



DISCOVERY SCHOOL

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Week 8, Term 2

NEWSLETTER

11 June 2026

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 Principal's Pen

Kia ora e te whānau

It's been a very busy term of learning here at school. There's a buzz of excitement as we build up to our 50th Jubilee celebrations, most of which the students are playing a lead role in. For a full outline of the events taking place on the 23rd, 25th & 26th of June, please see the details later in this newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

I have a few shout outs:

- Thanks to everyone who ordered stationery through Office Max for this year. We get a payment based on the percentage of stationery sales to our school community. This year we received \$1,321.76, which is double last year's payment. A huge thanks - this helps our budget a lot. We are using it to go towards the student-led projects for the 50th and also to support our conceptual curriculum learning around sustainability in Terms 3 & 4.
- The DSPTA recently held their AGM. I want to thank Ali Heath and the team for all they do to support us. DSPTA funds are essential for supporting the rich learning opportunities we offer our tamariki and we are very grateful. They have an update later in the newsletter - please take the time to read it and help out where you can.
- The Student Council and House Leaders are working hard to provide a great day of celebration for our tamariki as part of our Jubilee. They also do amazing mahi each day when they use our internal intercom system to make sure everyone is aware of what's going for the day ahead. Thanks team!

Our Annual Report was recently submitted to the Ministry of Education. It is also available on our [website](#) for anyone who wishes to view it. All information in the report relates to 2025 and it provides our audited financial statements, a summary of the school wide achievement data, and a statement of variance about our strategic actions.

Welcome back to Lynley Stewart who has started our latest class of 5 year olds in Room 6. It's great to have Lynley back on the team. Welcome to all the tamariki who have started school, or moved from another school recently.

Ngā mihi

Kaylene

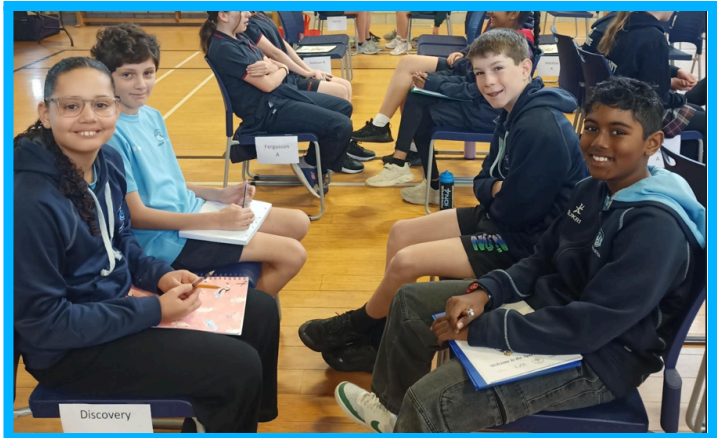
Literacy Evening

It was great to see people at our Literacy Evening in late May. Hopefully you have an understanding of the approaches and sorts of activities we are including in our literacy programmes, with a focus on reading, writing and oral language. A key take away for parents is to make sure you are reading with and to your children. Please read books with them as much as possible. Reading to them is just as valuable as them reading to you! It's great to read a variety of material and give children opportunities to be an author (writing lists, letters, etc). It's also great if you are reading yourself, modelling by being a reader and showing an enjoyment of books. The other thing is lots of conversation. Children with good levels of oral language have better outcomes in reading and writing. From Year 4 up, we also start to focus on typing skills and practice is important in this area. If you are looking for some practice ideas at home, we recommend Nitro Type (for speed) and Typing Club (for touch typing). We think it's best if children spend time on both those programmes.

Kid's Literature Quiz

Theo, Luke C, Rohan and Vivi represented Discovery School at the Wellington Regional Kid's Literature Quiz on Friday, 22nd May. It was held at Wellesley College in Eastbourne.

The team scored 71% and placed 18th out of over 60 teams. Well done team!



Cross Country

Well done to everyone who represented our school in the Parumoana Cross Country. We were very successful and congratulations to the following students who will be representing Parumoana in the Regional Cross Country later this month:

- Year 4 - Stella H, Charlotte R, Sawyer P
- Year 5 - Angelina K, Sammy W, Bodhi R, Henley E
- Year 6 - Leo C, Isaac B, Charlie P, Josh G
- Year 7 - Lucia H, Annaliese R, Blake S
- Year 8 - Theo B, Zac W, Guramrit S

We look forward to hearing how you get on!

Supervision Before School - Students should not be on site before 8.30am

We provide supervision for tamariki in classrooms from 8.30am. If your children are on site prior to 8.30am, they should be enrolled with Kelly Club. We have noticed a number of children arriving at school before 8.30am. Please ensure your child is not here before 8.30am if they are not attending Kelly Club. The only exception to this is if there is an activity arranged by a teacher that requires them to be at school early (e.g. trip, sports practice, etc.).

Curriculum Day Reminder - Monday 24 August (term 3)

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.

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

*Not all schools have this policy

These are the policies specified on the review schedule. You can also review any policy that has a review button.

