



# DISCOVERY SCHOOL

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Week 3, Term 2

NEWSLETTER

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He waka eke noa – we're all in this together  
E so'o le fau i le fau – unity is strength

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## Mai te pene a te Tumuaki | From the Principals' Pen

Kia ora e te whānau

A huge thank you to everyone for the incredible effort that went into our tamariki's Book Week costumes! While I was away on a course and disappointed to miss out on the dressing-up fun myself, I've loved seeing the photos. The creativity across the school was wonderful to see.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our **Literacy Parent Evening**. We will provide an overview of how literacy is taught in our classrooms and share practical ways you can support your child's learning at home.

- **Date:** Wednesday 20 May
- **Time:** 6:45pm – 7:45pm (Tea and coffee available from 6:30pm)
- **Location:** School Hall

We have now confirmed our second Curriculum Day for staff professional development. As part of the Ministry of Education's rollout of new curriculum documents, all schools are allocated two days for staff to engage with these changes. **School will be closed on Monday 24 August.** Please note this date in your diary; Kelly Club will be available for those who require childcare arrangements for the day.

As we are not eligible for the Ministry of Education's donations scheme (which provides extra funding to schools in certain areas), we rely on community contributions to maintain our high standard of programmes. To provide some context, if we were eligible for the government scheme, we would receive approximately \$76,000 in additional funding annually. This highlights why your donations are so vital to our daily operations. We currently have **63%** of families who have paid their donation for the year. We are very mindful of the current cost-of-living pressures facing our households—pressures which we are also feeling here at school—and we truly appreciate any contribution you can make to support our students. If you have not yet made a donation, we would value your support. We welcome part-payments or the setup of a recurring payment plan that suits your family budget; every bit truly makes a difference for our tamariki. Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss payment options or need our account details.

Ngā mihi

*Kaylene*

## Introducing Falyn Tipene our New Board Member

Tēnā koutou katoa,

No Te Tai Tokerau Ahau, engari I tupu ake au ki Tamaki Makaurau me Ki Whitby Mātou ko ōku whānau e noho ana inaianei.

Ko Falyn tōkū ingoa.

No reira, tēnā koutou tēnā koutou tēnā koutou katoa.

I am from the Far North but I grew up in Auckland and now live in Whitby with my family.

I have four tamariki, two big boys who live in Melbourne Australia with their partners and two girls. Meri is a Year 8, and Stella is a Year 5 and both attend Discovery Kura. I also have my hubby Rob Thompson who works in the Transport Industry and is also mad about Rugby League and watches it religiously, Up The Wahs!!!!

Both my girls enjoy playing sports; Netball, Flag and Rugby League just to name a few.

I myself have been studying Te Reo Maori for the last two years and have just graduated gaining my certificate in Level 3 & 4 from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

I am happy to be able to tautoko te kura by being your new Māori Representative, and look forward to what this space may bring for all of us together.

Ka nui te mihi,  
Falyn Tipene



## Front gate not to be latched open before 3pm

When arriving to pick your children up at the end of the day, please be aware that gates need to remain closed until 3pm. This is for the safety of our children and we kindly ask that if you arrive early, you avoid latching gates open - please close them after you.

## Policy Review

We use School Docs to house our school policies. This system ensures we are complying with legislation and also allows for parents and staff to have input into board policy review. This term, we are reviewing the policies listed below.

Term 2 policies	Review opens 20 April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Daily School Bus*</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School Swimming Pool*/ <b>Swimming Off Site*</b></li></ul>	Board review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)</b></li></ul>	Board review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities</b></li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>EOTC Risk Assessment and Management</b></li></ul>	

\*Not all schools have this policy

School Docs enables parents to log in and give feedback on policies that are then considered when they are up for review. Please log into the system and use the review tab/comment function to send us your feedback. Log in details can be found on our school website:

<https://www.discovery.school.nz/charter/school-docs-policies-and-procedures>

## New variable 30km/h speed limit signage outside school gates



Over the next three months, Porirua City Council is installing new variable 30km/h speed limit signage outside school gates. The variable speed will apply approximately 150 metres either side of each school gate.

