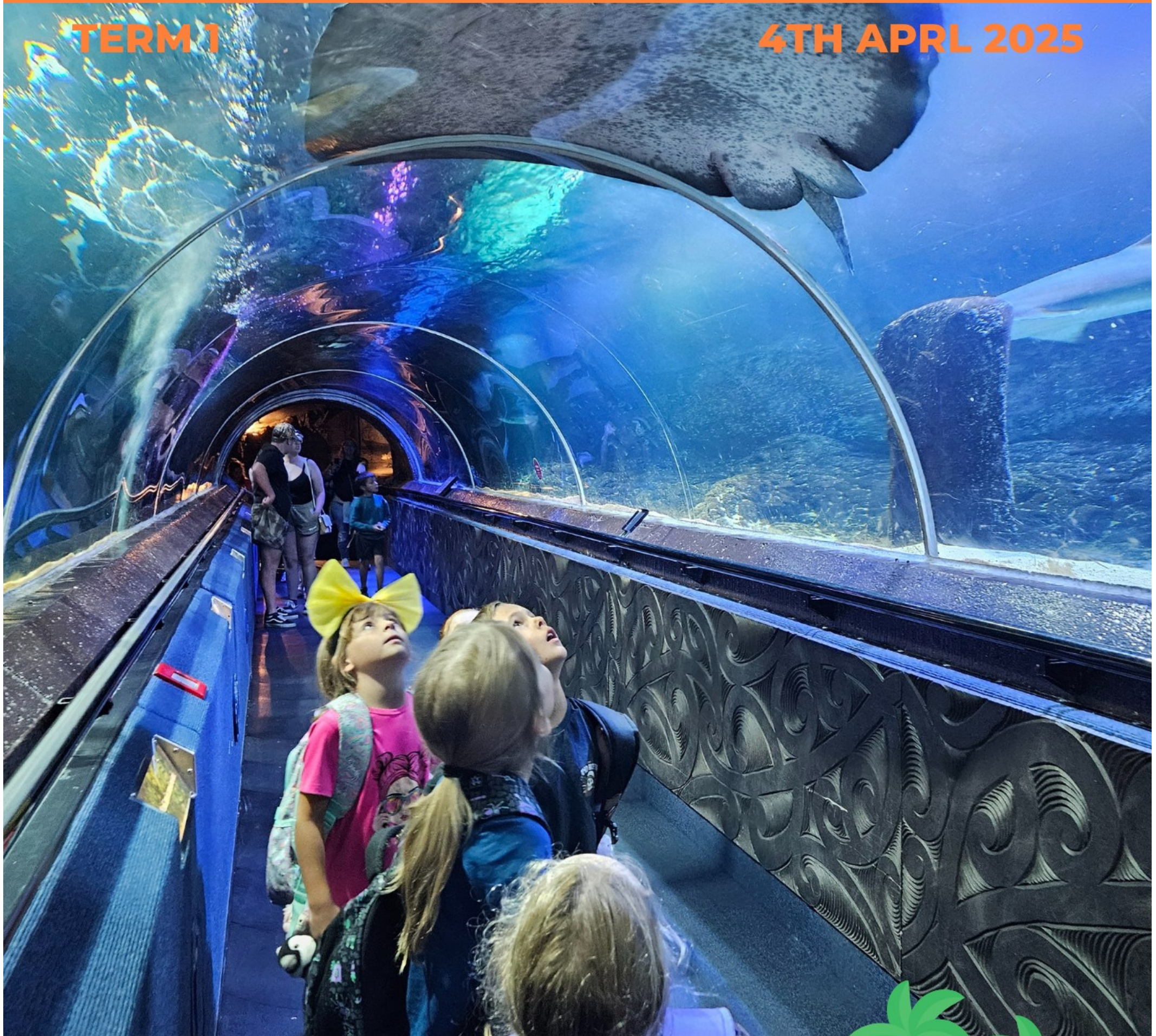


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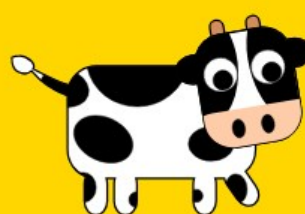
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## Tēnā koutou Whānau,

I cannot believe that next week is the last week of term! This school year is flying by, and we have certainly had an incredibly busy term filled with exciting events and learning experiences. Our tamariki have had fantastic opportunities to engage in various activities, including: Stardome EOTC visit for the Senior students, Kelly Tarlton's Trip, the Herd leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference, Swimming Sports, Summer Sports, as well as the upcoming trip next week to Woodhill Tree Adventures for our Y7 & Y8 students.

