

for our

Family Friends & Whānau

of **Churton Park School** ESTD 1975



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newsletter.

11th February 2026

Term 1. Week 2.

Principal's Corner - te iwi tahi tatou - we are one family

Empowering Connected Lifelong Learners



Kia ora e te whānau

A warm welcome back to the 2026 school year! A special greeting to the new families joining our community, we are thrilled to have you with us. It has been an energising start to the term; seeing the classrooms buzzing and students settling in with such enthusiasm has been a highlight for all our staff.

Matt Stanley

Principal of
Churton Park School.

90 Churton Drive

Churton Park

Wellington 6037

Phone 04 478 4282



Contact School

School Values

Each Monday morning, we gather to introduce a school value that guides our learning and interactions for the week. This week, our focus is on Manaakitanga and Eke Panuku. Our school values are an incredibly important part of what makes Churton Park School a great place to be.

The Home and School Association

Our Home and School Association plays a vital role in our success. Due to our Equity Index rating, we do not receive full government funding, making local fundraising and donations essential for providing the resources our tamariki deserve.

We are looking for fresh faces to join the team. Whether you can lead an event or simply lend a hand, your contribution matters. Please reach out to cpshomeandschool@gmail.com to see how you can help.

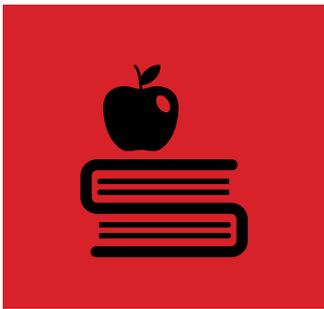
Communication and Concerns

If you ever have a question or a concern, your child's home teacher is your first port of call. Most queries are easily resolved through a quick kōrero at this level.

If further support is needed, please refer to our formal complaints process. Detailed information is available on our SchoolDocs site:

URL: churtonpark.schooldocs.co.nz

Username: churtonpark
Password: learningforlife



Welcome
to our new
Ākonga



Upper Tōtara Ridge

Please remember to advise us of Absences

Please keep us in the loop

This year we must report any absences to the Ministry of Education daily.

This means that if you do not tell us why your child is away they will be marked as truant.

If your child is going to be away from school for any reason - illness, appointments, travel, funerals etc - it is very important that you let the office know, so we can account for all our students.

The office will let the classroom teacher know your child is absent. Often teachers can be away sick or on

a course and do not have access to their emails.

If you receive a text from the school looking for your child, please respond. You are able to report an absence in several ways:

Ways to report an Absence

Call - 04 4784282 ext 1

Text - 0274 295 477

Eml - absence@churtonpark.school.nz

Web - www.churtonpark.school.nz

Hero - download the app

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Welcome back to Scholastic Book Club!

ISSUE 1 ORDER closing date
Thursday 19/02/2026. [To view Issue 1 brochure, click here.](#)

Remember to use the \$5 promo code from Issue 8/2025 before it expires. Issue 1 Loop order offer for families getting up to 3 free books. See the back page of the catalogues for more details. Also, online Loop orders on Book Club earn a \$5 discount to spend on next issue when they spend over \$19.50.

No code is required to enter; the discount will be automatically applied when the minimum spend is reached.

Our school earns 15% of the order value in Scholastic Rewards for us to purchase more library books and educational resources. Please use the **Book Club Loop Linked Online Ordering & Payment option only by visiting** mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. [Click to find out how Loop orders work.](#)



Lunar New Year



The Lunar New Year of the Horse starts on 17 February 2026.

The horse is a symbol of energy, freedom and forward motion.

In 2026, the Fire Horse brings a powerful surge of creativity, confidence and action — encouraging us to move decisively, embrace change and charge into the year with purpose.

These qualities will be brought to life across the Wellington Lunar New Year Festival programme organised by Asian Events

Trust (AET).

The city's waterfront will be transformed into a dynamic playground of colour, culture and connection the weekend of 21-22 February.

Go to www.lunarnewyearfestival.co.nz to find out all the fantastic things that AET have in store to welcome in the Year of the Fire Horse - there's something for everyone, or you can follow them on @Inywellington for updates on their social media.



Sunhats



At Churton Park School we take looking after our tamariki seriously and as part of making sure they are safe & healthy we have a [Sun Protection policy](#). This means **ALL** students must wear a school sunhat during Terms 1 & 4. We have selected a sunhat that has a wide brim to give maximum sun protection for childrens faces, necks and ears. We are seeing a lot of students wearing caps and other hats which are not providing enough protection from the sun. We

would appreciate you making sure your child is wearing a school sunhat every day. Sunhats can be purchased from NZ Uniforms in Porirua or by ordering them online either through their [website](#) or by using the uniform link on the HERO app. Please apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at school, we have sunscreen available in class to re-apply during the day.

School Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will begin for our Year 3-6 students as follows:

- Years 4 & 5 - Wednesdays from 11/2 - 1/4
- Years 3 & 6 - Fridays from 13/2 - 27/3 then Tuesday 31/3

Our Year 1 & 2 students will have their swimming lessons in Term 4.

Swimming lessons and water safety are an important part of the school curriculum and it is important for children to learn how to swim and how to be safe

in water.

Please make sure your child has their named togs, towel & goggles in a bag on their swimming day.

Please do not order a school lunch on your child's swimming day as we can not guarantee that their lunch order will arrive before they leave for swimming.

Payment details can be found in the Hero app.



Important Details

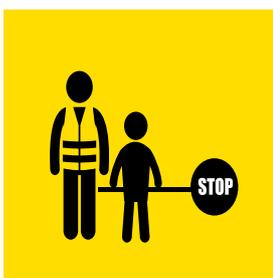
What: Swimming lessons

Where: Keith Spry Pool, Wanaka Street, Johnsonville

When: Wed 11/2 - 1/4

Who: Wed Yrs 4 & 5, Fri Yrs 3 & 6

Seeking Road Patrol Volunteers for 2026!



Contact Liz

We're putting out an urgent call for parents to help with road patrol on Wednesday afternoons. Our dedicated team of volunteers is currently short-staffed, and we need your support to ensure the safety of our students crossing the road after school.

The road patrol plays a critical role in keeping our children safe. Without enough adult supervision, we run the risk of not being able to operate the patrol effectively, which puts our ākonga in a vulnerable position.

If you have some time to spare your help would make a huge difference. You'll be trained on everything you need to know, and the commitment is only for a short time from 2.50pm - 3.10pm.

Please consider lending a hand. Your support is vital for keeping our school community safe. If you can help, please contact Liz McLean as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Movin' March Is coming



Movin' March will begin on Monday 2nd March. This is a great opportunity to walk, scooter, ride your bike, hop, jump or skip to school.

More information will be coming out soon.

New World Club Card Partnership

Thank you for shopping at New World Churton Park. During October to December **\$1583.04** was raised for the school from parents registering their cards and shopping as normal.

Thank you New World Churton Park for supporting our school and thank you to our whānau for supporting New World Churton Park.

An easy way to help us raise funds

Have you registered your New World Club Card yet? Fundraise for Churton Park School simply by linking your New World Club Card to the school and shopping

at Churton Park New World. For every \$100 you spend \$1 will be donated to Churton Park School. By linking your Club Card there is no impact on your card benefits. Simply complete this form <https://forms.gle/BNm175pNYmsJKdDq7> and continue shopping.



Term Dates & Staff Only Days 2026

Term Dates

Term 1: Mon 2 Feb - Thu 2 Apr

Term 2: Mon 20 Apr - Fri 3 Jul

Term 3: Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sep

Term 4: Mon 12 Oct - Wed 16 Dec

Teacher Only Days & Public Holidays

(school will be closed on these dates)

Term 1

Thur 2 April - MoE Curriculum Day

Term 2

Mon 27 April - ANZAC Day observed

Mon 1 June - Kings Birthday

Tues 2 June - Northern Zone Cluster Expo

Term 3

Fri 21 August - MOE Curriculum Day

Term 4

Mon 26 October - Labour Day

Tues 27 October - Teacher Only Day



Stories from Kenepuru Stream

Kenepuru Stream Happenings



We each made a kiwi feather to represent our team agreement.



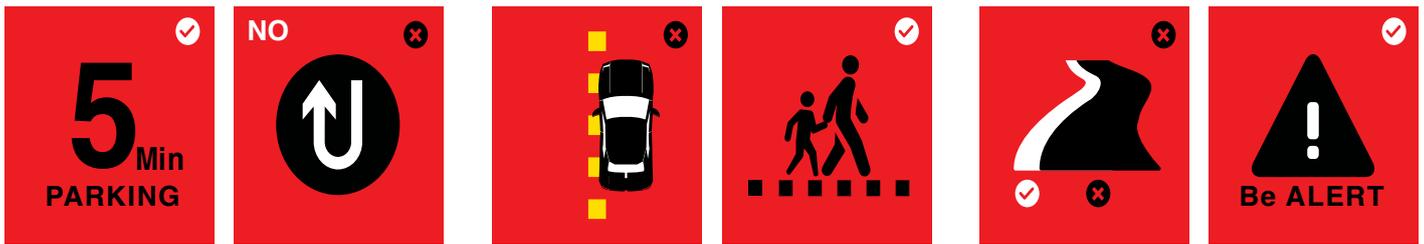
We have been learning the routines of our learning space including how we all work and learn together.



