

Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi

Portland School will provide the opportunity for everyone to reach their potential in a safe and caring environment.

Hot Shot Upgrade – Our Pool is Looking Sharp! - We're excited to share that our kura swimming pool has had a fantastic makeover thanks to the installation of a brand new **fibreglass liner** from **Mayfair Pools**! This not only improves the look and feel of our pool but also ensures a safer, more durable surface for our tamariki to enjoy for many summers to come. A huge ngā mihi to **Mayfair Pools** for their professional service and quality workmanship. We can't wait to dive into Term 4 swimming season with our refreshed, shiny new pool!



KŌRERO TUMUAKI

Kia ora e te whānau,

Nau mai hoki mai ki te Kura o Tikorangi – Wāhanga Tuatoru!

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you all had a refreshing break and are ready for another exciting term of learning, creativity, and connection.

Celebrating Term 2 Highlights

Last term ended on an absolute high! We want to acknowledge the incredible turnout and support for our **Matariki Festival, Art Exhibition, Kura Sleepover, and Kapa Haka performance** at Morningside School. These events were a beautiful celebration of our culture, creativity, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who came along, helped out, and supported our ākonga to shine!

Term 3 Inquiry: Technology, Creativity & Innovation

This term, our kura-wide inquiry focus is **Hāngarau – Designing, Creating, and Evaluating**. Each whānau will explore different aspects of technology through engaging, hands-on projects. Our tamariki will be challenged to think critically, work collaboratively, and bring their ideas to life through real-world problem-solving and innovation. We can't wait to see the creative solutions they come up with!

Property Projects Update

We're pleased to share that several key property projects have recently been completed as part of our 5-Year Agreement (5YA) upgrades. These include: Shed ceiling replacement, Heat pump replacement, Pool pump shed upgrades and Swimming pool improvements. These upgrades are helping us to ensure safe, functional, and enjoyable learning environments for all our ākonga.

Housekeeping Reminders

Term 3 often brings **cold, wet, and muddy conditions**, so we kindly ask that all tamariki bring a **full change of clothes** to kura in case of slips or weather-related mishaps. Please also make sure that **all clothing is clearly named**, especially jerseys and jackets, as they are frequently removed and misplaced.

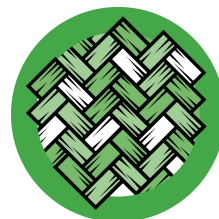
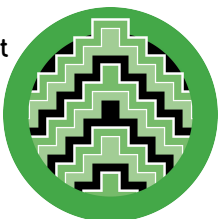
We also remind you to **avoid parking on the grass areas around the kura**. We've previously had cars become stuck in the soft ground. Your cooperation in keeping these areas clear is greatly appreciated.

Attendance Matters – And You're Amazing!

Lastly, a huge mihi to all of our whānau for your continued efforts in ensuring your tamariki are at kura each day. Your dedication helped us maintain **strong attendance rates throughout Term 2**. We also appreciate the prompt communication with the office regarding absences — even a quick "sick" text helps us support our learners and meet our attendance reporting requirements.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa — thank you for being part of our kura whānau. We couldn't do this without your ongoing support!

Rachel Bycroft
Tumuaki



Pānui - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi Out of Zone Enrolments 2025

The Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi Board of Trustees has determined that there will be four enrolment periods for out of zone students in 2025 coinciding with each school term.

The deadlines for receiving out of zone applications for each school term will be:

- October 29, 2024 for Term 1, 2025
- March 14, 2025 for Term 2
- June 6, 2025 for Term 3
- **August 22, 2025 for Term 4**
- October 8 2025 for Term 1, 2026

Prior to these deadlines the Board of Trustees will determine and publish the number of places (if any) that are available at various class levels for out of zone students.

Current out of zone places available:

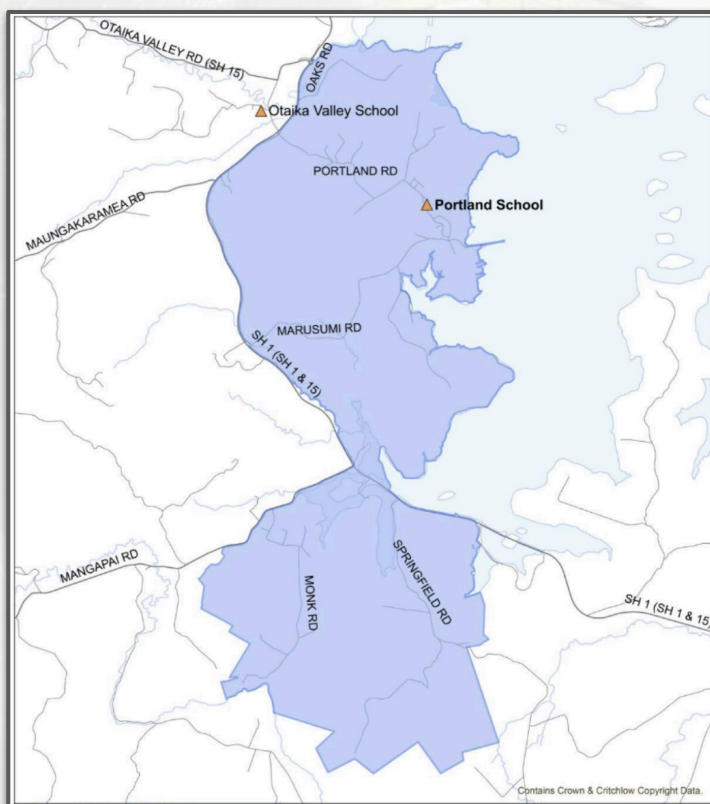
There are currently 5 out of zone places available at Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi for Term 4

Applications for enrolments will be processed in the following order of priority:

1. This priority is not applicable at this school, because the school does not run a special programme approved by the Secretary for Education
2. Siblings of current students
3. Siblings of former students
4. Children of former students
5. Children of Board employees
6. All other applicants

If there are more applicants in the second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth priority groups than there are places available, selection within the priority group must be by ballot conducted in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary under Section 11G(1) of the Education Act 1989. Parents will be informed of the date of any ballot by notice in a daily or community newsletter circulating in the area served by the school. Applicants seeking second or third priority status will be required to give proof of a sibling relationship.

For all out of zone applications for enrolment, please contact Carol in the school office (phone 09 4322897 or email admin@portland.school.nz) to arrange an enrolment interview with the Tumuaki or Tumuaki tuarua.



Tūtuki mai tā mātou kaimahi - Meet our Kaimahi

Whaea Emma our amazing Kaiāwhina!

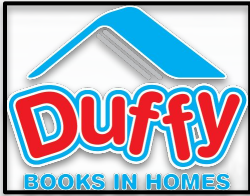
Kia ora koutou! My name is Emma and I am proud to be a kaiāwhina at Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi. I was born and raised on beautiful Waiheke Island, where I spent the first 30 years of my life. Nine years ago, I moved to Whangārei and was lucky enough to find a home in stunning Portland.

I now live in Portland with my partner Jason and our two boys, Boston and Tuaru. I absolutely love my role at the kura and the positive, supportive vibe that comes with it. It is a joy to be part of such a special learning environment.

Mauri ora



Pānui - What happened in our kura



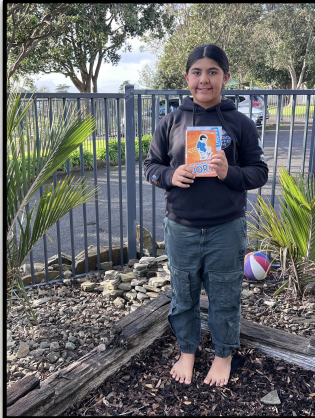
Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi is a Duffy School!!

Duffy Books - He Taonga mō te Hinengaro



Congratulations to Our Duffy Book Award Recipients – Term 2!

Ka mau te wehi! We're so proud of all our ākonga who received Duffy Book Awards.



**CONGRATULATIONS
WHAEA EMMA!
NGĀ MIHI FOR
SUPPORTING OUR
ĀKONGA WITH
THEIR READING!**



He Mihi Nui mō Ngā Pukapuka a Duffy

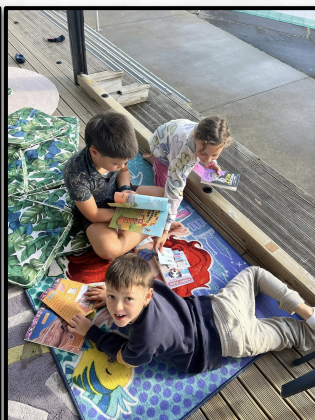
Ka nui te aroha o tō mātou kura ki ngā pukapuka a Duffy! He taonga nui ēnei pukapuka mā ā mātou tamariki – e poipoi ana i te aroha ki te pānui, ā, e whakakī ana i ō rātou hinengaro me ō rātou ngākau i te mātauranga me te ngahau.

