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hei anga mua*

NEWSLETTER
Issue 1
5 February 2026

What a pleasure it is to welcome everyone back,
and a very special *nau mai* to our new staff,
students and their whanau.



Hinemoa 1 says "Hi"...

Just a reminder that the administration block is still over in the
gym mezz (orange building) for another term,
whilst our building is under repair. *We are here to help...*

PLEASE ensure you report to the office when coming into our school!

SCHOOL IS CLOSED tomorrow Friday, 6th February for Waitangi Day.
Wishing our Lynmore whanau a safe and fabulous long weekend.

Lucky Book Club - Issue 1 2026

Keep an eye out! This week your child/children will be bringing home Issue 1 of
the Scholastic Lucky Book Club. Orders are OPEN and will CLOSE on
Friday 20 February. visit [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.co.nz/LOOP)

SUNHATS ARE COMPULSORY IN TERM 1, 2026 AND TERM 4, 2026
School sunhats are available at the school office for a cost of \$12.00.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to **Week 2 of 2026** and our very first newsletter for the year. What an incredible start to the year. I have loved visiting classrooms this week and seeing so many smiling faces, happy to be back at school, reconnecting with friends and settling into learning routines. There is a real sense of energy and positivity across Lynmore, and it's been wonderful to feel that buzz again.

Learning at Lynmore

Across the school, classes are now establishing their weekly routines, with a strong focus on our core curriculum learning areas. Alongside classroom learning, students will also engage in specialist programmes while teachers are released for classroom release time. These include:

- **Digital Learning** with Whaea Whai
- **Performing Arts** with Mr Kidd
- **Health and Physical Education** with Mrs Mac
- **Environmental Science** with Matua Yosuke

These specialist programmes add depth, balance and rich learning opportunities to our curriculum and are something our tamariki really value.

Swimming at Lynmore

Swimming is a key part of Term 1 at Lynmore. All classes will have a **weekly pool session** allocated to them. Please remember to send your child to school on their swimming day with:

- Appropriate swimwear
- A towel
- Goggles (if they have them)

Thank you for helping us ensure our students are prepared and confident for their sessions.

Library at Lynmore

All classes will also visit the library **once a week**. This is an opportunity for children to borrow a book and return it at their next visit. We encourage children to read for enjoyment, and library time also provides a great opportunity for them to develop responsibility by borrowing books, caring for them, and returning them so others can enjoy them too.

Important Information Inside This Newsletter

Inside this newsletter you will find information about our **new school uniform**, along with a **very important message about keeping our tamariki safe**. Please take the time to read both of these sections carefully.

HERO Student Management System

We now have our new **Student Management System (SMS)** live. Please remember to download the **HERO app** to your device if you haven't already. HERO is our key platform for communication, learning updates, and reporting, and it is important that all whānau are connected.

Reporting to Parents

You may have seen recent media releases from the Minister regarding reporting to parents and the use of different standardised assessment tools, with commentary about what is believed to be best for all students. What has not been clearly communicated is that the professional learning to support these new expectations has not yet been delivered in many schools, and a number of the advertised expectations have not been gazetted.

From our school perspective, we will continue to do what we know is best for our tamariki. Lynmore School will continue to report to parents at **mid-year and end-of-year**, as expected.

Please also remember that you are welcome to contact your child's teacher at any time to get an update on how your child is progressing with their learning.

Thank you for the positive and settled start to the year. We are really looking forward to everything 2026 has in store for our Lynmore community.

Ngā mihi nui,
Hinei Taute
Principal

NEW TEACHING STAFF...

We warmly welcome ...



[Amy Adams](#) (*Whaea Amy*)

Kia ora, I am Whaea Amy and I am the teacher in Kupe 5. I am very excited to be joining the Lynmore Team and look forward to all the awesome things that is in store for this year.

When I am not at school I enjoy walking in our beautiful forests, swimming, reading and traveling. I recently got back from a trip to Japan and it was incredible. I am passionate about creating a fun, curious, and respectful classroom environment where all learners feel celebrated!