We have investigated objects in our sound box that start with the sounds m, s, and f.



Keeping Our Streets Safe and Accessible



The area outside the school on Churton Drive is a Drop-off and Pick-up zone only from 8am - 9am and 2.30pm - 3.30pm. This means you are not allowed to park and leave your vehicle during this time. If the zone is full please do not wait in the middle of the road with your indicator on as this blocks other traffic and causes more frustration. Please drive farther up the road and park or go around the block and try again. We all want to keep our streets safe for everyone.

We've heard from many residents in Cranwell Street and Dormar Place about a recurring issue that's causing significant frustration: illegal and inconsiderate parking. We know that school drop-off and pick-up times can be hectic, but we're seeing an increasing number of parents parking on yellow lines or blocking neighbors' driveways.

This isn't just an inconvenience;

it's a safety hazard. Parking on yellow lines obstructs the flow of traffic, making it dangerous for children and other pedestrians. Furthermore, when driveways are blocked, it can prevent residents from leaving their homes for essential appointments, work, or emergencies. This can be incredibly stressful and frustrating for your neighbours.

Please take a moment to consider the impact of your

parking choices. We ask for your cooperation in keeping our community safe and accessible for everyone. Please make sure you are not parking on yellow lines or blocking driveways. By parking responsibly, you'll help ensure a smooth and safe experience for all of us.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sunhats, T-Shirts & Hoodies

As part of our Sunsmart policy all children at Churton Park School are required to wear a sunhat when they are outside during Terms 1 & 4.

Sunhats can be purchased from NZ Uniforms either online or at their Porirua shop. Please make sure you have a school sunhat for your child. If your child has the old style sunhat they can continue to wear them but if your child still needs a school sunhat, please make sure you have purchased one as soon as possible. Sunhats, T-shirts & Hoodies can be purchased using this link <https://churtonpark.nzuniforms.com/catalog/uniform-1107113.htm>

Order your items now



Order Here

Is your child turning 5 in 2026 or 2027?



Help us to plan ahead

To help with our planning for the rest of this year and next year please let the school office know if the following things apply to you:

- Live In-Zone and have a new entrant child who turns 5 in 2026 and you are yet to pre-enrol with the school office
- If you live In-Zone but have a child attending another school but intend to enrol at Churton Park School in 2026
- If you live Out-of-Zone with a child enrolled at Churton Park School and have a child turning 5 in 2026 or 2027
- If you have a friend, family member or neighbour that does not receive these newsletters but may fall into one of the above categories,

please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible by either dropping in to the office, by phone 04 478 4282, email office@churtonpark.school.nz with their child's name, date of birth and your address or by completing an online enrolment form on our website www.churtonpark.school.nz

This information is crucial as we plan for the future.

[Contact School](#)

Upcoming Events & Reminders for Your Calendar:



- Wed 11 Feb - Year 4 & 5 Swimming lessons begin
- Fri 13 Feb - Year 3 & 6 Swimming lessons begin
- Fri 27th Feb - Family Fun Night , 5pm - 7pm
- Mon 2 March - Movin' March begins
- Thur 2 April - MOE Curriculum day
- Thur 2 April - End of Term 1
- Mon 20 April - Term 2 begins
- Mon 27 April - ANZAC Day observed - public holiday
- Mon 1 June - Kings Birthday
- Tue 2 June - Northern Zone Cluster Expo
- Fri 3 July - End of Term 2
- Mon 20 July - Term 3 begins
- Fri 21 August - MOE Curriculum Day
- Fri 25 Sept - End of Term 3
- Mon 12 Oct - Term 4 begins
- Mon 26 Oct - Labour Day Holiday
- Tue 27 Oct - Staff Only Day
- Wed 16 Dec - End of Term 4

[Contact School](#)

[Visit Website](#)

School times and Signing In or Out

01



**Arrive by
8:50 am**

Please have your bag hung, ready to start

02



**Home time
3:00 pm**

It's home-time or after school care-time

School Hours -

Children can arrive at school from 8.30am and should be at school by 8.50am so they have time to put their bags away and get settled ready for school to begin at 9am. If your child arrives after 9am or you are collecting your child for any reason before 3pm they must sign in or out on the Ipad at the office.

