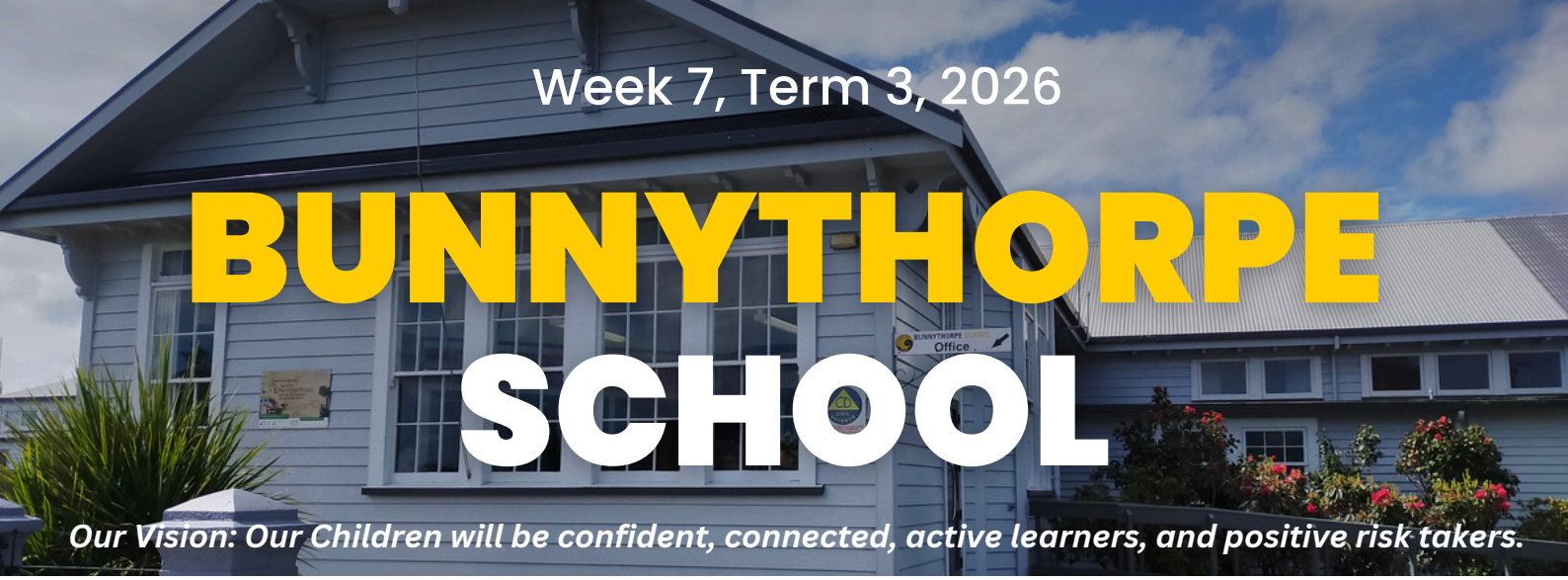


Week 7, Term 3, 2026

BUNNYTHORPE SCHOOL

Our Vision: Our Children will be confident, connected, active learners, and positive risk takers.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora whānau,

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and made our recent School Disco such a resounding success! It was fantastic to see our tamariki out on the dance floor, enjoying themselves, and celebrating together.

As we navigate through this stretch of chilly and unpredictable weather, a quick reminder to please send your children to school with plenty of warm layers and extra warm gear. Having options helps ensure everyone stays comfortable both inside the classroom and out on the playground.

Looking ahead to next week, we are gearing up for Bush School! At this stage, the weather forecast is looking promising, so we are excited for a great day outdoors. Please make sure your tamariki are prepped with suitable outdoor gear.

Finally, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our whānau for your continued partnership and ongoing support in your child's learning journey.

Nga mihi nui
Nina Booth

School Attendance and Absences...

Whanau responsibility: Whānau are expected to notify the school of an absence by 9:00am on the day of the absence. This can be done via phone call to the school office at 06 3292777 (leave a message if nobody answers), text to 021 080 97198, email to office@bunnythorpe.school.nz, or via the **SKOOL LOOP** app. You must provide us with a 'reason' for the absence. It is no longer enough to say they are 'away'. We have 'learning off-site' options for families with online access.

CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING TAMARIKI!



STAFF ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 14 September

Mark this date in your calendar now!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tue 08/09	Bush Day @ school
Wed 09/09	**Kainui Junior Dance @Feilding Civic Centre**
Thu 10/09	Whānau Hui @2.10pm
Mon 14/09	**STAFF ONLY DAY**
Wed 16/09	Wig Wednesday
Fri 25/09	**Last day of Term 3**
Mon 12/10	**First day of Term 4**

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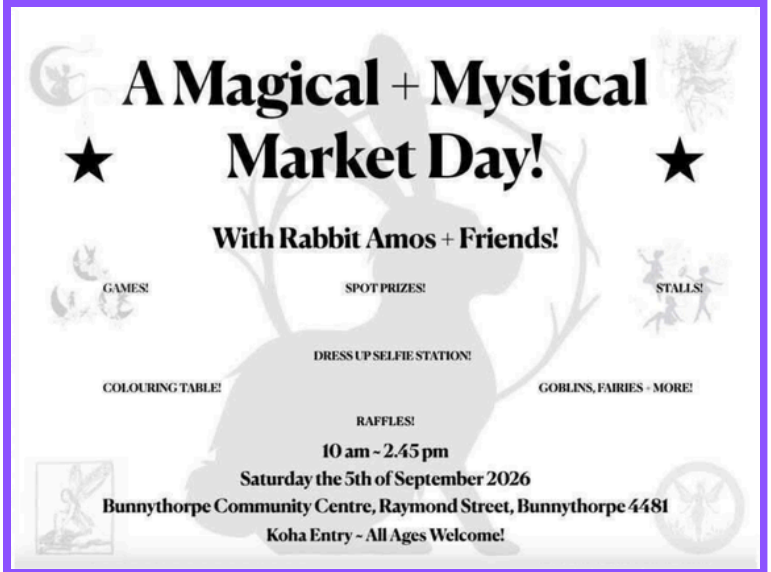


WHAKATAUKĪ

Aio te hā, aio te moana,
kia whakatere te waka e.

Calm is the breath, calm is the ocean, let the canoe sail forth.

A peaceful mind and steady conditions provide the ideal start for setting off on a new journey or big venture.



MANAGING STUDENT ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

With seasonal illnesses around, we want to share a brief update on how we care for student health during the school day and how parents can support us.

Comfort & Care: Because we don't have a full time office team on site, our sick bay is only intended for short-term waits until parents arrive. A sick child needs the comfort of home, so we appreciate your prompt help in picking them up when called.
When Students Feel Unwell: If a student lets their teacher know they aren't feeling well, they will be directed to the office. Our staff will then get in touch with parents/caregivers to pass along what the student shared or what has been observed.
Ready to Learn: Students need to be feeling well enough to join in with classroom activities. If a child is too unwell to participate, they will need to be collected so they can rest and recover at home.

How Whānau Can Help
Honest Conversations: Please talk with your children about accurately reporting how they feel. We rely on students to let us know truthfully if they are unwell.
Understanding the Impact: It helps to remind children about the disruption caused when a parent has to leave work or alter commitments to collect a child who ultimately feels fine.
Classroom Energy Demands: Children recovering from illness may seem full of energy at home, but the social and cognitive demands of a busy classroom can tire them out quickly. Balancing recovery time before returning to school helps ensure a smoother transition back to learning.

Thank you for working alongside us to keep our school community safe, healthy, and thriving!