[Eden Devcich](#) (*Whaea Eden*)

I'm Eden, and I've recently moved over from the beautiful Mount Maunganui. I have been teaching for six years in Year 5/6, as well as running my own *mahi toi* (art) classroom for two of those years. During this time, I painted murals in the community alongside tamariki and ran music and drama classes. In term 4 of last year, I took over the new entrant classroom as well as doing relieving prior! So I have gotten to know many students, whanau and staff already!

I love being creative and finding innovative ways to teach and learn, blending hands-on experiences to support all types of learners.

I am super excited for this next adventure teaching at Lynmore Primary School!

We look forward to having you both join our Lynmore whanau.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Safe Parking Message

Kia ora whānau,

Thank you to those families who are making positive changes around safe parking. Unfortunately, we need to be very clear that unsafe parking and drop-off practices are still occurring and are placing our tamariki and wider community at serious risk.

We are continuing to see:

- Vehicles parking on the shared pathway on Larcy Road
- Cars stopping on yellow lines and in *no-stopping zones* on Larcy Road and Iles Road
- Vehicles parking on footpaths, forcing pedestrians and children onto the road
- Parents driving into the **staff carpark** to drop off children

Of significant concern, the staff carpark is **not a drop-off zone**. This space is small, busy, and not designed for student movement. Vehicles reversing and turning in tight spaces creates an extremely dangerous situation for children and staff.

This week, we received a report of a vehicle reversing into a driveway to turn around and narrowly missing a young child who was scootering to school. The child was only kept safe because a walking parent was able to alert the driver by tapping on the boot. This was a near miss — and a sobering reminder of how quickly things can go wrong.

At the same time, we are actively encouraging our students to walk, bike, or scooter to school. Parking on shared pathways and footpaths directly undermines this message and makes active travel unsafe for our youngest learners.

To support safer practices, we currently have **volunteer parents walking along Iles Road during peak times**, kindly asking drivers not to park where they shouldn't. We are incredibly grateful for their support and willingness to help keep our community safe. These conversations are not about blame — they are about protecting children.

Please note the following **non-negotiables**:

- The **staff carpark is not to be used** for student drop-off or pick-up
- The **gym carpark is not a drop-off zone** and will be coned off
- **Do not remove cones** — they are in place for safety reasons
- Shared pathways, footpaths, yellow lines, and no-stopping zones must remain clear at all time.

These measures are in place to protect children, families, staff, and members of our wider community, including those with mobility needs who rely on clear and safe access.

We ask all whānau to:

- Park legally and safely, even if it means parking further away
- Allow extra time for drop-off and pick-up
- Respect volunteer parents and staff who are supporting safe practices
- Model safe, respectful road use for our tamariki

If unsafe practices continue, we will have no option but to work with external agencies to support improved traffic management around our school. ***This is about one thing only: keeping our tamariki safe. Thank you for working with us to make this happen.***

Ngā mihi nui,

Hinei Taute



FOR YOUR INFORMATION...



Lynmore School has now moved to Hero. To create your Hero account, follow the instructions at this link: <https://our-hero.com/parent-guide>

We do recommend downloading the Hero app for your phone.
If you have any problems with getting set up on the Hero
please email us at hero@lynmore.school.nz

New School Uniform – Sizing & Ordering Information

Kia ora whānau,

We are excited to see our new school uniform being rolled out and would like to share some important information to support you with sizing and ordering.

Uniform Shop Hours

Sierra will be available in the uniform shop for sizing support at the following times **every school day**:

- **Morning:** 8.30am – 9.00am
- **Afternoon:** 1.30pm – 2.00pm

We strongly encourage whānau to come in during these times to ensure the best fit for your child. If you are unable to make these times, **Mary-Anne or Kerrie** are also able to assist during normal office hours.