Save time order lunches online - new name same suppliers



EZLunch.co.nz

School Lunches can be purchased online at ezlunch.co.nz, Families: Take the hassle out of your morning rush and order a school lunch with us. Find out how by scanning the QR Code seen left. Our menu's consist of products from suppliers in our vicinity including, sushi, bakery foods, fusion foods. Lunches are delivered to the school office for your child to collect at lunchtime.

Our KellyClub Before/After school-care programme

Time to join the club:

At Kelly Club Churton Park, we provide quality before - and after-school and holiday programme care. Our programmes are packed with fun activities including cooking, discovery, sports, arts and crafts. We also offer flexible payment plans and same-day booking and cancellations. Visit www.kellyclub.co.nz for bookings and any further information. Click the link below.

KellyClub



Our Values

At CPS we believe and practise the following values daily at school

Manaakitanga
- Respect

Eke Panuku
- Success

Hauora
- Wellbeing

Pou
manawaora
- Resilience

Ngahau
Fun



KELLY CLUB

THEME: Super Scientist

Term 1 Week 2, 9th February 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Churton Park

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Fort Building & Structured Free Time Game: Simon Says	Pikelets & Structured Free Time Game: Noodle Tag	Origami & Structured Free Time Game: Rob the Nest	Craft Sample & Structured Free Time Game: Staff Choice	Board Games & Structured Free Time Game: Wacky Relays
8:15 - 8:30 am					
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit Game: Red Light, Green Light	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pikelets & Fruit Game: Traffic	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins & Fruit Game: Midnight	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit Game: Handball	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheese Rolls & Fruit Game: Jedi Dodgeball
3:30 - 3:45 pm	GAME Awesome Atoms 	DISCOVERY Mentos & Coke Experiment 	SPORT Test Tube Relay 	COOKING Ziplock Ice Cream 	CRAFT Super Species 
3:45 - 4:30 pm					
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Fruit Salad	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Vege Slicks
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Bom Bom Bom & Projects	Game: Catch the Dragons Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Race & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	Game: Coin Rugby & Projects

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Cup Towers & Structured Free Time Game: Kiwis & Kangaroos	Target Practice & Structured Free Time Game: Kids Yoga	Homemade Brownies & Structured Free Time Game: Balloon Tag	Playdough & Structured Free Time Game: Limbo	Lego Building & Structured Free Time Game: Rainbow Rush
8:15 - 8:30 am					
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Mac & Cheese & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Brownies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Yoghurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Human Paper, Scissors, Rock	Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Follow the Sergeant	Game: Line Tag
	SPORT Jianzi	COOKING Sweet Rice Dumplings	CRAFT Colourful Circle Lantern	GAME 5 Sticks	DISCOVERY Lightning In A Bottle
3:45 - 4:30 pm					
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Crackers
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Concentration & Projects	Game: Dance Comp & Projects	Game: Doggy Doggy & Projects	Game: Flee Chase & Projects	Game: Volleyball & Projects

Public Notices Section. 1



TIP OFF 2026 - Wednesday's from 3.05pm-4.05pm

The New Year is underway so let's JUMP in with a Kelly Sports Summer Multi Sport Programme! Come and try some new sports, sharpen some existing skills!

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings - giving them confidence to join sports clubs in the future!

For term 1 the sports we are focussing on are:

Basketball, Football, Ultimate Frisbee, Rippa Rugby (2 weeks of each).

Classes start Wednesday 11 February 2026 and runs for 8 weeks

Go to www.kellysports.co.nz

THE WINTER PROJECT

WHO WE ARE:

The Winter Project is a student-led charity group of year 11 and year 13 students from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter woolens and deliver them to schools in the wider Wellington region who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead.



CONTACT US

FACEBOOK
The Winter Project

INSTAGRAM
@_thewinterproject

EMAIL
winterprojectwgt@gmail.com

WHAT WE NEED:

Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. There will be a box placed somewhere around the school/community centre/library to put your items in. Thank you for your help!

Our Public Notices Section. 2

LEARN MUSIC IN-SCHOOL!!!

**DID YOU KNOW YOUR KIDS CAN LEARN
MUSIC HERE DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY !?!**

LEARN: Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Keyboard – or try them all in our Intro to Music class (Y1–2)**

GROUP LESSONS: Up to 5 students, with personalised teaching & fun with mates.

INTERACTIVE WORKBOOKS: Created by our musicians for easy at-home practice.

