

WELCOME
BACK!

Parkland Pride

The Newsletter of Parkland School



Term 1 Week 1 5th February 2026

From the Principal's Desk...

*Nga matua ma nga kaitiaki,
Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome back! Special welcome
to our new pupils and their
whanau, and to Vivian Grapentin
who has started her teaching
career with us and will be in Room
2 this year.*

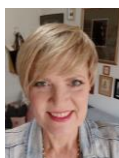
*It's great to be back after my
extended medical leave. I am
thrilled to be here and am very
grateful to Carolyn and all of the
staff for their support with taking
on extra jobs in my absence. I
have loved meeting new faces this
week and catching up with
familiar ones. Thank you for all
the kindness you have shown me
since my return.*

*Next week we look forward to
connecting with our families and
whanau at our Connecting 2026
sessions. Please make sure you
have read the notice that was
sent out on Monday. If you are
unable to collect your child when
we close early on Wednesday, it is
VITAL that you have registered
using the Google Form (link in the
emailed notice), or at the Office,
by the **end of TODAY**. Huge
thanks to Aplus for providing this
service free to our community.*

*You may notice that our
newsletter looks a little different
this week...we have had a
technical hiccup with our
newsletter programme, but
should be back to our usual
programming by next time!
Thanks for your understanding.*

Enjoy the long weekend!

Smiles,
Sonia Mudgway
Principal



OFFICE MESSAGES

LOST PROPERTY PLEASE check the Lost Property rack! There were lots of shoes and jerseys left behind on the last day. The rack is located near the Library courtyard. Thanks for your help with this!

STATIONERY ACCOUNTS These will be sent home with your child next week. We appreciate prompt payment. If payment is an issue, please see Kath or Aimee at the Office.

@SCHOOL APP You will need to make sure you have downloaded the @school app. You can get your login details emailed to you from the school office. It is most important to have access to this as it links to all school notices and newsletters, the school calendar, your school account for payments, absence notifications, and the school website. The Learner Profile is also found on the @school app. This is a record of progress of your child's learning and is updated throughout the year. You can also check that we have your correct contact details - contact the office if any changes are needed.

COMMUNICATION - Newsletters / School App are the key methods of communication. We need parents to expect these on alternate Thursdays and to pick out the information and dates that apply to you. Classes may use email and/or Seesaw to share class events, achievements and class related information. We also post regularly on our Facebook page.

SCHOOL CALENDAR - All schoolwide events are added to the calendar as soon as we know dates. We are happy to be reminded if we have missed any, or if there are errors.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE - aPlus operate from our hall before and after school. Enrol online at www.aplus.kiwi.nz. A copy of the available times and prices can be found on the outdoor noticeboard, or pick up a copy at the Office. If you have any questions please phone 0800 423 400 or email: admin@aplus.kiwi.nz



UNIFORM - Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform as per our uniform policy. A copy of which can be found on our School Docs site <https://parkland.schooldocs.co.nz> Username: parkland p/w: rise (and the guidelines are also on our website). Sunhats are compulsory during Term 1 and need to be brought to school every day. Please name all uniform items!

REMEMBER! Connecting 2026 is on 10-12th February.

School Closes Early at 2pm on Wed 11th Feb. Registrations for supervision with Aplus from 2pm-2:55pm, close at the end of TODAY. (Please click on the link to the Google Form that was in the separate notice emailed last week.)

sports news

Caro Hacking & Hollie Patete
Sports Coordinators

Information for all sport currently offered, can be found on the Sports page of the Parkland School website.



Term 1 Sports Registrations **Registrations for Term 1 sports are now open!**

- Summer hockey (Yr 0-6) - Reg close Friday 13th February
- Badminton (Yr 5 & 6) - Reg close on Friday 6th February
- Netball (Yr 0-6)- Reg close Thursday 5th February
- Futsal (Yr 0-6) - Reg close Wednesday 4th February
- Flippaball (Yr 4-6) - Reg close Thursday 5th February

Please note the closing dates for all sports as they start early in Term 1.

For more information on each sport, go to the sports page found on the school website and click on the links.

Coaches

Each team requires an adult to coach/manage the team, we have a policy of no coach, no team. This is a rewarding job and no experience is necessary. The job usually involves contacting the players, running substitutions and supporting the players where and when necessary.