Ordering via KINDO – Delivery Time frames

Please note that once an order is placed through **KINDO**, there is a **4–5 week turnaround time**. This is because:

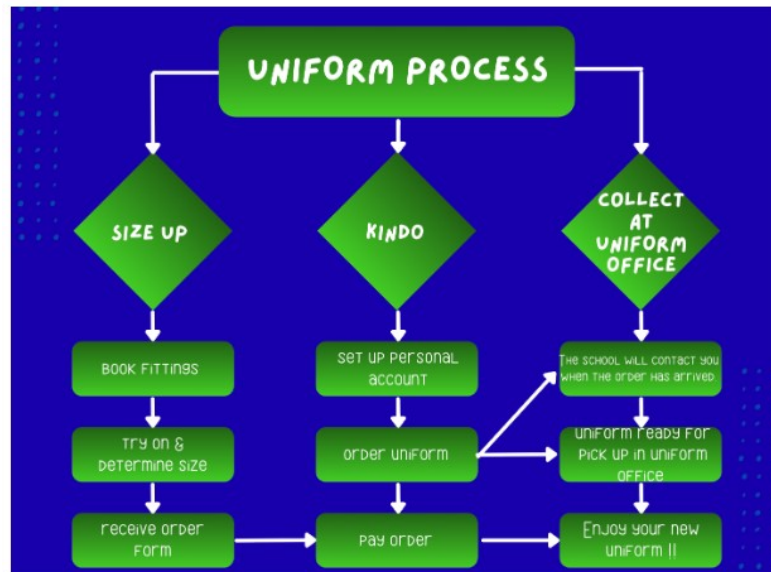
- Orders are **collated weekly**
- A **production order** is then sent to the supplier
- **Production takes approximately 3–4 weeks**
- Uniform items are then **delivered to Lynmore School** for distribution

We encourage families to plan ahead, particularly if uniforms are needed for the start of a new term. *Thank you for your ongoing support as we transition into our new uniform. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.*

Ngā mihi nui,
Lynmore School



NEW LYNMORE SCHOOL UNIFORM ...



Step-By-Step Kindo.

Go to www.kindo.co.nz

- Or download the Kindo App

Create an account

- Click "Sign up" / "Register"

- Enter your name, email, and password.

Verify your email

- Open the Kindo confirmation email and click the link.

Find your school

- Search for **Lynmore School** and select it.

Add your child

- Enter their name, class, or family code (if required).

Set up payment

- Add a debit/credit card or other available payment option.



Please note: We do not keep stock on site and when you place your order, this will then be sent for manufacture.

We will be able to give you an **estimated date of arrival** for each week's orders.

You'll receive an **email notification once your order is ready** for collection.

Please **collect it from the Uniform Office**, located in the Gym Mezz.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...



PONGAKAWA SCHOOL



Pongakawa School
welcomes their
new Principal,
Michael Cunliffe

We wish him all the very best!



Photos from Michael's powhiri
which was attended by Hinei ,
some staff and pupils
from our school.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

2026 SCHOOL DATES

Term 1

Last day for term

Thursday, 2nd April

Term 2

Monday, 20th April -

Friday, 3rd July

Term 3

Monday, 20th July -

Monday, 25th September

Term 4

Monday, 12th October -

Friday, 11th December

Our School Wakes Up....

The school stretches in the morning sun.

The gate yawns wide—our day's begun.

The bell shouts loudly, "Come on in!"

While the playground grins.

The classrooms whisper, "Take a seat."

The pencils and pens dance across the pages.

The books and iPads unlock ideas from every age.

The teachers' voices float through the air.

The whiteboards listen, proud and fair.

The clocks race, then slow right down.

The lunchboxes laugh when friends are around.

At home time, the bags sighs,

"What a day!"

The school waves gently

As we walk away!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday, 6th February

SCHOOL CLOSED
for Waitangi Day

Monday, 13th February

Community at 2.00pm
in the hall

Wednesday, 18th February

H5 and K6 12km forest walk

Friday, 20th February

Community at 2.00pm
in the hall

Friday, 27th February

Community at 2.00pm
in the hall - Ihenga 6

Friday, 6th March

Community at 2.00pm
In the hall - Ihenga 7

Friday, 13th March

Community at 2.00pm
In the hall - Ihenga 4

From the Principal...

Congratulations to

Oli Ihenga 6

who won Lakes Performing Arts Company's Top Junior Musician at their showcase in December.