A special highlight for our junior team this term was their EOTC visit to **Kelly Tarlton's** on Wednesday, 26th March, we have posted some great photos and writing in the newsletter today.

Next Friday we will be holding our annual **Easter Hat Parade**, sponsored and judged by Tracey Howe from Harcourts Cooper & Co. All children are invited to decorate a hat or cap at home and bring it to school on the morning of Friday 11th April 2025. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and a small Easter treat for every child who enters.



Looking ahead to Term 2, we already have plans in place. Our major inquiry learning focus for the whole school next term will be on our local history and preparing for Matariki at the end of June. Our tamariki will be exploring the rich cultural heritage of our local area and Aotearoa. Connections will be made to their learning from this term as well.

We have also organised a 4 day camp for all the **Year 6, 7, & 8** students at **Lakewood Lodge, Huntly** from **Tuesday 27th—Friday 30th May**. This will be a wonderful outdoor experience for our oldest learners who will be taking part in activities such as horse riding, archery, a climbing wall, ropes course, a water slide, burma trail, and flying foxes, and a great opportunity to get out of their comfort zone experiencing new things.

Thank you for your support with our **Term 1 Friday ice block fundraiser** and thank you to **Kirsty Hodd** and **Makayla Lawson** for giving up their lunchtime each week to sell them. So far this year we have raised over \$815 which will be used to purchase additional resources for our students to use, such as the EPRO8 kit so that our Y7 & Y8 students can prepare for the EPRO8 challenge later in the year. Your support is greatly appreciated. Our next focus will be on raising funds for structured literacy games for the junior area of the school as well as enhancing our play spaces.

Pete and his team have continued to work their magic in our school gardens. The students in Rūma Toru have been very excited to see the new grass growing outside their classroom and can't wait to get to play on it. We are looking forward to this area being finished and watching our learners explore the hands-on learning opportunities the area provides.



Thank you also to **Yvonne Cox**, a member of our community, for her generous donation of \$500 to support students with additional learning needs. Yvonne also helps to take care of the school chickens at the weekends and during school holidays. Thank you Yvonne for your ongoing support of our kura.

**School Assembly:** Please note that tomorrow's assembly (Friday, 4th April) will be held at the normal time of 1:15pm in the school hall. Tea and coffee will be available, so please come along and enjoy a hot drink while celebrating our students' achievements.

**Enrolment Information:** We have already begun the process for 2026 enrolments. If you live out of zone (OOZ) and have a younger child due to start school in 2026 you will need to complete an OOZ application form. Please pop into the office and see either Sarah or Sue to collect one. We do still have a few OOZ spaces left for 2025 if you are wanting to enroll your child this year.

Ngā mihi nui  
Jules McCourt



## Term dates 2025:

**Term 1—Mon 3rd February 2025 to Fri 11th April 2025**

**Term 2—Mon 28th April 2025 to Fri 27th June 2025**

**Term 3—Mon 14th July 2025—Fri 19th September 2025**

**Term 4—Mon 6th October 2025—Tues 16th December 2025**

## Upcoming events to add to your diary:

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|---------------------|---|
| <b>4 April:</b>     | Whole School Assembly   |
| <b>7 April:</b>     | Y7& Y8 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)  |
| <b>10 April:</b>    | William Pike Challenge –Tree Adventures Y7-8  |
| <b>11 April:</b>    | Easter Hat Decorating Competition   |
| <b>11 April:</b>    | End of Term 1   |
| <b>28 April :</b>   | Start of Term 2   |
| <b>2 May :</b>      | Colour Run 1pm onwards  |
| <b>7 May:</b>       | School Photos   |
| <b>16 May:</b>      | School Closed for Teacher Only Day  |
| <b>27-30 May:</b>   | Senior Camp at Lakewood Lodge, Huntly   |
| <b>3 June:</b>      | School Closed for Teacher Only Day  |
| <b>18 July:</b>     | Trivia Night  |
| <b>29 July:</b>     | Auckland (Kumeu) Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge (Kumeu Showgrounds) information to follow |
| <b>5 September:</b> | Sip, swap, shop at 7pm  |
| <b>28 October:</b>  | School Closed for Teacher Only Day  |

## Summer Sports

**Summer sports inter school sports are coming up:**

**7 April: Y7& Y8 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)**

Please see the notice issued on Skool Loop and complete your consent forms to enable your child your attend. All students must be wearing a Waitoki School T shirt.