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 or by clicking on this link. <https://discovery.schooldocs.co.nz/>

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](#)

50th Jubilee

Our mahi is in full swing preparing for our school's 50th Jubilee. The tamariki have been exploring the past 5 decades of learning at Discovery School; interviewing past and present teachers, staff and whānau to help us understand the relationships that have helped our community thrive and grow.

The key information for you about the events happening in Week 10:

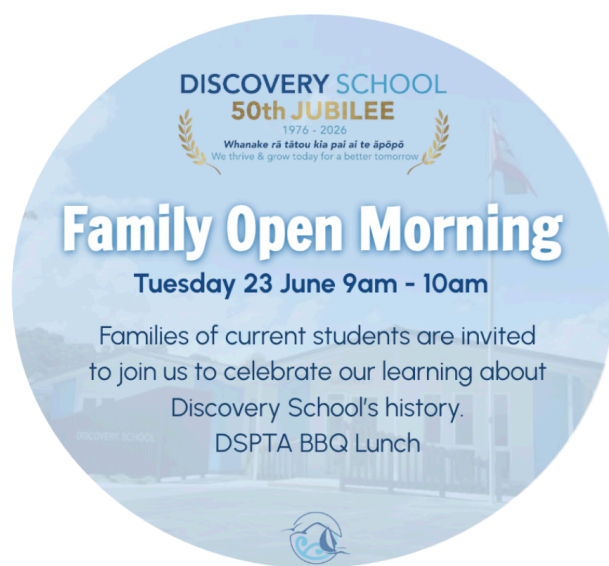
You are invited to join us on Tuesday 23rd June, 9am to 10am to have a look at our learning. There will be a mihi whakatau in the hall with a performance from our Kapa Haka Performance group, followed by a tour of the classrooms led by some of our student leaders. You will also be able to visit the Heritage Wall in the school hall. All families are encouraged to attend this event.

We will have Faultine Coffee on site for your early morning coffee fix, and the DSPTA will be in the hall for your tamariki's lunch order.

Thursday 25th June our Student Council leaders have planned a fun birthday party for all our current tamariki to participate in and celebrate with a variety of party themed activities.

Friday 26th June, Official Pōwhiri welcome & 50th Jubilee Celebration for past students and staff.

We have had an overwhelming response to attend this event from past members of our school community and invited guests. Much of the information shared will be covered off during Tuesday's open morning. However this will be more formal, and include our commemorative cake, tree planting, and official opening of our play shed. There may be standing room only! We ask that if members of our current school whānau are intending on coming, please complete the rsvp form and, if you are able to, be prepared to stand at the back as seating will be limited.



A night to Reminisce: Discovery School's 50th Jubilee

Friday 26th June, 7pm

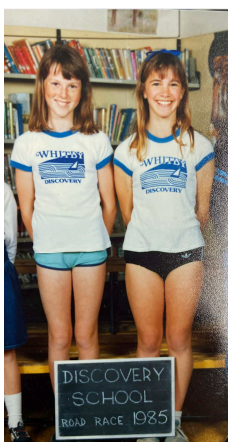
A night to reminisce and reconnect with your school mates if you are a past student, or want a night out with our cool school community.

Please fill in the google form to secure your tickets for the evening event.

[Discovery School's 50th Jubilee RSVP](#)

Please share the details with past staff, students, parents and friends of Discovery School - it would be nice to reach all those who may be interested.

Check out our 50th Jubilee T-shirts - we are doing a 2nd run as the printing company can get one more print in before the events. Check out these tees - a great way to remember our celebration.



All t-shirts are \$40 each.

Sizes can be found here: Please select carefully as these T-shirts are made to order: [Discovery School 50 Jubilee T-shirt Sizes](#)

[Order your Retro or Discovery School 50th Jubilee t-shirt here:](#)

We have one more print run for these tees - Orders must be placed by: **Sunday 14th JUNE (this Sunday)** so we can have them delivered for our Celebration week!

Please note that payments are to be made to:

DISCOVERY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bank account: **12-3254-0122028-00**

Reference: Name & 50th T-shirt



Discovery School PTA - DSPTA News

DSPTA Readathon - Thank you for celebrating the love of reading! **We raised over \$13,000!** A huge congratulations to the children and classrooms who read the most and raised the most! Hope you enjoyed your prizes and pizza parties! If you still have any money outstanding please send in asap.

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 and to those who have already helped. It has been so lovely to have your support! Thank you Whitby New World for donating the kai!



70s Disco

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!

If you're able to assist with selling treats please email

dspta@discovery.school.nz or sign up  19.6.26 Disco Helpers - 70s

Whittakers Chocolate Main Fundraiser- Our main fundraiser will be selling Whittakers chocolate bars. This will be later in term 3. One box of chocolates will go home with each family and we appreciate your participation. There is an opportunity for families who are able to sell more. Please email dspta@discovery.school.nz if you would like to reserve additional boxes.



