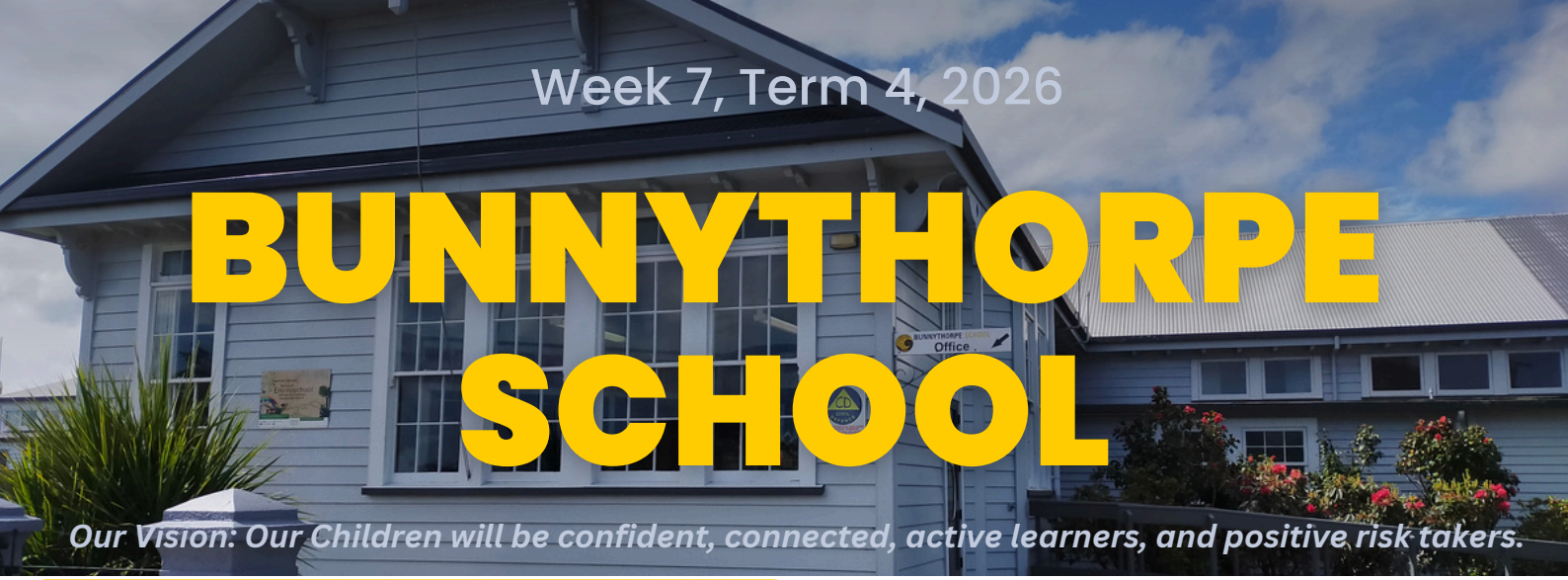

Week 7, Term 4, 2026

BUNNYTHORPE SCHOOL

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou, Bunnythorpe whānau,
It is hard to believe we have already reached the end of Week 7 of Term 4! As the days grow warmer and we head into the final stretch of 2026, our kura is buzzing with energy, celebration, and plenty of exciting end-of-year learning.
Looking back over the year, I want to say a massive thank you to all of our parents, caregivers, and wider whānau. Whether you have helped out on school trips, supported our fundraisers, attended assemblies, or simply cheered your tamariki on from home, your partnership makes Bunnythorpe School the special, supportive community it is.
We also extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff and Board of Trustees for their tireless work behind the scenes to create great opportunities for our learners.
We have a wonderful few weeks ahead as we wrap up the year together. Keep an eye on the calendar for these upcoming highlights:

- **Bush Day**: Our tamariki are looking forward to getting out into nature, building resilience, and putting our school values into action for the final session this year.
- **End-of-Year Celebrations & Prizegiving**: As we prepare to farewell our Year 8 leavers and celebrate the progress of every student across the school, see '**dates for your calendar**' for final timings and details so you can join us in marking the occasion.
- **Library Books and Readers:** Please have a good hunt at home—under beds, behind couches, and in school bags—for any school library books, classroom readers, or journals that belong to Bunnythorpe School...Even if a book has been missing for a while, we are simply grateful to have it back on our shelves for next year's tamariki to enjoy!
- Thank you for helping us keep our library well-stocked for 2027.

Thank you once again for an unforgettable 2026. Let's make these final weeks of Term 4 our best yet!

Nga mihi nui,
Nina Booth

POLICY & PROCEDURES

If you wish to take part in the review of our School Policies and Procedures for Term 4 please log in using the details below, click on Current Review, scroll down to the Term 4 topics and begin your review.

FOR GENERAL REVIEW:

- Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy
- Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement
- Learning Support
- Māori Educational Achievement
- Religious Instruction*/Religious Observances*
- Health Curriculum
- Privacy Policy

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CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING TAMARIKI!



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tue 01/12	Bush Day
Thu 03/12	Whānau Hui @2.10pm BOT Meeting @5.30pm
Tue 08/12	Library Bus @9.30am
Thu 10/12	Year 7&8 Leadership
Fri 11/12	Volunteers Morning Tea @10.30am
Mon 14/12	Year 8 Farewell
Tue 15/12	**PRIZEGIVING @6PM**
Wed 16/12	**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2026** **SCHOOL FINISHES @12.30PM**

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LOST PROPERTY CLEAR-OUT

Our lost property bin is overflowing with items that are missing their owners!

Before we wrap up for the summer holidays, please pop into school and have a look through and claim any items belonging to your whānau.

Last Chance to Claim: Tuesday 15th December

What Happens Next: Any named items will be returned to classrooms, while unnamed and unclaimed clothing will be washed and donated to a local charity at the end of the term.

Tip: Over the summer break, please remember to clearly label all clothing, shoes and lunch gear for 2027 so they can find their way back home easily!

PICK-UP, DROP-OFF & GATE SAFETY

To keep all of our tamariki safe during busy morning and afternoon times, please keep these important safety reminders in mind:

- 🚗 Staff Car Park & Driveway: Please do not use the staff car park or main driveway gate for drop-off or pick-up, as this creates a safety hazard for children walking through.
- 🚸 Parking & Crossing: Please use the parks on the school side of the road, or if parking across the road, always use the pedestrian crossing with your children.
- 🚪 End-of-Day Gate Safety: When leaving at the end of the day, please only let your own children out through the school gate—do not let other students out without their own parent or caregiver present.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and orderly environment for our school community.

Ngā mihi nui, The Bunnythorpe School Team

HIGHLIGHTS Term 4 WEEK 6&7












MORNING ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

To help our tamariki have a calm and positive start to their day, here is a quick reminder about our morning routines:

- ⏰ Drop-Off (8:30 am – 8:55 am): Staff are on duty and classrooms are open. Students should not be on school grounds before 8:30 am.
- 👋 Saying Goodbye: Please say your goodbyes and leave the classroom before the morning bell. This supports independent routines, especially for our tamariki in Kauri class.
- 🚗 Running Late? If you arrive after the bell, please say goodbye outside the classroom so students can enter with minimal disruption.

Thank you for your support in keeping our morningscalm and structured.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Bunnythorpe School Team

PIANO LESSONS FOR 2027



I have several spaces for piano lessons next year. If your child is around 7 or older, the piano is a great instrument to introduce them to music. Lessons are $28 for half an hour during school time, and I teach each child individually in a way that suits them.

We really embrace our creative side, learning songs and playing fun music games.

Get in touch if you're interested.

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