

Wednesday 6 December 2023

Let's stay on... Together Respectful Adaptable Creative Kind

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

Hang in there you have almost made it! It is hard to believe my first year is almost complete! Where has the time gone? Classes have been working hard to prepare for next weeks prizegiving (details below) and I am looking forward to seeing many of you there to end what has been a hectic Term 4!

#### Year 8 Camp

Last week it was my privilege to take away our leaving year 8 students for a couple of nights to celebrate their time here at Ward School. It was a fantastic trip exploring our own back yard with a rafting trip down the Clarence river, some fishing off the coast at Kaikoura and a thrill seeking jet boat ride over in Hanmer. Thank you to the year 8 parents whose helped with fundraising, organisation and participation which made it a wonderful farewell experience that the students will remember.



## Year 6 Tech Taster

On Monday our Year 6 students had a great morning at the Marlborough Technology center. They had a go at cooking, wood work and digital media. I know they are all looking forward to the amazing programmes on offer next year



## **Kiwican Wet & Wild**

Next Wednesday Kiwi Can will hold their Wet & Wild day. Students will need

- Togs
- Towel
- Goggles (optional)
- Sunscreen and sun hats (recommended in line with our school policy)
- Warm clothes (for after the session)

Reef will start off at 11:30 and go till 12:15, Wave Pool will be 1:00pm to 1:45, and Rock pool will go from 1:45 till 2:30. It will be a fun afternoon with lots of exciting activities

### Prizegiving

Prizegiving will be held next Thursday (14th of December) from 4:30pm until 6:00 pm in the Ward Hall. This will be followed by a BBQ/ Sausage sizzle afterwards at Ward School. Each class will perform a short item and we will give out the Trophies and Certificates for 2023. All are welcome to attend we would love to see as many of you as possible to support the children

#### Reports

Just a quick note that you can expect to see end of year reports come hoe next week. Rock Pools Reports will be slightly modified from previous years due to the change in staffing half way through this term. (Separate note with more details will be sent home tomorrow for Rock Pool parents)

#### (Repeat Reminders) End of Year/ Start of year

Just confirming that the last official day of school is Friday 15th of December. This will be a half day. The school will close at 12:30pm. School will restart in 2024 on Thursday the 1st of February. Teachers will have teacher only days on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st of January.

#### **TEAM Meeting**

There will be a Team meeting on December 8th held at MJs Cafe starting at 12:30pm. AN agenda has been posted on the Skool Loop app

#### **Hat Reminder**

As a sun smart school Term 4 is a hat term. We do require that all students provide their own wide brimmed school or red hat. In the past we have had some spare's at school but these have disappeared and they are also not the best for hygiene purposes. Unfortunately if students do not have a hat then they will be asked to stay in a shaded area at break times.

## Just for Laughs! (aka Mr Sangsters Dad Joke of the week!)

What do you call a sleeping bull?

A bull dozer!

Ngā mihi nui, Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki



# Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga



Integrity Pono

Means doing the right thing.

# THE KIWI CAN CORNER



#### Integrity / Pono

As we learn more about role models, our younger students are learning about 'setting a good example' for others. Older tamariki are grappling with ideas like our core values, and what kind of role model we are – or want to be. It all links back to "doing the right thing even when no one is watching" <sup>(i)</sup>

Conversation starters for this week...

- What sort of role model would you *like* to be?
- If you overheard people talking about you in the future, what words would you hope they would use to describe you?
- What celebrities do you admire who have conquered a difficult situation? What have you learned from watching how they responded to that situation? How do you think *you* might respond if you were in that situation?
- Think about the people in our family and our community. Who do you know that stands up for what's right? Who makes time to help others? Who has made a courageous comeback? How does this serve as role modelling for others?

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