

RANDWICK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16TH FEBRUARY 2026



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tola Lava whānau and welcome back to week three and a very windy Wellington day! In Māori culture, Tāwhirimātea is one of the 70 children of Ranginui (the Sky Father) and Papatūānuku (the Earth Mother). He is the only child who did not want his parents separated and, in his anger, he followed his father to the sky. I think he is very grumpy about something at the moment because I have not seen winds like this ever. Maybe I've lived a sheltered life on the Mainland?

Thank you to all our parents and caregivers who attended our Pōwhiri on Friday morning to welcome new students, whanau and one new staff member to our team. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday afternoon at 3pm for a meet-the-teacher BBQ and classroom tour. The BBQ will be on from 4pm and I, the Principal/Tumuaki, will be trying my best not to burn sausages and burgers! It will be great to see you there.

Over the next three years, we will be embedding an anti-bullying programme in school called Mitey. Miss Kubota is our facilitator and we are delighted to have her back to lead this in our kura. It takes a village to raise mentally thriving children. That's why Mitey takes a school-wide approach to mental well-being. Every part of the Mitey journey brings together teachers, staff and communities around one common goal – mentally thriving children. Woven into our school day, Mitey is not just an extracurricular box to tick. The Mitey Framework is a stepped progression of learning aligned to the NZ Curriculum and supported by cross-curricular units of work and resources designed by New Zealand teachers. Mitey will complement our values and develop a mana model in line with our vision to **Nurture The Mana of Our Tamariki**. We are delighted with our data showing over a 55% reduction in negative behaviour in the last year, but we are determined to do even better, and we will continue to see an improvement with our academic achievement data. We will be holding a Mitey evening where the community can come along and learn more about what Mitey offers but in the meantime, check out their website. <http://www.mitey.org.nz/about-mitey/what-is-mitey>.

Have a fantastic week, everybody.

Nga mihi nui,
Andrew and the team.

ABSENTEES

If your child will be absent from school, please let us know the reason by 9.10am via any of the following methods:

Hero App - report an absence tab

Website - randwick.school.nz

{hone: 04 568 5621

text 027 568 5621

Email office@randwick.school.nz



Birthday wishes over the next week to:
Aniz.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 17th February 12.45-3pm

Yr 7 & 8 - Technology at Avalon
Intermediate

Wednesday 18th February 9-10.30am

Yr 7 & 8 - Technology at Avalon
Intermediate (Catch up session)

Wednesday 18th February 3-5.30pm

Meet the Teacher BBQ and open afternoon

Friday 20th February 9am

Assembly in the hall - All welcome

Tuesday 23rd February 12.45-3pm

Yr 7 & 8 - Technology at Avalon
Intermediate

AWHI ATU AWHI MAI - WELLBEING SPECIALIST

Kia ora, my name is Eden, and I am the new Awhi Mai Awhi Atu | Wellbeing Specialist for your school. I can work individually with students and/or whānau, with groups, or with staff, to help you understand and deal with any issues or problems you may be experiencing. By working with you from a holistic perspective, I can assist you to develop the necessary coping skills and provide the right support, advice, and guidance to increase the chances of being effective or successful in overcoming the challenges and barriers you face.

If you would like to know more about Awhi Mai Awhi Atu you can visit Awhi Mai Awhi Atu – Wellbeing Support in Schools - HealthCare NZ. Or if you'd like to make a time to chat you can email me (eden.rutherford@explore.org.nz) or text/phone/WhatsApp me on 022 011 7413 or drop into my office located within the school library.



WHANAU WELLBEING KAIAWHINA

Kia ora, my name is Kaiya and I am our schools whānau well-being kaiāwhina. I am available on Wednesdays from 9am-12pm.

I can help with food parcels which you can request through the form on Hero. I can also help with applications for Variety's Kiwi Kids Sponsorship.

If you just want to talk or need a hand with something, please let me know. You can contact me via email kwarbrick@randwick.school.nz or (04) 568 5621.



REGISTERED HEALTH NURSE

Kia ora, my name is Jamaica, I am a Registered Nurse working for National Public Health Service based at Hutt Hospital.

I have almost 15 years of solid and practical community nursing experience both in the Philippines and New Zealand. Previously, I worked as a Plunket nurse and with recent experience as a District nurse.

I was born and raised in the Philippines. My family and I came to New Zealand in 2016 and so far, we are enjoying our stay here.

I aim to work with families and teachers to support and identify any health problems that may affect children's learning. Our services are confidential, free of charge and require your consent.

I visit your school on a weekly basis. I can be contacted through the school office, or by phone / txt and through email at jamaica.arnaiz@huttvalleydhb.co.nz.

Regional Public Health's website www.rph.org.nz has plenty of up to date health information and advice that you may find helpful. You can also follow RPH on Facebook and Twitter.



mothers network

DRAW IT OUT

Mothers Network & Draw It Out

A special collaborative morning



Theme: Self-compassion

Join a special Mothers Network morning tea combined with a Draw It Out workshop - You'll be guided through wellness drawings that help you support yourself, while connecting with other mums.

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY ● 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM ● \$20

BOOK: events.humanitix.com/mothers-network-draw-it-out

2/105 High St, Lower Hutt. No art skills needed. drawitout.co.nz

AROHANUI STRINGS+

Arohanui Strings+ will be holding after-school sessions at Randwick School, starting on Thursday 12 February.

We offer group lessons on violin for tamariki age 6 and above, with qualified and experienced teachers. The sessions are held from 3 pm to 4.15 pm and afternoon tea is provided.

Please register using this link: [2026 Hutt Valley registration form](#) or email jane.young@arohanuistrings.org for more information.

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