



Kia ora Koutou

Welcome to Brightwater School for 2025.

I trust you have enjoyed some fantastic family time over the summer break and you and your children are ready to get back to school to enjoy what we want to be a fun, exciting and learning-filled year.

Please see below some information to ensure we start the year as smoothly as possible - as always if you have any questions / queries please don't hesitate to contact me at school, or ring the office.

### Key Dates

<b>27, 28 January</b>	Staff Only Days - staff will be involved in a range of professional learning over these 2 days to support the learning programmes of 2025.
<b>30 January</b>	Whānau Connect Day - this is not an official school day but staff will be in their classrooms to welcome you throughout the day if you can make it. This is a good opportunity to bring your stationery with you, familiarise yourself with the classroom and your teacher and also for your teacher to get to know a little about you. <b>8:30am - 4:00pm</b> (staff will have morning tea from <b>10:30 - 11am</b> and lunch from <b>12:30 - 1:15pm</b> )
<b>4 February</b>	School Starts for 2025 at 9am
<b>6 February</b>	Waitangi Day Public Holiday

### Stationery

At the end of last year your child took home the instructions for how to order online. It would be helpful if your child had their stationery requirements to start the year.

### Swimming

All children will swim every day - please ensure your child has their togs at school each day - despite the weather in the morning. **Please clearly name your child's gear.**

### Sunhats

A wide brimmed sun hat is required to be worn throughout Term 1. Please ensure your child has an appropriate, named sunhat at school every day. If your child does not have a hat they will be required to play in the shade at break times. Please note: caps are not permitted.

### Contacting School

For any questions / queries prior to starting school please contact Jill in the office - [office@brightwater.school.nz](mailto:office@brightwater.school.nz) or phone 035423666.

### Staff for 2025

A special welcome to Petra Matz who will be teaching in Room 6 (Year 3-4). Petra comes to us from Nayland Primary and she has also taught in Golden Bay previously.

Principal	Glenda Earle	
Deputy Principals	Aimee Sinclair Struan Mckenzie	Wai-iti Team lead Waimea Team lead
Team Leader	Larissa Inch	Wairoa Team lead Teacher Room 5 (Y3-4)
Special Needs Co-ordinator	Karen Edwards	Teacher Waimea Team (Y5-6) Teacher Room 9
Waimea Team (Year 5-6) with some Year 4	Struan McKenzie Karen Edwards Tayla Teece Melody Grant / Dan Brundan	Team Lead Teacher - Room 9 (Y5-6) Teacher - Room 10 (Y4-5) Teachers - Room 11 (Y5-6)
Wairoa Team (Year 3-4) with some Year 2	Larissa Inch  Paula Le'mon / Bianca Farmer (Friday) Petra Matz	Team Lead, Teacher Room 5 Teachers - Room 7 (Y2-3)  Teacher - Room 6 (Y3-4)
Wai-iti Team	Aimee Sinclair Andrea Baker Holly Chandler Lynley Bryce	Team Lead Teacher - Room 1 (Y1-2) Teacher - Room 2 (Y2) Teacher - Room 12 (NE)
Part-time Teachers	Adrienne Cairns Kirsten Powick Joan Duncan Petrina Classen	Literacy Specialist Support STEAM Release teacher - Room 5 Counsellor
Support Staff	Jill Adams Pete Dowding Joanne Prendeville Nicki Makan Rebecca Anderson Tessa Werner Alana Flintoft Paul Milson	Office Administrator Caretaker Teacher Aide / Library Teacher Aide Teacher Aide Teacher Aide Teacher Aide School Chaplain

We look forward to seeing everyone again and welcoming you all to the 2025 year at Brightwater School.

*Glenda*