\$225 PER TERM*

YOU'LL LEARN ON OUR MUSIC BUS OR IN A SCHOOL SPACE

VISIT: WWW.GTMA.CO.NZ



Goodtime
MUSIC ACADEMY

Big Energy? Then Big-Air is for You!

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS & CHEERLEADING

Ready to flip, tumble, and soar? Bigair Gym is the ultimate destination for kids who want to learn cool skills, achieve and build unstoppable confidence! Whether it's cartwheels, flips, tramp tricks, or parkour, Bigair Gyms action packed classes combine fun, fitness, and focus, in a safe, supportive space.

Classes to Help Your Child Shine:

Crashmat Kids Sessions (walking-4 years) – Great for little ones to become familiar with the gym.

Pocket Rockets Gym Classes (3-4 years) – Start building coordination and confidence early!

Gravity Busters Gym Classes (5+ years) – Learn the fundamentals of gymnastics and tumbling.

Team Extreme Gym Classes (Advanced) – Take your skills to the next level!

Free Running (5+ years) – Parkour + flips = epic agility and body control.

Trampoline (5+ years) – Boost spatial awareness and acrobatic abilities.

Recreational Cheerleading (5+ years) – Strength, flexibility, performance—Cheer style!

Tumbling (5+ years) – Learn walkovers, handsprings & aerials—perfect for Cheerleaders and Dancers wanting to boost flexibility and stage skills.

Hurry – Book Online Now for Term 1 Before Spaces Run Out

at www.bigairgym.co.nz! Don't miss out on the chance to help your child grow, achieve, learn, and have fun at Bigair Gym!

Contact us at: Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. office@bigairgym.co.nz at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

Email Big Air Gym

Book online for Term 1

Gym Classes at Big Air Gym

W. www.bigairgym.co.nz

C. 04 232 3508,

E. office@bigairgym.co.nz

A. 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

Public Notices Section. 3

Music Centre – Newlands Intermediate School

The music centre offers tuition to primary aged children to help develop their musical education outside school hours. Classes are held on weekdays during the school term and at the discretion of the tutor are taught in groups or on a one to one basis. An end of year concert is held and these evenings are an opportunity for students to entertain family and friends with their progress during the year.

Tuition is offered in violin, piano, guitar, flute and ukulele
Violins are available for hire.

For further information please ring Kaye 4788195 at the school.

The enrolment form is available on our [website](#). Enrolments close on Wednesday 11 February 2026

Dance classes for 5, 6 & 7 year olds

Discover the joy of dance at our Thorndon Quay studio, with dedicated ballet, jazz and hip hop classes for 5, 6, and 7-year-olds. Classes are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings,

helping young dancers build confidence and have fun. Looking for Khandallah classes? We also offer classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturday mornings.

See why Wellington families love dancing with us at wellingtondance.co.nz.



KAT THEATRE PRESENTS



I THINK I CAN

by Kathryn Schultz Miller & Barry Miller
music by Bruce Bowdon
directed by Archana Sahani & Megan Davies

kids' theatre - fun in the sun

SAT & SUN
FEB 14, 15, 21, 22
1:30 & 3:30

KHANDALLAH PARK,
WOODMANCOTE RD
BAD WEATHER - COCHRAN HALL



NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED
ADMISSION BY KOHA
EFTPOS AVAILABLE
DETAILS AT KAT-THEATRE.ORG.NZ

LOWE.CO PIVOTAL



mothers network



DRAW IT OUT

Mothers Network & Draw It Out

A special collaborative morning



Theme: Self-compassion

Join a special Mothers Network morning tea combined with a Draw It Out workshop - You'll be guided through wellness drawings that help you support yourself, while connecting with other mums.

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY ● 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM ● \$20

BOOK: events.humanitix.com/mothers-network-draw-it-out
2/106 High St, Lower Hutt. No art skills needed. drawitout.co.nz



KARORI LIONS KARNIVAL & FAIR

Sunday February 22nd
10am to 3pm

Ben Burn Park
Campbell Street, Karori

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!

For further information:
www.karorikarnival.com or
email: karorikarnival@lionsclubs.org.nz

TAWA
SQUASH



SQUASH STARS

Get your kids moving
with Squash Stars – a fun,
game-based programme
for young people that
builds skills, confidence,
and a love for squash!

REGISTER
NOW
for term

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Sign up with

Tawa Squash Club,
67 Main Road, Tawa

Email: info@tawasquash.co.nz

Phone: 0276 778 274

More information at www.squashstars.nz

6 weeks, Thursdays from
4 pm – 4:45 pm from Feb 19th
\$60 for the term.