This year, if you volunteer your time to coach a team, your child will play for free and no registration fee applies.

'I Tri'd the Tri Series' - Kids Triathlon for ages 4-12

- Mondays February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, March 2nd
- Enter - www.triclub.co.nz
- More information on Facebook - Palmy I Tri'd the Tri Series
- There are prizes of sport vouchers for the top participating schools

Weetbix Tryathlon

This year Parkland School will not be taking a team to the Weetbix Tryathlon as this is not a school event. Families are more than welcome to enter their own children.

SMASH CRICKET
YEAR 1-4

REGISTER HERE!
SMASHplay Smash it!

COST: \$25

DAYS, HUBS & TIMES:
scan the QR code to find out further information

juniorccc@mca.org.nz

TERM 1 2026
SMASH CRICKET
DUAL PITCH

YEAR 3-6 GIRLS & BOYS
THURSDAY AFTERNOONS
4.00 - 5.15PM
FITZHERBERT PARK

A FAST, FUN FORMAT THAT
MAXIMISES TIME ON TASK,
ENSURING EVERYONE'S
ENJOYMENT

SMASH

19TH FEB - 26TH MARCH

REGISTER NOW

I Tri'd the Tri Series
KIDS TRIATHLON
For Kids 4-12 Years

Manawatu & TRC Toyota

Register at www.triclub.co.nz



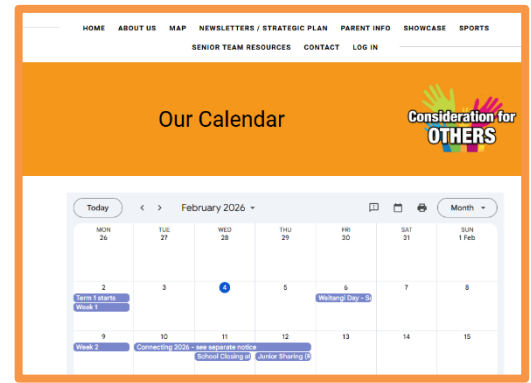
STUDENT STAR!

Check out Waylon Hu's Achievement at the 2025 VEX IQ National Competition.....

Late last year Waylon Hu (who is in Room 8 this year) represented his club, RoboHub NZ, as a member of Team 5612A in the 2025 VEX IQ New Zealand National Competition. His team achieved an impressive **4th place nationwide** in the Intermediate Division. With 78 teams competing from across New Zealand—including Auckland, Christchurch, and several other regions—this is an outstanding result! Especially considering this was Waylon's very first national competition, and he is in the Intermediate Division.

Over the past six months, Waylon has been involved in designing, building, and programming his robot, and he continued to work hard even when the team faced challenges. He communicated positively with teammates and alliance partners, stayed focused, and never gave up. His club were really impressed by his effort and attitude.

So are we! Well done, Waylon! You demonstrate our Parkland Values well, and were rising to the challenge for sure!



Check out our school calendar on our website for all school events and reminders. We add to this all the time, so make sure you check it regularly.

Upcoming Dates

- 6th Feb – SCHOOL CLOSED for Waitangi Day
- 10th Feb – Connecting 2026 for Rooms 2 & 5 only
- 11th Feb – SCHOOL CLOSURES at 2PM – Connecting 2026 for ALL rooms
- 12th Feb – Connecting 2026 for all Rooms (except 2&5)
- 13th Feb- Sausage Sizzle Lunch – orders taken before school (cash only)
- 17th Feb – PTA Meeting 7pm in the Staffroom – all welcome
- 19th Feb – Board Meeting
- 20th Feb – Enrolments Close for Term 2 for Out of Zone pupils
- 27th Feb Ballot held (if required) for OOZ pupils

Property Updates

You may have noticed the heavy machinery at the back of the field and the 120 metres of temporary safety fencing! PNCC is putting in a new storm water drain that runs through our field and out into the council land off Balmoral Drive. This has meant that a large swale (drain) has been dug out along the field next to our running track. It has meant that our planned fencing upgrade has been unable to be completed. Once the council finish their work, the rest of the boundary fencing can be completed, making our entire perimeter much safer.

We will be working with the council next term to plant the swale with native grasses.



We now have a new wheelchair-friendly front gate, and all our pedestrian gates have the latches on the outside (the back gate will be done last when the fencing project is completed).

Hopefully you will find it much easier to get into our school now!