



# DISCOVERY SCHOOL

*Whanake rā tātou kia pai ai te āpōpō*  
We thrive & grow today for a better tomorrow

Term 2, 2026

Dear parents/caregivers,

Term 2 learning opportunities

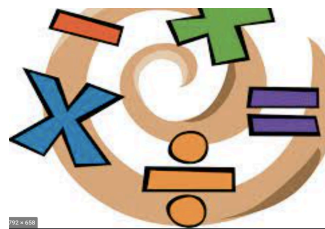
Te Moana Team

### *Mathematics*

In Term 2, we will be focusing on Statistics and learning strategies to solve problems involving rational numbers, such as multiplication and division problems.

Throughout the term, we will continue to focus on basic facts and place value, as well as maintenance of previously taught concepts.

Some of our students will be completing the Otago Problem Solving challenges. This is optional and the challenges take place five times during the year.



### *Literacy*

Our main writing focus in Term 2 will be writing descriptive pieces. We will continue learning spelling rules and new vocabulary through the 'IDEAL' programme.

Students will complete reading tasks and lessons. Initially they will be learning about ANZAC and then where possible, their reading texts will link to our conceptual curriculum.

### *Conceptual Curriculum/Inquiry*

The seniors will continue their focus on relationships throughout Term 2. This will include revisiting some of the key learnings from last term as well as a focus on digital citizenship and being safe with others when online.

We will be learning about Careers. This is a mandatory part of year 7&8 programmes in New Zealand. Students will be investigating different types of careers and reflecting on their likes/dislikes; starting to consider what field they might be interested in working in later in their lives.

If you are prepared to speak to your child's class (or even the whole syndicate) about your career, please contact your child's teacher.



We will be preparing for Discovery School's 50th Jubilee, which is in week 10 of the term. As part of this, children will work in groups to create:

- \* A school recipe book
- \* An outdoor space that reflects our current students
- \* A display that includes previous year 8 magazines
- \* An area that includes interviews, biographies and career information about previous students/staff

*There will be a time for families to come and view some of the above learning. Watch this space for more information!*

We will be completing a dance programme run by [Dance Curriculum](#) Aus/NZ during weeks 8&9.

### P.E./Health

In Week 1, we will begin training for our school cross country. The senior team will be training three mornings each week. Students train on either the "hill course," (which is up Spinnaker Hill), or the "low course" (two laps around a course that is close to school).

Another option that will be offered to year 7&8 students is to complete a fitness circuit during cross country training time. Our aim is to get them moving!

Please make sure that your child brings appropriate footwear, a change of clothing and deodorant to school each day. Students need to bring a note if they are unable to participate in physical activity due to injury. If children are sick, they need to stay at home please.

This year, our cross country event is on Friday, 15th May, pp. Monday, 18th May.

Throughout the term, students will learn various winter sports, such as hockey, touch/ripper rugby, netball and basketball.



### Te Reo / Tikanga Māori/Languages

In Term 2, we will begin learning our second language for 2026. Students are in year level groups for Languages classes and rotate around the following: French with Sarah Jenner, Italian with Shaun Bishop, Japanese with Nic Kibblewhite and New Zealand Sign language with Stacey Mew.

Te reo and Tikanga Māori are incorporated into our daily programmes.

### Technicraft



Thank you to those of you who have paid for Technicraft (\$80). This was due at the end of Term 1. Just another reminder that children are not allowed to wear Crocs to Brandon and they must have long hair tied up.

### Stationery

Can you please make sure that your child is ready with the correct (NAMED) equipment for school each week. It is difficult to run our classroom programmes when students don't have a red pen, a blue pen, a pencil, a ruler, an eraser, a glue stick etc.

Also, if gear is clearly named, it is much easier to return it to students.

### Facebook Page

As you know, Discovery School has a [Facebook page](#). Please feel free to request access to this closed, members only page. [Note that students are not accepted to this page.](#)



### Expectations

If students bring a cellphone to school, it must be switched off and handed into classroom teachers. It can be turned on again once they leave the school grounds. If you need to contact your child in an emergency, please call the school office.

Misused cellphones are kept in the principal's office to be collected by parents.

All other electronic devices are not allowed at school – obviously with the exception of Chromebooks.



### Other Dates for your Diary

Monday, 20th April

- Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students
- Cross Country training begins
- Readathon starts

Friday, 24th April

- Field trip to the Science Roadshow at Adventure School

Tuesday, 28th April

- Book Week Begins

Friday, 1st May

- Character Day

Friday, 8th May

- Junior Tough Guy/Gal Challenge (note that this event is now full)

Friday, 22nd May

- Kid's Literature Quiz

Thursday, 28th May

- Interschool Cross Country

Friday, 5th June

- Interaction Morning

Monday, 8th June

- Dances in Schools begins

Monday, 15th June

- Kiwi Competitions begin

Monday, 22nd June

- 50th Jubilee celebrations begin

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.