Ngā mihi nui ki a Duffy Books – he tino koha koutou ki tō mātou kura.

A Big Acknowledgement for Duffy Books

Our school absolutely loves Duffy Books! These books are a great treasure for our tamariki – nurturing a love of reading and filling their minds and hearts with knowledge and joy.

Huge thanks to Duffy Books – you are a real gift to our school.



Pānui - What happened in our kura

Trees For Survival Planting Day Success – He Angitū



What a fantastic effort from everyone involved! By 11 o'clock, our amazing ākonga had successfully planted all 619 native plants (ngā tipu taketake). The energy, teamwork, and commitment shown throughout the morning was outstanding.

Our ākonga worked with true perseverance, showing our kura values in action. It was awesome to see them engaging with nature, getting their hands dirty, and supporting each other to get the job done.

A huge ngā mihi nui to our wonderful supporters from Mastercraft Kitchens, as well as Jack rāua ko Harry, who were a massive help today. Your ongoing support makes a real difference to our kura and wider community.

This was a true mahi ngātahi moment – working together to care for our environment and make our local spaces even more beautiful.



**KA MAU TE
WEHI, KOUTOU
Mā!**

**WE'RE PROUD
OF EVERY
SINGLE PERSON
INVOLVED.**



Pānui - What's happening in our kura.

MāRA KI TE TEPU - GARDEN TO TABLE



Growing, Harvesting, Preparing & Sharing Kai – Together as a Kura Whānau
Te whakatipu, te hauhake, te whakarite me te kai tahi – hei whānau kura kotahi



Pānui - What happened in our kura



We want to extend a huge ngā mihi to Sharon, one of our incredible community partners! Sharon recently supplied some sports gear for our tamariki, and we are truly grateful for her generosity and support. ReSport is a fantastic charitable trust that helps meet a real need in our communities by collecting and redistributing quality sports gear and clothing. Their mahi supports tamariki and whānau by removing barriers to sports participation, promoting wellbeing and inclusion, and encouraging sustainability through re-use. ReSport's model ensures that donated items go straight into the hands of those who will benefit most — making a direct and meaningful difference.



Ngā mihi nui, Sharon and the ReSport team — your awesomeness is appreciated!



Pānui - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

School Board Elections – Have Your Say! Ngā Kōwhiringa Poari Kura – Whakahua tō Reo!

The boards of all state and state-integrated schools are required to hold elections every three years, and this will be happening again in 2025.

The School Board is an important part of our kura as they set the strategic direction for our school, consult with our school community about our kura, ensure the school's funding is spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our kura. Our board is made up of five parent vacancies, the Tumuaiki, and a staff rep elected by the staff.

The current board have made the decision to appoint My School Election as the Returning Officer for our election and for the election to be provided online.

You would have all received an email outlining the nomination process - and we have added it below.

If you are interested in understanding more about the governance of our incredible kura — the ins and outs of what happens behind the scenes to help make our kura one of the best in the world — then we encourage you to **consider standing as a Board Member for Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi**.

Go to this link to the online nomination process <https://myschoolelection.nz/mynomination/>

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

Surely, 1 day a week doesn't matter...
It's only 10 minutes. 10 minutes is nothing...
Actually, this is what it may look like:

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	After 13 years of schooling...
10 minutes a day	50 mins a week	1 ½ days a week	½ a year
30 minutes a day	½ a day a week	4 weeks a year	1 ½ years
1 hour a day	1 day a week	8 weeks a year	2 ½ years
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks	1 ½ years
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks	Over 2 ½ years
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks	Over 5 years
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks	Nearly 8 years



PORTLAND SCHOOL TE KURA O TIKORANGI



PŌWHIRI

WEDNESDAY THE 30TH OF JULY

Pānui - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...



WE'RE GOING RED FOR RED NOSE DAY
TO HELP CURE KIDS FUND LIFE-TRANSFORMING
CHILD HEALTH RESEARCH

FRIDAY 1st August 2025
@ PORTLAND SCHOOL
TE KURA O TIKORANGI
GOLD COIN DONATION

rednoseday.co.nz



Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi is proud to support Cure Kids – **Friday 1st August!**

We're getting behind this important cause to help fund vital research and improve health outcomes for tamariki across Aotearoa.

