

RANDWICK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9TH MARCH 2026



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hola and welcome back to week 6. We are working hard on our writing each day this year with the children practising every day without fail. I'm a strong believer in practise and like football or the piano, everything we do requires practise. Handwriting is another area that requires it. If children have neat handwriting, they start to see themselves as writers, and there is also the little matter of taking pride in their work. You can encourage your child to write at home by buying them a diary or getting them to write out a shopping list. Like mixing vegetables into a mince mix, we have to be cunning ;)

We are offering a \$50 warehouse voucher this term to the most improved student attending school and on time! The government is giving schools a hard time about lifting attendance, and although a lot of this is out of control, we will do what we can to help and support you in getting your child to school and getting them here on time. Thanks to you for your support in this because we strongly believe that when a child misses school, they are missing out on valuable learning that can be difficult to catch up. In term 2 we will be offering a shared pizza lunch to the class with the most improved attendance, based on term 1 to term 2 data. A little bit more of a motivation to get out of bed in the morning ;)

Did you know we have an in-school counsellor on Mondays and Fridays. We are very fortunate to have this service running from school and we would encourage you to use it. The service can be for individual students or groups, with your consent. Eden will also work with families and she is a wealth of knowledge and support. This is what she has to say:

My name is Eden and I am excited to be the new Wellbeing Specialist at your school! I am originally from Whakatū, Nelson, and have spent the last few years in Ōtepoti, Dunedin, to complete my degree in occupational therapy, giving me a holistic perspective to health and wellbeing. My occupational therapy background allows me to focus on enabling participation in meaningful day-to-day activities and other long term goals that support wellbeing. I have experience in mental health practice, which provided first hand experience in applying a trauma informed and strengths based approach which I look forward to applying as a Wellbeing Specialist. In my personal life, I enjoy spending time going for walks, doing yoga, cooking and spending time with my friends, family and pets. I am excited to be joining your school team and getting to know you all!



We are on the lookout for a volunteer to help in our gardens. We have a fantastic space and it would be great to get some kai growing for our community. Let me know if you are keen to help. Have a fantastic week and please know my door is always open. I might even make you a cup of tea or coffee!

Nga mihi nui,
Andrew Wooster

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:
No birthdays this week!

IMPORTANT DATES

Every Tuesday 12.45-3pm

Yr 7 & 8 - Technology at Avalon Intermediate

Wednesday 11th March 6-8pm

Board of Trustees meeting in the library

Friday 20th March 9am

Assembly in the hall - All welcome

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@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.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Mele Kalo who won the Principal's Award at our last assembly for always having a positive attitude and smile. Well done Mele Kalo!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Ivy McCaskill who was awarded Student of the Week at assembly last Friday. See what Whaea Sonya had to say about her on the next page.



Student of the Week

Ivy McCaskill



Ivy is someone who always shows the Randwick School WAKA values. She is a real role model for kids in our class and she works hard to be the best that she can be. Ivy consistently shows Akeranga and she takes her learning very seriously. She always tries her best and she even likes to help others in their learning too. Ivy is strong in Kaitiakitanga. She works hard to make sure our classroom is looking good and she looks after our school environment too. Ivy is someone who I know will show all of the school values, but there are two values that she especially shines in. She is strong in the values of Whanaukatanga and Aroha and we see this every day in the classroom. She is always there to lend a hand to people who need a friend and will make space for everyone when she is playing a game. I have been especially impressed watching the way she supports others in our class to make better choices and stay on track. This is something that she does without being asked, and does it in such a friendly way that it lifts everyone's mana. It has been so lovely to see that Ivy's kindness is contagious. I have noticed many others in Te Rangi Tako stepping up to help support their classmates too. Ivy, we are so lucky to have you in our class, you work hard to make it a nice place for everyone.



Hutt United Hockey Club welcomes new & returning players - Come play hockey!

For a taster, come to our Muster on Tues 31 March: 5-6pm for Yr 1/2 & 2/4; and 6-7pm for Yr 5/6 & 7/8, at Fraser Park. All welcome!

Hockey is great for kids! Coordination, balance, teamwork, mental strength and fitness. The training sessions and games are positive and fun, increasing in focus as children progress up the grades.

To sign up for the full season REGISTER HERE before 4 April.

Junior teams practice Tuesday evenings and games are played Saturday mornings. Games start 2 May and run to 12 September. For all details, dates and times visit our website: <https://www.huttunitedhockeyclub.co.nz/junior-club>. Subs are between \$65-\$135 for the whole season (all info on our website).

For questions, there's info [online](#) or email juniorclubcaptain@huttunitedhockeyclub.co.nz.

See you on the turf!

HELP!

A Monster Ate My Story

The delightful words and pictures of award-winning Wellington author and illustrator Ruth Paul (Lion Guards the Cake, Stomp, Anahera, I Am Jellyfish) have thrilled young readers for many years.

Now all the fun is coming to the stage in a brand-new play for children. With your HELP! Ruth and favourite characters LION, JELLYFISH, T-REX and KIWI will join forces against the MISH-MASH MONSTER to stop it eating their stories!