Oli performed 'Wherever I May Roam' by Metallica on guitar in the musicians showcase.



**WELL
DONE
OLI!**

**We are
super
proud
of
you.**

SPORTS NEWS...

Term 1 is a busy time for sport at Lynmore School with plenty of sports to choose from. Some sports are available to all age groups and some are limited to older students. In term 1 you can play the following sports for Lynmore School

Touch Rugby

Futsal - indoor soccer (Registrations close Sunday 8th February)

Cricket (Registrations close Wednesday 11th February)

Netball (details still to be confirmed)

You can find further details and registration information about each sport below.

If you have any questions **please email** sports@lynmore.school.nz.

TOUCH RUGBY

Touch Rugby is a fun, fast paced form of non-contact rugby for all ages and abilities.

Year 1-4 play Wednesday afternoon.

WHERE: Games are played at Westbrook Rugby grounds on Devon Street.

WHO: Years 0-6

COST: \$32

Registration details and further information for Touch Rugby can be found here

<https://forms.gle/CPyCQAgi1Ddhmq576> **Registrations closed Tuesday 3rd February.**

FUTSAL

Futsal is the official version of indoor football (soccer). The competition is open to players from Year 3 -6. It's fast-paced, great for skill development and lots of fun!

WHEN: Term 1, games are played on Sundays between 10.00am - 6.00pm.

WHERE:: Rotorua Girls' High School Arena

WHO: Years 3-6, Mixed and Girls' only team.

COST: \$30 **Registrations Close Sunday 8th February.**

HARDBALL CRICKET (Harrow Grade)

Hardball cricket is played using wooden bats and protective gear (helmets, gloves, batting pads etc), as well as a hard cricket ball. It is suited for children who have already played Incrediball Cricket or who have well-developed hand-eye coordination.

WHEN: Thursday afternoons starting February 19th.

WHERE: Games are held mostly in Rotorua, but you may also play one game in Tokoroa depending on the draw.

WHO: Years 4-6

COST: \$35

Registration details and further information for Hardball Cricket can be found here

<https://forms.gle/gNg6RvWBf7job5ji7> **Registrations close Wednesday 11th February.**

SMASHPLAY CRICKET

Junior crickets skills sessions to learn the fundamental skills of cricket.

WHO: Years 1-3 (approx.)

WHERE: Smallbone Park on Thursday evenings.

To register for SmashPlay use this link:

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/6338cd>

INCREDIBALL CRICKET

For players that have learned some fundamental skills and want to begin playing cricket. Games are played using a softer plastic ball and plastic bats. All gear is supplied.

WHO: Years 3-5 (approx.)

WHERE: Smallbone Park on Thursday evenings is now open for registrations.

To register for Incrediball use this link: <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/0786e4>

If you have questions about SMASHPLAY and INCREDIBALL Cricket, contact:

info@rotoruaicricket.co.nz

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

CRICKET FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS!



SMASH PLAY

Yrs 1-3
approx.)

- Entry-level cricket coached with soft plastic gear
- Designed for children 5-8; 4pm-4:45pm at Smallbone Park



INCREDIBALL

Yrs 3-5
approx.)

- Modified cricket using a soft ball & plastic bat
- Best suited for children 7-10; 4pm-5pm at Smallbone Park

REGISTER NOW!

Please see www.rotoruaicricket.co.nz to register for **SmashPlay** or **Incrediball**, for **Hardball Cricket** register through your school.

HARROWS HARDBALL

Yrs 4-6 approx.)

- Played with wooden bats & full protective gear
- For kids 8-10 who have played Incrediball and are ready for real cricket!
- Intermediate Yrs 5-6 & High School Yrs 9+ options also available.



www.rotoruaicricket.co.nz

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Rotorua Hard Ball CRICKET

● Harrows (Primary Year 3-6)

● Colts (Intermediate Year 7-8)

● Collegiate (High School Year 9+)



Hardball Cricket

- Hardball cricket is played using wooden bats and protective gear (helmets, gloves, batting pads etc), as well as a hard cricket ball. It is suited for children who have already played Incrediball Cricket or who have well-developed hand-eye coordination.

