com/CampListing.asp?wc_id=467

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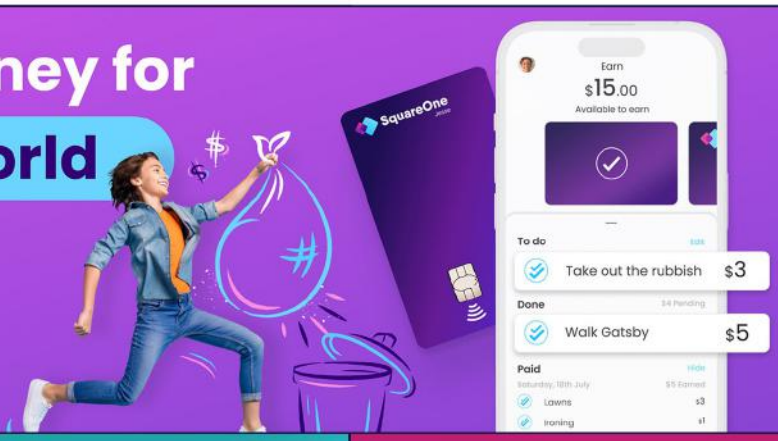

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