Fundraising

The success of our fundraising over the last few years means that we have increased our spending commitment in time for the 50th Anniversary and whilst the economic challenges affect some in our community. Our focus remains on spending to enhance the educational opportunities of the tamariki by providing materials needed in the classroom, EOTC- including trips, swimming lessons and educational programmes, and camps and reduce the amount that is required to be paid by families. The DSPTA has approved expenditures of over \$37,000 in 2026! In addition to our classroom donations of \$800 per class, we have contributed another \$12,000 for Life Education, Dances for Schools and EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) and swim lessons. We funded the Grip Leadership Conference, library resources, and school events- including Mihi Whakatau welcoming new families to the school and Year 8 dinner. \$4000 has been set aside for the play shed to increase learning through play as well as \$1000 to support the 50th jubilee celebrations.

Movie Night - Thank you to those who joined us for the Devil Wears Prada 2 movie night. We raised over \$1100.

Special thanks to:

- Lighthouse Cinema, Pauatahanui for hosting us, and donating some raffle prizes
- Ali from Glow Pilates - raffle donation
- Nic from Body Ritual - raffle donation
- Capital Kitchens & Interiors for donating the Treat Yourself Packs
- DSPTA members for donating items and baking delicious treats



Discovery School 50th Jubilee- we look forward to celebrating Discovery School's amazing 50 years on Tuesday 23rd June. See our flyer!

A great morning to be at school ... order your lunch before school, grab a hot chocolate and bring your family along to share in our mahi & learning about the relationships that have thrived and grown now, and over the past 50 years of Discovery School.

Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Tuesday, 23rd June
\$2.50
Orders in the hall between 8:30-9:00

Logos for **NW NEW WORLD Whitby**, **DISCOVERY SCHOOL DISCOVERY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**, and **BUNNINGS warehouse**.

DISCOVERY SCHOOL 50th JUBILEE
1976 - 2026
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Family Open Morning
Tuesday 23 June 9am - 10am

Families of current students are invited to join us to celebrate our learning about Discovery School's history.
DSPTA BBQ Lunch



We hope to see you all at the different events and tshirts are starting to arrive for those who ordered!

Keen to be involved?

If you'd like to be involved in the PTA and help decide what fundraisers and events we run and where our contributions go, please get in touch by emailing dspta@discovery.school.nz for more details, or come along to one of our meetings!

Dates for 2026 meetings - Discovery School Staffroom

Tuesday 30 June

Tuesday 28 July (same night as Learning Conversations)

Wednesday 26 Aug

Wednesday 23 Sep

Tuesday 27 Oct

AGM

Congratulations to the DSPTA Officers Elected

Chairperson - Alison Heath

Deputy Chairperson - Hannah Humphrey

Secretary - Siobhan Allan

Treasurer - Abbey Berry, Co-Treasurer Michelle Christensen

Teacher Representative- Sarah Jenner

Board Representative- Andrea Smith

Raffle Donations

We are looking at holding raffles to coincide with some of our events. If you/your business have any prizes that you could contribute please let us know! We promote you at the event and via the website/newsletters/social media.

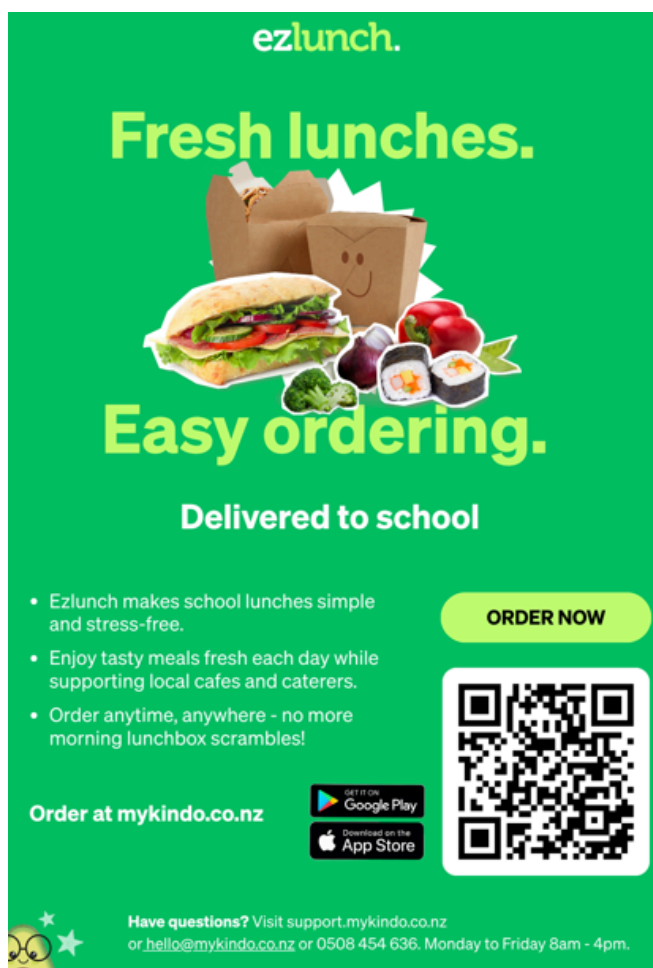
DSPTA Website: Check out the new DSPTA page on the Discovery School webpage [DSPTA | Discovery School](#)

Discovery School PTA Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/discoveryschoolpta>

Discovery School Helpers Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/dsptahelpers>

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 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 tairā (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](#).