How you can help:

- Wear red to kura to show your support
- Bring a gold coin donation to contribute to Cure Kids' amazing mahi

Let's come together as a kura whānau to make a difference for our tamariki – now and in the future.

Ka mau te wehi, Portland!

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

*** Staff Only Day Term 3 2025 ***

Tena tātou katoa e te whānau whānui o Portland School Te Kura Tikorangi.

As part of the Numeracy Curriculum changes
We will be having **a staff only day** in Term 3.

Monday 25th of August 2025

School will be closed for **ALL** students on this day.



While we understand that staff-only days may cause some inconvenience for our whānau. It is essential for our teachers to continually develop their teaching practices to provide the best possible learning programme for your tamariki.

This staff-only day has been mandated by the Ministry of Education to familiarise our Kaiako with the new Curriculum documents provided by the Government. It is equally important that our staff are well-versed in our school's strategic goals to ensure alignment with the aspirations of our kura.

Thank you all for your understanding and continued support for our kura.

Mihi atu, mihi atu, mihi atu ki a koutou katoa.

Rachel Bycroft - Tumuaiki/Principal

Pānui - Community Notices



SORE THROATS MATTER

Te mamae o te korokoro hei aukati rumatiki

Preventing Rheumatic Fever

Hei aukati i te kirikaa rumatiki

With winter on its way we need to be aware of tamariki getting sore throats.

For our Māori and Pacific tamariki sore throats can have long term health effects.

If your tamariki has a sore throat please get a throat swab from your Practice Nurse at your GP practice

Or

At a participating Pharmacy if your tamariki are:

Māori or Pacific aged 4-19

OR

Have a family history of Rheumatic Fever

All children are at risk of developing strep throat however, research has shown that the risk for this leading to Acute Rheumatic fever is predominantly higher in **Māori and Pacific tamariki, this is the reason for the eligibility criteria in the throat swabbing programme.**

Below is a list of participating pharmacies

Whangarei area

- Buchanan's Pharmacy, Tikipunga Whangarei
- Kensington Pharmacy, Kensington Whangarei
- Otaika Pharmacy, Otaika Whangarei
- Life Pharmacy Orrs (Cameron Street), Whangarei
- Unichem Orrs Pharmacy, Ruakaka
- Unichem Whangarei (next to Whitecross), Whangarei

Mid North

- Kaikohe Orrs Pharmacy, Kaikohe
- Unichem Kerikeri, Kerikeri
- Pahia Pharmacy, Pahia
- Te Hau Ora O Ngāpuhi, Kaikohe
- Kawakawa Pharmacy, Kawakawa

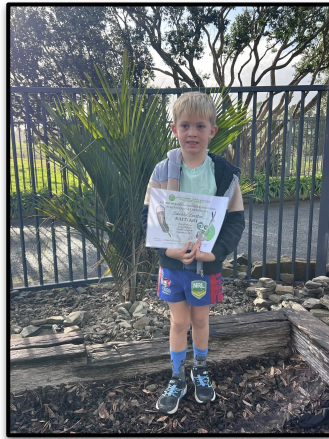
Far North

- Browns Pharmacy, Kaitaia

Public Health Nurses in your school are available to offer a throat swab to high-risk tamariki with a sore throat during their school visit.

SCHOOL VALUES END OF TERM HUI

Kaitiaki - I Am A Guardian.



Manaaki - I Uplift the Mana of Others



OUR SCHOOL VALUES

At Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi, our commitment to our kura values is ingrained in every aspect of our day. Our tamariki actively contributed to shaping and designing these values, giving them a sense of ownership and a deep understanding of what our values mean to us.

