



Term 3 Start Date

There is a Teacher Only Day on Monday 25th of July so school staff can attend the Kahui Ako conference at Te Puke High School. This will impact all schools in our region.

Term 3 will start on Tuesday the 26th of July 2022.

Ball, Disco and Matariki Breakfast

Thanks for the great turn out to our dances and breakfast in the last 2 weeks. Again the students looked amazing in their Western themed outfits and the kai supplied by whanau was extraordinary. Thank you so much for your support. It is great to reconnect following COVID.

Cohort Entry for New Entrant Students

Currently New Zealand is the only country in the world where students start school on their birthday. In other countries, students start at the beginning of the school year or at the start of the term. Having students start at different times throughout the year is very challenging for junior teachers as every few weeks there is a new individual student who needs to be transitioned into class and requires (time permitting) one-on-one teacher input and the formation of their own group for all subjects. New entrant programmes run in a cycle. When students start at various times during a term, they either miss out or double up on portions of their school programme. Many NZ schools are now adopting cohort entry. The Te Ranga Board is assessing whether we move to a cohort entry process. If this was the case, students turning 5 would wait until the start or the midpoint (Monday of Week 5) of the term following their birthday and start with a group of other students who have also turned 5. Students would be able to remain at preschool until this date as students do not have to start school until they are 6. The board is seeking your feedback on this decision. There is an information page of notes from the MOE attached. Please email: office@teranga.school.nz to share your view.

Mobile Recycling Centre

With the implementation of kerbside collection service, many households now have access to kerbside recycling. Council do however want to capture recyclables from our rural customers who do not have a kerbside service and don't have close access to a recycle centre. The implementation of a mobile recycling trailer can assist with this as it can be taken to the customers.

As a result the Council has scheduled Te Ranga Hall for Saturday, 23 July 2022. The trailer will be onsite from 9 am to 1 pm for residents to bring their recycling.



The Pharmacy Healthy Skin (Kiri Ora) service is **FREE**

DO YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAVE HEADLICE, ITCHY OR SORE SKIN?

CALL OR VISIT ONE OF THE PHARMACIES BELOW FOR A FREE ASSESSMENT AND FREE TREATMENT OF THESE CONDITIONS

Some pharmacies (chemists) can now help your children (aged 2 and over) and adults with free treatments for headlice (kutus), scabies, boils, infected bites, grazes and school sores thanks to funding from the Bay of Plenty District Health Board (DHB). It is important to treat minor skin infections early to avoid spreading to others or becoming more serious.

Pharmacies providing the service:

Name:	Address:	Phone:
Unichem Adamsons Pharmacy	52 King St, Whakatane	07 3087611
Life Pharmacy Whakatane	183 The Strand, Whakatane	07 3086988
Unichem Total Health Pharmacy	252 The Strand, Whakatane	07 3089009
Unichem Kope Pharmacy	78 King St, Whakatane	07 3085345
Opotiki Pharmacy	110 Church St, Opotiki	07 3156251
Church Street Dispensary	114 Church St, Opotiki	07 3156240
<u>Tarawera</u> Pharmacy	106 <u>Onslow</u> St, Kawerau	07 3239309
Edgecumbe Pharmacy	26 College Road, Edgecumbe	07 3049734
Life Pharmacy Te Puke	61 Jellicoe St, Te Puke	07 5730390
My Pharmacy Te Puke	96 Jellicoe St, Te Puke	07 5739868

Sore throats matter and can lead to rheumatic fever

Rheumatic fever is a disease which causes inflammation, especially of the heart, blood vessels and joints. If you are Māori, Pacifika or if you have a family history of rheumatic fever you are more at risk of developing rheumatic fever from a sore throat.

If you get a sore throat, we recommend you and your whānau are treated with antibiotics to prevent rheumatic fever. The antibiotics will help get rid of the bacteria from your throats called Group A strep which can cause rheumatic fever. You can either ring your pharmacy for a brief assessment over the phone or have a well member of your whanau visit the pharmacy to complete this and collect the antibiotics. Pharmacies will resume throat swabbing in July.

We will also recommend a COVID test, but it is important that your throat is also treated



What is cohort entry? MOE information

Children are able to start school in cohorts after they have turned five.

There will be two entry points per term:

- one on the first day of term
- one at a mid-point during a term.

Te Ranga is considering trialling cohort entry in Term 4 and implementing it in Term 1 2023.

Cohort entry does not replace the legal requirement that a child start school at age six. Parents, caregivers and whānau can still choose to not enrol their student before then. **Changing a school's entry policy**

Before introducing any policy change, schools must:

- consult with their staff, the parents of current and prospective students, and local early learning services and consider whether they find the policy generally acceptable.
- give at least one term's notice of the change to parents, staff and local early learning services
- confirmation that the community found a policy of cohort entry generally acceptable
- confirmation of the date that you notified your community that you will adopt cohort entry
- advise which term the cohort entry policy will take effect from (which must be at least one term after you have notified your community and the Ministry).

The exact same process applies if schools wish to consider returning to continuous entry. Schools must consult and provide at least one term's notice to their community and to the Ministry of Education.

Impacts of cohort entry

Early learning services

Cohort entry will affect enrolment patterns in contributing early learning services. As part of their consultation, school boards will need to consider the views of local early learning services and give at least one term's notice before changing their entry policy. This will help ensure early learning services are able to manage the loss of a larger group of children at one time.

The benefits of cohort entry

Cohort entry is about helping children to settle better in school. There is evidence that starting school alongside other children helps them build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life.

Schools that are already using cohort entry believe it offers their children the best start to their school life. It can also mean less disruption for new entrant teachers who can prepare for groups of children arriving on a specific date rather than on an individual and ad hoc basis through the year.