- Teams: are made up of 8 kids per team, all games are mixed genders.

- Games: will be played on Thursday afternoons.

Matches are held in Rotorua starting at 3.45pm at various grounds around Rotorua (Boord Park, Neil Hunt, Puarenga etc).

You may play one game in Reporoa or Tokoroa, depending on the draw and entries.

Training: Nets are available for training, please book these through

- info@rotoruaicricket.co.nz.

- Fees: The cost for hardball cricket is \$35 per player per term.

- Coaches: Teams are required to have a coach and a parent

- For questions, please contact info@rotoruaicricket.co.nz

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

PIRIPOHO SERVICE

Did you know we provide a FREE health and wellness service for ANY whānau residing on the eastside of Rotorua?

We know whānau are struggling to enrol in a general practice or make an appointment to see a GP or nurse in their practice....

WE CAN HELP!!!

Services can include:

- Health and wellness checks (BP, HR, temp etc)
- Diagnostic testing (throat / skin swabs, HPV testing, viral swabs etc)
- Prescribe a large range of medication for a acute conditions (strep / skin / respiratory infections, conjunctivitis, pain relief, headlice etc)
 - Blood tests (Cardiovascular tests, diabetes etc)
- Pregnancy testing / contraception education and medication

And lots of other things... just ask

ALL services are FREE and can be done in a clinic setting or a home visit, regardless of which medical practice you are enrolled with.

#ForOurCommunity #PiripohoService

You can contact us on
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Piripoho Nurse Leesa: Text 027 345 9699
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SUMMER NAV SERIES **2026**

DATE

11 February, Wednesday
18 February, Wednesday
25 February, Wednesday
4 March, Wednesday
11 March, Wednesday
18 March, Wednesday
25 March, Wednesday

EVENT

1. Lynmore Streets
2. Koutu
3. Hillcrest
4. Government Gardens
BREAK
5. Kuirau Park
6. Redwoods

Registration from 4.15pm

Start between 4.30-6pm

Course Closure 7pm

Turn up and enter on the day – bring cash. For those of you doing most of the events we encourage you to purchase a *Summer Nav Series Ticket*.

AGE

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SERIES

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Child <5 yrs	Free	Free	Free	Free
School Child	\$5	\$5	\$20	\$30
Adult >18 yrs	\$10	\$15	\$35	\$55
Family	\$20	\$35	\$70	\$100

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

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Volunteer with the CAB
Find out more at cab.org.nz or call us on 0800 387 222

Citizens Advice Bureau

Do you want to be part of a fantastic Voluntary organisation helping thousands of people every year with information, advice and advocacy?

The **Rotorua Citizens Advice Bureau** is looking for people to join their Initial Training Course starting on 16 June 2025.

If you:

- Love people
- Love learning
- Have good computer skills
- Have three hours a week to give back to the community
- Can listen well and hear what others are saying
- Are patient, can keep confidences, impartial and non-judgemental

Then this could be your new "thing"!

Our training course involves a mixture of classroom sessions, completing some online modules and being paired with an experienced Bureau worker to observe and then start providing our service.

Email rotorua@cab.org.nz or ring 07 348 3936 to find out more and ask for an Application Form.

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Citizens Advice Bureau

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help to protect our tamariki and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our children at risk. Please park considerately.

Please don't :

- Park across or within 1m of a driveway
- Park on a pedestrian crossing
- Park on yellow lines
- Park on the footpath
- Double park



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LYNMORE SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

**We strive to inspire a lifelong passion for learning.
 Our approach is rooted in championing teaching excellence and
 providing a diverse range of learning opportunities in an
 engaging environment.
 Drawing on meaningful connections to our hauora, whenua, iwi,
 hapū and whānau, we empower our students to
 become compassionate and well-rounded individuals.**

YMCA — Before and After School Care (based at Lynmore School Hall)
 For more information please email oscar.waikato@ymcahamilton.org.nz
 Or call 07 8382529!



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