

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Friday 3 July – Sunday 19 July 2026.

Come in to the Te Awamutu Information & Visitor Centre for:

Brochures and information on local walks, trails, clubs, groups and activities.

www.teawamutu.nz

Look up 'What's On' under the main menu of **Destination Te Awamutu**

www.teawamutu.nz/whats-on

If you are running any holiday activities, please email us at: consultant@teawamutuinfo.co.nz

Free Family Adventure Pass

Families can ride **BUSIT** regional (blue) bus services for free during the school holidays by showing the bus driver the family pass (as shown below). The pass covers up to 2 adults and 4 kids, and can be used on routes passing through Te Awamutu (#24), Cambridge (#20), Hamilton, and surrounding regions.

How to use the Free Family Adventure Pass:

- **Dates:** Valid during the school holidays (Saturday 4 July to Sunday 19 July).
- **Validity:** Use it on BUSIT's regional (blue) bus services only.
- **Redemption:** Download the pass from [BUSIT's Free Family Adventure Pass website](#) or save a screenshot of it on your phone to show the driver.
- **Group Limits:** It's valid for up to 2 adults and 4 children per pass. If you have a larger group, simply have another adult download an extra pass.



Double Decker Bus timetable:

Departing Kihikihi (to Hamilton)	Departing Hamilton (to Kihikihi)
AM	
7.25	8.25
9.40	10.35
PM	
12.05	12.55
14.10	15.30
17.25	18.20
19.20	20.15

BandSchool

Instrument Discovery Session

1 Session Workshop – Fun, interactive, beginner friendly. Play together as a band, try different instruments, find what feels right for you

All instruments provided

Harmony for Shower Singers

A fun, relaxed joyful space to explore your voice, connect and create beautiful harmonies together

Workshops are \$25 per person, minimum 2-3 people

Thursday 9 July 2026 – Te Awamutu

Friday 10 July 2026 – Kihikihi

Phone: 021 133 9087

NZ Lacrosse Secondary School Nationals

Saturday 4 July & Sunday 5 July 2026 – All day

Albert Park Drive

Te Awamutu

Get Out! Escape Rooms

336 Alexandra Street, Te Awamutu

Ph: 027 733 6845

www.getoutescaperooms.nz

School Holiday Table Top Escapes

Thursdays and Fridays, 11.00am and 1.30pm

Suitable for 8+ years

Hoops & Scoops

54 Sloane Street, Te Awamutu

Ph: 07 777 8074

www.hoopsandscoops.co.nz

\$25 holiday deal; decorate 2 donuts and create your own ice-cream to take home.

Sessions available: Thursday 9 July, Thursday 16 July, & Friday 17 July 2026

At 10.30pm, 12noon, and 1.30pm each day.

Book online or instore. Sessions restricted to total of 10 people per session. Please specify if gluten-free.

Kihikihi Police House & Temple Cottage Museum

Sunday 5 July 2026

11.00am – 2.00pm

Sausage sizzle, decorate star biscuit (in recognition of Matariki), Kihikihi Ukelele Group is playing. Raffle of a Fresh Choice Hamper

Wednesday 15 July 2026

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Access parking from Leslie Street, or park on the main street

Free entry, donations welcome

20 Lyon Street, Kihikihi

Email: templepolice2019@gmail.com

Phone: 027 491 6763

The Tempest (William Shakespeare)

Little Theatre, Te Awamutu

Wednesday 8th – Sunday 11 July 2026.

Child \$7, Adult \$12

Tickets available from www.tickettailor.com Corner of Vaile & Palmer Streets.

Regent Theatre

235 Alexandra Street, Te Awamutu

Ph: 07 871 5288

www.theregent.nz

Watch The Devil Wears Prada & The Devil Wears Prada 2 back-to-back for \$20 per person.

Friday 3 July 2026, 5.30pm & Sunday 5 July 2026, 3.00pm

\$10 Mondays from 5.00pm

\$10 Wednesdays from 10.00am, including a hot drink with every ticket.

Phone or visit the website for available movies and session times.

Rosebank Art Centre

337 Churchill Street

Children's Art Lessons – exploring various art media (materials included). Limited to 10 children each class, 8-11years.

Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 July 2026

Monday 13 July and Tuesday 14 July 21026

10am – 12noon

\$20 per child, per session.

To register email susie.very@gmail.com and include your name, phone number and child's name please.

Te Awamutu Livingstone Aquatic Centre

3 Selwyn Lane, Te Awamutu

Ph: 07 871 2080

www.gowaipa.com

Every week; Friday Family Fun Nights, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, \$7pp, 2 hours of swimming, inflatable and hydroslide.

Every day during the holidays; Hydroslide 10am-12noon & 2-4pm, Inflatable 12pm-2pm.

Te Awamutu Museum

135 Roche Street, Te Awamutu

Ph: 07 872 0085

Email: museum@waipadc.govt.nz

Kaitiaki Passport Experience

5-12 year olds

Monday 6 July, Tuesday 7 July, Wednesday 8 July, Monday 13 July, Tuesday 14 July, Wednesday 15 July 2026, 9.00am – 10.00am

Bookings essential, as spaces are limited.