Kaitiaki



I am a Guardian



Kawenga



*I am the Best
I Can Be*

Pono



I am Trustworthy

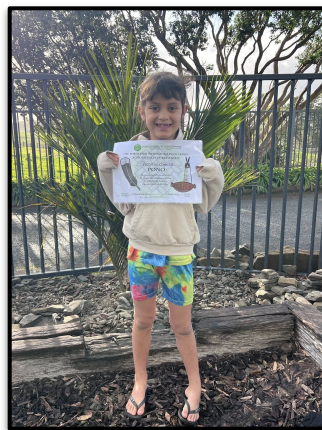
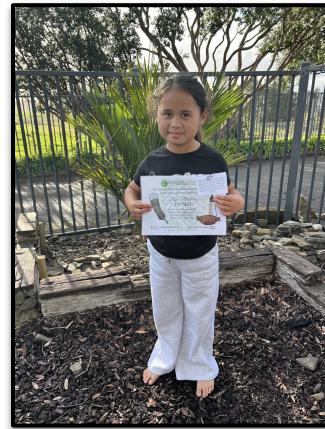
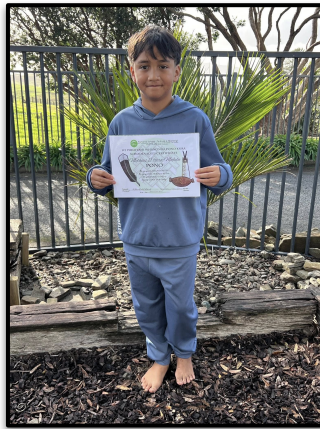
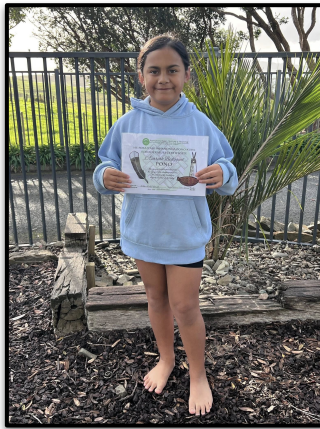
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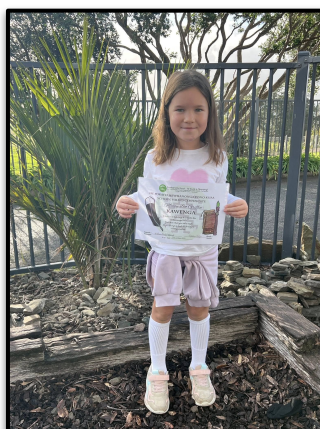
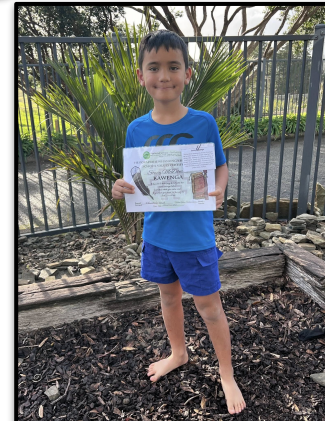
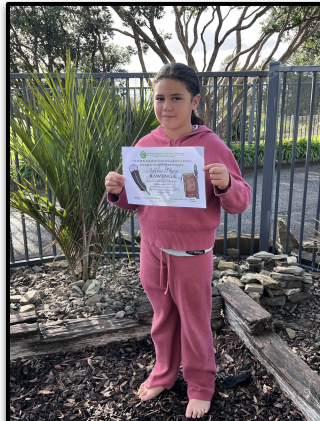
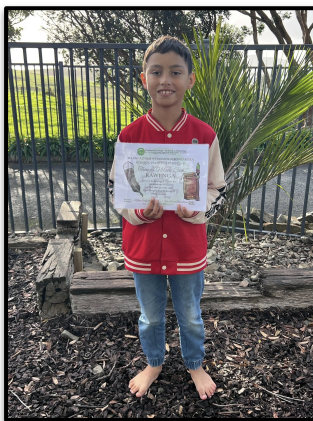
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SCHOOL VALUES END OF TERM HUI

Pono - I Am Trustworthy



Kawenga - I Am The Best I Can Be



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WHANGAREI

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST
SEMENOFF STADIUM
7.10PM

KIDS GO FREE
THANKS TO
AMOHIA TE WAIORA
WE'RE STRONGER WITHOUT ALCOHOL

ENTERTAINMENT PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY
TRANZNORTH
Temperature Controlled Distribution

RUGBY • LIVE MUSIC • DELICIOUS FOOD

ADULT TICKETS START AT **\$16**
Available on **eventfinda**
Processing fees apply

Cancer Society
Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa

BUNNINGS warehouse
NDC

NORTHLAND RUGBY vs **RUGBY SOUTHLAND**

Come and support the Northland Taniwha and Northland Kauri teams



SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST
SEMENOFF STADIUM

KIDS GO FREE
THANKS TO
AMOHIA TE WAIORA
WE'RE STRONGER WITHOUT ALCOHOL

ENTERTAINMENT PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY
TRANZNORTH
Temperature Controlled Distribution

FREE ENTRY FOR FIRST 250 IN CLUB COLOURS

ADULT TICKETS START AT **\$16**
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Cancer Society
Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa

BUNNINGS warehouse
NDC

CDLGroup
your outsource business partner

CLUB CUP
BUNNINGS warehouse

makō

NORTHLAND RUGBY vs **makō**

NORTHLAND TANIWHA VS TASMAN **2.05PM**
NORTHLAND KAURI VS TASMAN **4.35PM**

YOUR WELLBEING

Winter Wellness

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

A guide to managing communicable diseases for schools, early childhood education and care centres, kura, Kōhanga Reo, and language nests.

