

RANDWICK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2ND MARCH 2026



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Talofa Lava and welcome back to week 5. Well, it looks as if summer is over and for me it was probably the worst on record. You really need to make the most of things when it is sunny and warm! We have warm rain jackets here in the office if your child needs one. We also have a few for adults if you also require one. I'm ever optimistic that the weather will improve and we see a warm March but today is not a good indicator.

Speaking of bad weather... This is not an excuse to keep your child at home please. We are working really hard to raise attendance, and if there is any way we can encourage and help you to get your child to school, then we will do it. As you know, attendance is really important to help support your child's learning at school. Not only can learning be significantly affected, but also the child's social and emotional well-being. When children are away for periods of time, they come back having to re-establish friendships and catch up with their learning, and can often fall behind. He waka eke noa.

We have a settled week ahead with an assembly on Friday morning. Please feel free to come along and support this at 9am. Our beautiful tamariki receive awards for their amazing mahi, and it's fun celebrating our Student of the Week. I will also be announcing our first House points winners for the first 5 weeks in term 1. The winning house will get their flag flown for the next 5 weeks and we will draw five winners from the winning house group to receive a prize. Exciting stuff!

Have a fantastic week, whānau.
Ngā mihi nui,
Andrew Wooster

Uditha has kindly volunteered to run a coding club with our year 7 and 8's this year on Wednesday's from 2-3pm. We are super excited about this and we hope to branch out depending on its success. Watch this space! Thanks so much to Uditha.



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
Phone: 04 568 5621
text 027 568 5621
Email office@randwick.school.nz



Birthday wishes over the next week to:
Maddy, Maraia & Upekshe.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 3rd March 12.45-3pm
Yr 7 & 8 - Technology at Avalon Intermediate

Friday 6th March 9am
Assembly in the hall - All welcome

Tuesday 10th March 12.45-3pm
Yr 7 & 8 - Technology at Avalon Intermediate

Monday 23rd March
Year 7 Immunisations

Thursday 2nd April
Last day for term 1

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@huttvalleydhs.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.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Leiloa who won the Principal's Award at our last assembly for always having a positive attitude and smile. Nice one Leiloa!



SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Seasons for Growth is based on the belief that change and loss are a part of life, and grief is a normal response to these losses. Seasons for Growth programs provide an opportunity to learn the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to understand and respond well to such experiences.

Children living with change or loss due to the following reasons may be suited to this program:

- Death of a loved one
- Divorce/ separation
- Relocation
- Illness impacting their life

We will begin this program on Monday the 23/03, please express interest via the office or email to Eden.Rutherford@explore.org.nz.

Find more information on [Children and Young People's Program](#) | [MacKillop Seasons](#)

Eden Rutherford
Wellbeing Specialist - Occupational Therapist

Walk for Mental Health



Sunday, 15 March 2026

Location: 24d Marine Parade, Hikoikoi, Petone

Time: 12:30pm arrival for 1:00pm start

Registration: on entry.

Donation / Koha appreciated, suggested \$5.00.

Grab a **group**, make a team \$20

Raising Funds For **Youthline**

Everyone welcome – individuals, families, sports clubs, community groups

Live Band: **Quite Some Company**

Sausage Sizzle

Join us for this important community event

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