## Congratulations

We love to celebrate our tamariki's achievements! If your child has done something awesome outside of school, please let us know by emailing : [admin@waitoki.school.nz](mailto:admin@waitoki.school.nz)

## Congratulations to Seren Hedges

Seren did amazingly well at the BMX nationals - she retained her NZ 5th ranking and has qualified for world's this year and next year. Amazing achievement Seren.





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## JUNIOR EOTC VISIT TO KELLY TARTLTON'S

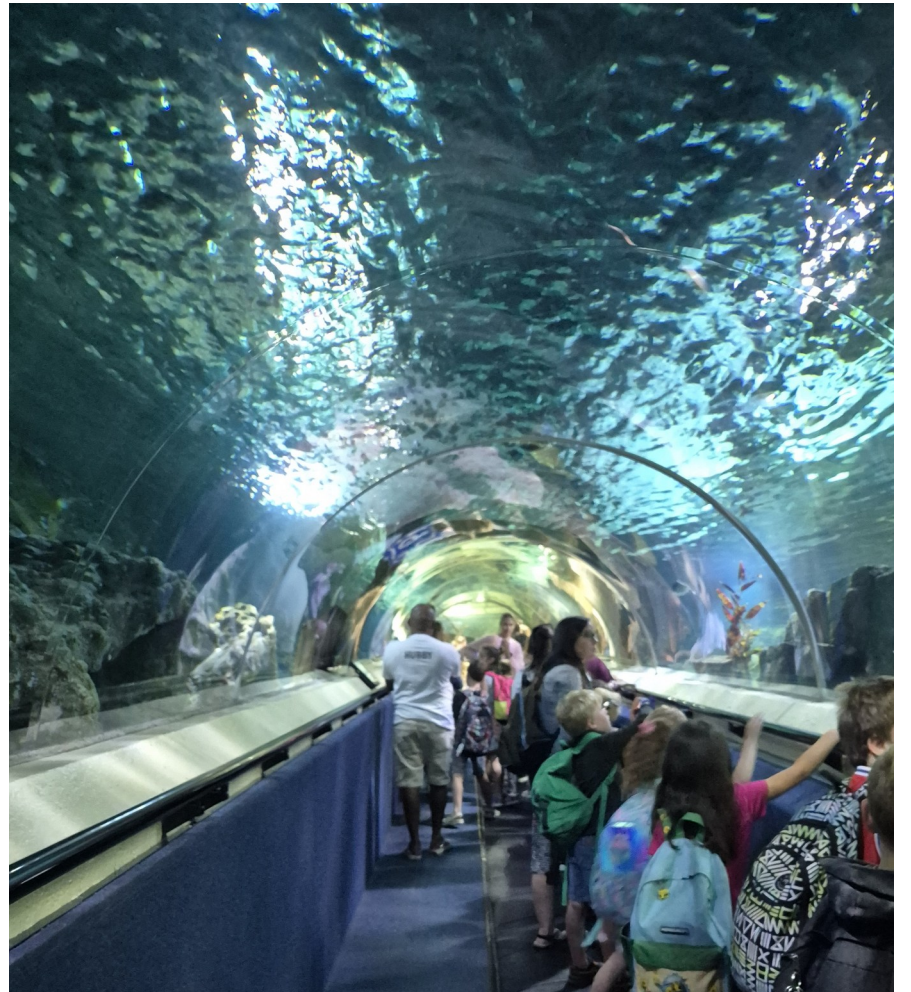
A special highlight for our junior team this term was their EOTC visit to **Kelly Tarlton's** on Wednesday, 26th March.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with highlights including encounters with marine life and interactive exhibits. A big thank you to our Junior teachers for their efforts in organising this exciting learning opportunity for our youngest tamariki.



I went to Kelly Tarlton's for a school trip and the whole Junior school too. We went underneath the road and I was amazed! There was sharks and tuna which is a type of fish. I saw octopus, eels, jellyfish and a lot of penguins and way more.

Sadie – Ruma Rua



On Wednesday I went to Kelly Tarlton's. It was so much fun. My favourite animal was the penguin because the penguins are really good swimmers and really good at finding food and because they are really cute!

Shiloh – Ruma Rua



Yesterday I went to Kelly Tarlton's and I saw sharks and lots of others. I learned that sharks have no bones and some sharks can break turtles shells. My favourite animal was the sharks.

Ben – Ruma Rua





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## Fundraising Team Update:

### Easter Hat or Cap Decorating Competition and Parade Friday 11th April

We're excited to be holding our annual Easter Hat or Cap Parade, proudly sponsored and judged by Tracey Howe from Harcourts Cooper & Co!