In 2024, the Government introduced the new [Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024](#). This rule requires us to implement variable speed limits of 30km/h during 'school travel periods' outside all schools. 'Variable' means the speed limit varies during the day. During school travel periods, the speed limit will be 30km/h – outside these times, the usual speed limit will apply.

Council has worked with schools and their communities to identify roads outside school gates and to set school travel times. We will be using static variable signs that list the times when the 30km/h speed limit applies.

School travel periods vary from school to school based on their needs; the table below lists the schools and times at which the 30km/hr speed limit will apply, both in the morning and in the afternoons.

If you have any questions, please contact the Transport team at the Council.

School name	Suburb	Morning	Afternoon
Discovery School	Whitby	8.15–9.30am	2.30–3.30pm

## Licence plate technology hits Porirua streets - message from the Porirua City Council

Porirua City Council is introducing licence plate recognition technology from 4 May 2026 to help Council manage parking in a more efficient, consistent, and customer-friendly way around the city.

We know that unsafe parking is an issue around our schools, creating a real danger for tamariki by limiting visibility and making them hard to see. The cameras will be attached to one of the Council's cars to monitor parking around the city's schools, checking if cars are parking on broken yellow lines, across driveways, or on berms and footpaths.

As the vehicle drives through an area, it can register whether parking requirements, such as payment or time limits, have been met. The technology will record the plate number of vehicles, the time and location and any visible parking signage. The information is then sent back to Council and will be reviewed by a warranted parking officer before an infringement is issued.

Council's Manager of Policy, Planning & Regulatory Services, Nic Etheridge, confirms that the camera operates within the requirements of the Privacy Act and people's faces will be blurred in any images. Council will use images only for evidence gathering and enforcement – LPR information will be stored on the same system as our current infringement information.

In Porirua, this technology will support parking officers in their day-to-day work and keep them safe as it allows them to stay in the vehicle. Down the track, LPR may be used for checking warrants of fitness and registrations and whether a car is stolen, along with data collection of parking and road use around Porirua, informing future decisions and city development by our transport team.

Please visit the Council's website for more information and FAQs; go to <https://porirua.govt.nz/services/parking-transport/find-carpark/>

## School Bank Account Numbers:

We suggest you set the accounts as follows:

**DSchool** for all school payments and donations please use the school bank account:

**Discovery School Board**  
**12-3254-0122028-00**

**DSchool Pizza** for Pizza fundraisers

**Discovery School Board**  
**12-3254-0122028-52**

**DSchool PTA** for DSPTA fundraisers

**Discovery School Parent Teacher Association**  
**12-3254-0129836-00**

## Fundraising Opportunity - Harlem Globetrotters



The NBL, in partnership with Discovery School, have partnered for a unique fundraising opportunity. If you use the code **GLOBETROTTERS99** when purchasing tickets to the Harlem Globetrotters at Wellington - TSB Arena - 16th July, you will be raising funds for Discovery School.

Get your tickets now - it's The 100 Year Tour and not something you're going to want to miss. See you there!"

### Ticketing Links

**Ticketmaster** TSB Arena: [Ticketmaster special offer click here](#)

## 2026 ezlunch

If you would like to open a **new account** for 2026 scan the QR code below.



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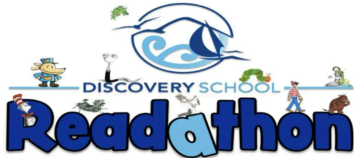
Please note cut off time for ordering is 8.30am

**Monday** - Truffle Café  
**Wednesday** - Kurashi Catering Sushi  
**Friday** - Pita Pit

# TRUFFLE



## Discovery School PTA - DSPTA News



**DSPTA Readathon** - Thank you for celebrating a love of reading and getting sponsorships for reading lots of books/pages and minutes! Please send back your sponsorship money and reading logs to school this week!

**Friday 8th May:** All money and forms due: Please collect all money and return it and the booklet/reading log to the school office by **Friday 8th, May**. Money can be transferred to the DSPTA's bank account (preferred), in cash to the office or Give-a-little page by that date.

**DSPTA Account Number:** 12-3254-0129836-000 Please note that this differs from the school account number Statement Details: Readathon, child's name, child's class


**Give-a-little page** - <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/discovery-school-readathon-2026>


### Future sausage sizzle dates & Class Parent Help Allocation


**This year we're trying a slightly different approach to our lunchtime sausage sizzles, with the aim of sharing the workload more evenly across our school community.** Each classroom will be assigned to one sausage sizzle during the year, for which we'd love support from the parents and whānau from those classes to run.