Matariki Display

20 June – 31 July 2026

Opening hours: Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm, Saturday 10am – 2pm, Sunday CLOSED

Open Public Holidays, including Matariki, 10am – 2pm

Te Awamutu Riding for the Disabled

Kihikihi Domain, Club House, 53 Grey Street, Kihikihi.

Volunteer Recruitment and Celebration. Join us for a casual meet-up, hot drink and snack while talking to current volunteers.

Sunday 12 July 2026

10am – 12pm

Te Awamutu Space Centre

3 Whitmore Street, Kihikihi

Ph: 07 870 1966

Email: info@spacecentre.nz

www.spacecentre.nz

Open every day during the school holidays 9am – 5pm. Recommend booking or phoning first.

The Warehouse Stationery

172 George Street

Wednesday 15 July 2026

11.00am to 12.00pm

Older kids can sign up for a creative arts and crafts workshop to design their own keepsake box.

Bookings are essential, phone: 07 870 2579

Waipa District Libraries Te Awamutu

Selwyn Lane, Te Awamutu

Ph: 07 872 0055

www.waipalibraries.org.nz

Winter Reading Challenge

Kids can participate in the “Get Lit: Winter Reading Challenge. Pick up a challenge card at the library, read books over the break, and submit complete entries for end-of-winter prize draws.

Wildcraft Programme

Get ready for 2 weeks of crafting and play this winter holiday at the Te Awamutu Library!

Please note that while the craft activities are for ages 5 - 12, the other activities such as Lego and the orchestra story session are open to all!

To attend a craft, come to the front desk and grab a number. Spaces are limited, so be sure to arrive on time to get a spot! All activities listed below start at 10.30 am

Please note that children must be accompanied at all times.

Week 1

- Monday 6th - Seasonal trees (maximum participants 30)
- Tuesday 7th - Lego session
- Wednesday 8th - Paper cone hedgehogs (maximum participants 30)
- **Matariki Storytime Concert:** Thursday 9 July at 11.00am (maximum participants 50 + parents). A special Matariki celebration combining storytelling and music.

Closed for Matariki on the 10th!

Week 2

- Monday 13th - Things with wings (maximum participants 30)
- Tuesday 14th - Activity and colouring pages (available until 4.00 pm)
- Wednesday 15th - Egg carton bird feeder (maximum participants 30)
- Thursday 16th - Lego session
- Friday 17th - Wriggling caterpillars (maximum participants 30)

MARKETS

Council Carpark Market

101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu, Saturdays; 4 July, 11 July, 18 July 2026, 8.00am-12noon

Kihikihi Monthly Market

18 Lyon Street, Kihikihi, Sunday 5 July 2026, 9.00am

Te Toi Ora

Pirongia Holistic Market, Pirongia Memorial Hall, Saturday 4 July & Sunday 5 July 2026, 10.00am – 3.00pm. Koha/donation entry

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Bible Chapel Kingdom Programme

Monday 13 July – Friday 17 July 2026

Te Awamutu Bible Chapel, 110 Chapel Drive. 9.00am – 3.00pm

\$10 per child per day (all food provided). Includes team games, crafts, and activities.

Registrations are open via the church office. Email: office@tabiblechapel.org.nz

Phone: 07 871 8667

Football Holiday Camp

Te Awamutu Association Football Club, The Stadium, Armstrong Avenue, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Week 1: Monday 6 July – Friday 10 July 2026. Week 2: Monday 13 July – Friday 17 July 2026

Children 5-12 years old. \$40 per day

Register online: www.teawamutuafc.co.nz/junior-football/holiday-programme

Email: info@teawamutuafc.co.nz

St John's Anglican Church Holiday Programme

Tuesday 7 July & Wednesday 8 July 2026, 10.00am to 2.00pm, Registration starts at 9.45am

St John's Church Hall (opposite The Warehouse carpark)

\$5 per child, \$20 maximum per family. Please bring a healthy morning tea and lunch with a bottle of water. Create and make with Matariki themed activities.

Please register with our office; Email: stjohns.awa@xtra.co.nz Phone: 07 871 5568

Te Awamutu Kids Zone

Monday 6 July – Thursday 9 July, Monday 13 July – Friday 17 July 2026

Marist Rugby Clubrooms, 1346 Park Road

Monday – Friday, 7am-6pm, or 9am-3pm

Google - enrolmy

Email: kidszone.simone@hotmail.com

Phone: 027 4853038

The Safe & Happy Club Te Awamutu Ltd

Monday 6 July – Thursday 9 July, Monday 13 July – Friday 17 July 2026

Te Awamutu Primary School, 401 Teasdale Street, Te Awamutu

Pekapekarau Primary School, 742 Te Rahu Road, Te Awamutu

Email: info@safeandhappyclub.co.nz Phone: 027 7278521

www.safeandhappyclub.co.nz