Romping through the April school holidays, these fun-loving creatures will leap from the page to the stage in a celebration of creativity, imagination and collaboration.

Written by Ruth Paul • Music by Charlotte Yates
Directed by Jacqueline Coats • Designed by Fifi Colston
Lighting Design by Janis ChongYan Cheng
Produced by Emma Robinson • Starring Tadhg Mackay,
Te KuraHuia Henare-Stewart and Ruth Paul

CIRCATWO 7-19 APRIL 2026

Q&A with the cast after the 1.30pm show Thursday 9 April

BOOKINGS
1 TARANAKI ST
WELLINGTON
04 801 7992
circa.co.nz

Tues 7 - Sun 19 April (no shows Friday 10 April)
Tues - Sat 11.30am & 1.30pm
Sunday 12 & 19 April 1.30pm & 3.30pm
\$20pp, \$70 for a family pass (4 tickets)
children aged 2 and under free

CIRCA
THEATRE

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH
PLAYMARKET
HE RŌPŪ TAUTOKO TITO
WHAKAARI O AOTEAROA

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

www.easternhuttrotary.org.nz



Eastern Hutt Rotary



Wellington Tenth Trust



Wellington Rugby

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Youthline

SEARCH FOR LIAM THE LEPRECHAUN

Grab the family for some fun this March and go on a search to find 6 x Liam the Leprechaun and 3 x Shamrock in Jackson Street windows



2ND - 20TH MARCH 2026

FREE to enter **Ages 5yrs & over**

Bring a pen **Prizes to be won**

Pick up form from JSP office, 274B Jackson St.
or via our website, or Facebook.

Winners will be drawn on 23rd March &
notified via email.

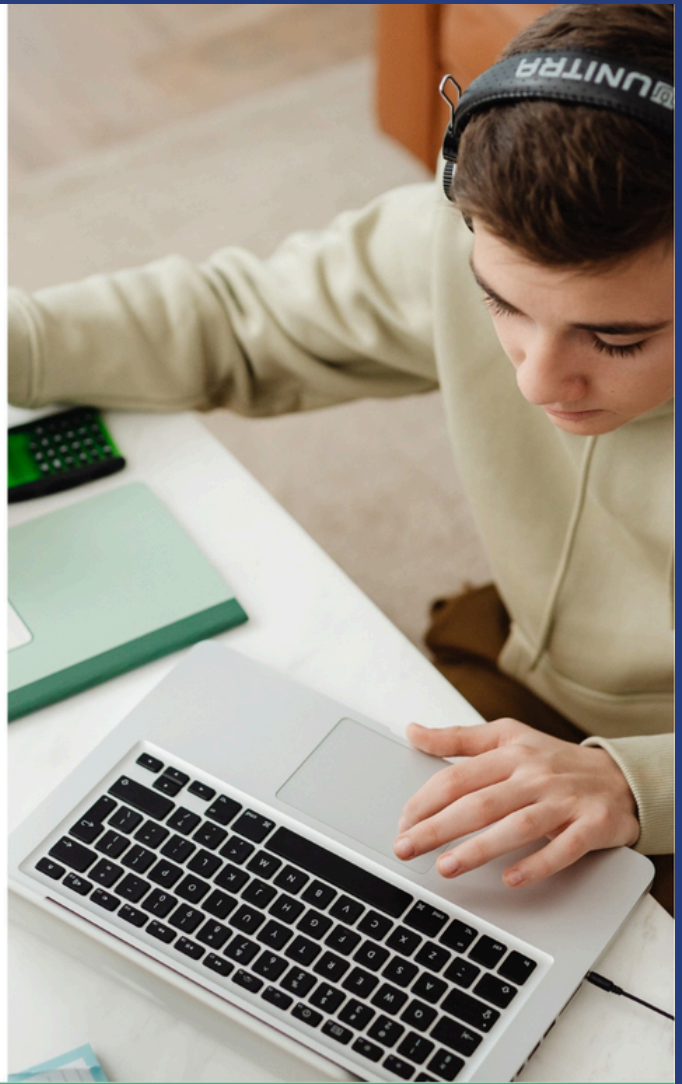
www.jacksonstreet.co.nz



Funded Tuition Options

FULLY FUNDED TUITION LED BY QUALIFIED SPECIALIST TEACHERS

BUILD CONFIDENCE AND ACCELERATE LEARNING THROUGH WEEKLY ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT OR EXTENSION



CLICK NGĀI TAHU ĀKONGA



CLICK NGĀTI WHĀTUA Ō ŌRĀKEI ĀKONGA



CAN REGISTER WITH IWI FOR A WHAKAPAPA NUMBER (REQUIRED)



VERY LIMITED SPACES

INDIVIDUAL ACCELERATION IN MATHS, ENGLISH OR SCIENCE

TO TAKE PART...

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM AND SELECT BOOST YOUR LEARNING AS YOUR PROVIDER. WHEN APPROVED CONTACT US



MANAGER@BOOSTYOURLEARNING.CO.NZ