Tuesday 23rd June - Room 4, 13, 18 parent helpers  23.6.26 Lunch Helpers

Tuesday 28th July - Room 5, 14, 23 parent helpers  28.7.26 Lunch Helpers

Tuesday 8th September - Room 6, 9, 20 parent helpers  8.9.26 Lunch Helpers

Tuesday 20th October - Room 10, 21, 22 parent helpers  20.10.26 Lunch Helpers

Tuesday 17th November - Room 7, 8, 23 parent helpers  17.11.26 Lunch Helpers

Many hands make light work! Thanks in advance.



**New Disco DATE:** Term 2 Disco - Friday 19th June: Let's celebrate the 70's as Discovery School was established in the 70's with a 70's themed Disco! Think flares, bold print, denim, bright colours.. The more fun, the better!

### **Chartered Accountant Help please:**

Our usual reviewer of the PTA financial statements is no longer available and we need to arrange a new one so that we can have their report prior to our AGM next month.

We were wondering if someone would be willing to do this or who could put us in touch with someone that would be (ideally on a voluntary basis).

This needs to be a Chartered Accountant willing to undertake a review, like an audit but not as involved, and to provide a report confirming they have carried out a review. If you have any questions, please email [treasurer.dspta@discovery.school.nz](mailto:treasurer.dspta@discovery.school.nz)

## YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF



RATING TBC

**LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI  
3 PAEKAKARIKI HILL ROAD  
SUNDAY 17TH MAY 5.00PM**

**ARRIVE AT 4.00PM | TICKETS \$25**

*Discovery School Fundraiser, & DSPTA social get-together! All welcome!*

**Bring cash for raffles and treats for sale on the night**

**Book tickets by emailing: [dspta@discovery.school.nz](mailto:dspta@discovery.school.nz)**

**Movie Night** - Please join us for a fun and fashionable evening - Some great raffle prizes up for grabs too! For tickets: email [dspta@discovery.school.nz](mailto:dspta@discovery.school.nz)

### **Keen to be involved?**

If you'd like to be involved in the PTA and help decide what fundraisers we run and where our contributions go, please get in touch by emailing [dspta@discovery.school.nz](mailto:dspta@discovery.school.nz) for more details, or come along to one of our meetings. Our next meeting is:

**Wednesday 27th May, 6:30pm, 2026 AGM, followed by our monthly meeting, Discovery School Staffroom**

**DSPTA Website:** Check out the new DSPTA page on the Discovery School webpage [DSPTA | Discovery School](#)

## Discovery Pacific Voyagers

Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Taloha Ni, Nisa bula vinaka and warm Pacific greetings everyone. This group was established in September 2013 with the vision of including some of our Pasifika cultures, languages, songs and contexts into the learning environments at Discovery School.

We are a group of parents/grandparents who want to work with the school's staff and leadership/management to support them to understand, strengthen and maintain the identities, languages and cultures of the Pasifika students and families of Discovery school. We welcome everyone who has an interest in supporting our Pasifika children and families at Discovery school. There are many opportunities for you to be involved and information about these opportunities will be on the school website and in the school newsletters. Meitaki maata, Fa'afetai tele lava Join the Facebook page [Discovery Pacific Voyagers](#)

## Māori Parents Group At Discovery School

Discovery School's Whānau Group is made up of whānau Māori within the school community who like to meet termly to celebrate Te Aō Māori and learn more about it. The Whānau Group is a space for our whānau Māori to develop their understanding of our culture and identity through celebrations, Māori traditions and practices, share kai and encourage whānau to meet and form relationships. We acknowledge the importance of identity in our taura (students) and how it contributes towards our tamariki enjoying and achieving educational success. We meet once a term and welcome the involvement of all Māori students and their whānau.

Join the Facebook page [Whānau group facebook page](#)



## Kelly Club Before and After School Care

Click on this link for more information about our before and after school care. [Kelly Club Before and After School Care](#)

## Community Notices

For information on activities in our community click on this link, these will be updated as we receive information regarding events in the community. [Community Notices](#).