This guide is intended for schools, early childhood education and care centres (ECEs), kura kaupapa Māori, Kōhanga Reo and language nests. It provides information on serious infectious diseases you may come into contact with and what actions may be required to stop them spreading.

It covers influenza, gastroenteritis illnesses (including norovirus), measles, meningococcal disease, mumps and pertussis (whooping cough).

For each of these information is provided on:

- Common symptoms and how the illness spreads
- How to protect your community and prevent illness
- What to do if someone has the disease or illness (or if you suspect they have it)
- Where to find more information

Specific guidance on COVID-19 is available separately from: [info.health.nz/conditions-treatments/infectious-diseases/covid-19/if-you-have-covid-19/](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-conditions-treatments/infectious-diseases/covid-19/if-you-have-covid-19/)

Infectious (communicable) diseases

are ones which can be spread from one person to another, most commonly through coughing, sneezing, or through contamination of food, drinks, surfaces and objects (including drinking bottles and vapes) by someone who has the disease.

Notifiable diseases

are diseases or illnesses which must be notified to a Medical Officer of Health (a Public Health Doctor) by other health practitioners and laboratories.

If someone has a notifiable disease and there was a risk of them passing it on to others at your education setting, then public health may contact you so together you can prevent any further spread of the disease.

Knowing if a child is well enough to be at school

Health New Zealand - Te Whatu ora has released guidance for parents and school leaders on when it is okay for a child to still be at school and when an unwell child should be at home.

Guidance for schools: [info.health.nz/pregnancy-children/childhood-conditions/knowning-if-a-child-is-well-enough-to-be-at-school-guidance-for-schools/](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-conditions-treatments/infectious-diseases/covid-19/if-you-have-covid-19/)

Guidance for parents & carers: [info.health.nz/pregnancy-children/childhood-conditions/knowning-if-your-child-is-well-enough-to-go-to-school-guidance-for-parents](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-conditions-treatments/infectious-diseases/covid-19/if-you-have-covid-19/)

Your role as kaitiaki for your community

As an education provider you play a key role in keeping your community safe. This may include promoting preventative measures and supporting the management of infectious disease outbreaks which may occur on your premises or among tamariki, students and staff (kaimahi).

Key things you need to know:

- School principals (of State Schools) can preclude a student from attending if they believe on reasonable grounds they may have a communicable disease (using Section 77 of the Education and Training Act 2020)
- Medical Officers of Health have certain powers to manage notifiable diseases on a case-by-case basis

If someone who you believe has a communicable disease does not stay away from your service or school as requested, you can contact the local medical officer of health for advice and support.

If you require further advice contact your regional public health service:

www.tewhaturora.govt.nz/our-health-system/health-sector-organisations/public-health-contacts/

For more information on your roles and responsibilities regarding communicable and notifiable diseases visit: www.education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/health-and-wellbeing/communicable-diseases-in-early-learning-services-and-schools-a-guide-to-legal-powers/



COMING UP...

BOT Hui	Monday 28th July Monday 15th September
Pōwhiri	Wednesday 30th July
Teacher Only Day	Monday 25th August
End of Term Celebration Hui	Thursday 18th September
LAST DAY OF TERM 3	Friday 19th September



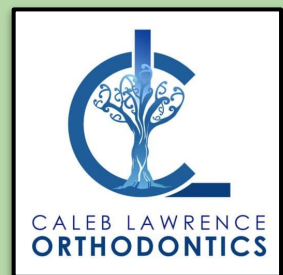
Did you know!?
KickStart Breakfast provides breakfast to over 1,400 schools everyday across Aotearoa! Come along and check out our breakfast club to KickStart your day!




Come along and join our Kickstart Breakfast Club! A great way to fuel your day & connect with friends! Let's make every morning count!



Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi Sponsors



Support from Others



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