All children are invited to decorate a hat or cap at home and bring it to school on the morning of Friday 11th April 2025. Hats will be displayed on trestle tables for everyone to admire and for Tracey to judge before the parade begins. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and a small Easter treat for every child who enters.

A special thank you to Tracey for providing hot drinks and ice creams to our parents on the day! This is a fun, creative event and we can't wait to see what the kids come up with!



## DECORATE YOUR EASTER HAT OR CAP



### Judging & Parade Friday 11th April 2025

Get Creative  
Be In to Win  
1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes

An Easter treat for all entrants will be provided




Sponsored by Tracey Howe - Harcourts Cooper & Co Albany  
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## Colour Run

Mark your calendars for Friday, 2nd May. Kick off Term 2 with a splash of colour. This fun-filled event is a great way to celebrate while raising funds for the school. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon!



## Coming Up Soon



# TRIVIA NIGHT

## COMING Soon

More details to follow in Term 2

**GET YOUR GEEK ON!**

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025**

<https://www.facebook.com/waitokischoolevents>



## Sip, Swap, Shop

Friday 5th September | 7pm | Waitoki School

*Look in the date ladies!*

The seasons are changing and so is your wardrobe so we have the perfect event for you coming up.

If you're having a clean out over the next couple of months please keep any gently worn and washed ladies clothing as we will be taking donations from July.

Ladies accessories like belts and scarves are also appreciated.

*Please share with your friends and family too.*

More details about this event will be announced in Term 2.  
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## Important Information:

### School Pool:

The school pool will remain open until the end of the school holiday. A notice will be issued in Term 2 with details of pool key returns and bond refunds. Enjoy your last summer swims.

### Disabled Parking Spaces

Please do not park in the disabled parking spaces in the carpark unless you have a permit. We have parents who need to use the spaces at pick up/drop off time. Thank you.

### Lost Property:

We have a huge amount of lost property in a box located outside the sick bay door. Please have a look through for any items that may belong to you.

### Reminder: Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices

Our approach to cellphones and other personal digital devices supports student engagement and achievement. Personal digital devices include cell phones, and other devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartwatches. Devices that are part of a school-approved Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme have separate conditions for use. To comply with government regulations, we ensure students do not use personal devices during school hours, including break times.

### Ice Block Fridays

Every Friday lunchtime, during Term 1, the Senior School will be selling ice blocks to fundraise for much needed resources in the Senior School. There will be two options: \$1 ice blocks or \$2 ice blocks, with different flavours available. Your child can either bring coins on the day, or you can prepay for the term at the office. (\$10 or \$20“ packages”).



### Skool Loop App

Please make sure that you download the Skool Loop app on your phone if you haven't already, and subscribe to any relevant groups.

To download the free app, find it in to your Play store or App store and search for Waitoki School. To subscribe to groups, go in to Settings > Subscribe to Groups > Select your child's teacher, and any other groups you are interested in receiving notifications for e.g. sport.

### EZ Lunch Term 1 Rewards Campaign :Here's how it works:

EZ lunch orders are up and running! We have sushi Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Pita Pitt Fridays. If you are keen to take the stress out of lunches, visit ezlunch.co.nz, and click on Order Lunch. Remember to order before 9am on the day! Every parent who orders an ezlunch goes into a weekly draw to win **\$100 Kindo Credit** for themselves **AND** \$100 for your school. Starts Monday 10 February 2025 and runs through to Friday 11 April 2025. Plus, all orders automatically enter the **Grand Prize Draw** for a **\$1,000 JB Hi-Fi Voucher + \$500 for their school!** Thank you to JB Hi-Fi !

### Yummy Stickers

Don't forget to collect your yummy stickers which earn us points to purchase sports equipment at the end of the year. The office have collection pages for the stickers.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Going overseas for the school holidays? Everyone travelling into New Zealand must complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration, including returning New Zealand passport holders.

Its FREE and you can do it on the [online form](#) or on the [NZTD app](#).

If you're travelling as a family or group and completing multiple declarations, the [NZTD app](#) allows you to copy your travel details into another declaration, making it easier to complete multiple declarations for the same journey. The submitted declarations are then all easy to see within the app.

The New Zealand Traveller Declaration collects travel, customs, immigration and biosecurity information and aims to improve the safety and security of New Zealand. It replaces the paper card you used to fill out on the plane.

To make your arrival easier, do your digital declaration before your flight back to New Zealand.

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