



Newsletter
Week 3
Term 1 2024
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga

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

Wednesday 14 February 2024

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,



It was great to see so many of you at our Welcome Celebration, TEAM meeting and Reef assembly. It is always great to have the community in and involved in the school. I look forward to continuing to develop these positive relationships throughout the year. The children have been busy getting into their learning and I mentioned to them on Monday that I was extremely happy with the positive vibe that has started this year. Our key focus as a theme throughout the year is Better Together -

building for the future. **Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he te toa takitini.** *My strength is not that of an individual but that of the collective.* We are wanting to build a strong culture that incorporates our "TRACK" values and fosters collaboration, mutual respect and a sense of belonging. I feel the positive vibes are already beginning to reflect this goal.



Congratulations!

I informed the children of Reef and Wavepool yesterday that senior teacher Mr Dalziel will be leaving the school at the start of Term 2. Mr DL will be taking up a teaching/ principal position at Canvastown school. We offer our congratulations as this is a great step for him in his teaching Journey. It will definitely leave a big hole for us after 5+ years of dedicated service to the school. We will be looking to advertise the position very soon in the hope that we can have a replacement on board for the start of Term 2. I will keep you posted on how this search goes.

Swim Sports

Next Friday our years 3-8 students will participate in the Seddon/ Ward swimming sports thank you to those families who have already handed in their permission slips and those that have offered to help with transport. If we could keep these coming in it would greatly help our organisation.

Senior Tech

Just a quick note that there will be Year 7 & 8 technology this Monday (19 Feb) we had a bit of confusion on the first day but we have all the dates posted now on our community calendar. Note we have changed the dates of one of our community events to avoid a clash however we will still have a clash with our senior camp. Unfortunately this is unavoidable and we will miss that day.

Website/ Communication (repeat notice)

This year we are moving to a new website which is now live. Have a look by following the link [Ward School](https://www.wardschool.co.nz/) The new site is run by the same people who run our Skool Loop app so it will link to notices and information posted on the app easily. The home page is easy to navigate and if you scroll down you can quickly see events that are listed on the school community calendar. The Skool Loop app is our preferred method of getting out important information to you. If you haven't downloaded it already I strongly encourage you to do so. When you sign up you can choose the groups you wish to belong to like classrooms, sports etc to make sure you are getting the information that is relevant to you.

<https://skoolloop.com/en-nz/parents/>

Teachers will also use our student management system (eTap) to send a weekly email to parents. This will be a short email that might include a highlight for the week and reminders/ notification for what is coming up. If you need to contact teachers an email is our preferred method of contact

Rock Pool - nicolec@ward.school.nz

Wave Pool - mbenseman@ward.school.nz

Reef - adalziel@ward.school.nz

Principal - principal@ward.school.nz

Staff are generally available to answer emails between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm. Note teachers can not respond to emails during class times. If you are emailing outside of these times we do endeavour to respond as soon as possible but it may be the next day. If matters are urgent during the school day then please phone the office (03) 57 56837 and we will get the message to the teachers. Due to Privacy reasons we will not be able to give out personal details and cell phone numbers unless the staff member chooses to do so. You are more than welcome to pop in and see us for quick questions and queries but if you are wishing to discuss any issues in a bit more detail please make an appointment for an appropriate time.

Reminders - (repeat notice)

Just a reminder that it is important that children come to school with the correct school uniform. Purchases can be made from the [Uniform Shop](#). We do have some second hand hats \$5 and sports tops \$10 for sale (limited numbers and sizes). We will be having a big push on hats for this term. Students must have a red wide brimmed or bucket hat to play outside in terms 1 and 4. We have talked to the children about “no hat no play” Students with out hats will be asked to sit under the big tree outside Reef in the shade. We will not have spare hats available at school. In the past they have been treated poorly and left in a number of random places but more importantly the sharing of hats is not a healthy practice and can spread bugs, especially headlice. So we ask that each student provides their own named hat. Since last year we no longer have sports tops available to borrow. As above we have a few for sale but we would like each student to have their own sports top available for sporting events and outside the school activities.

Last year we had an increasing number of students bringing noodles to school for lunch and asking for staff to add the boiling water to cook them. Unfortunately due to health and safety concerns, in particular scalding burns, staff are not permitted to provide boiling water to students. Students may bring hot water in a thermos if they wish but it may be beneficial to look at alternative lunches.



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

What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?
You can't Tuna fish!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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Important Term 1 Dates

Date	Event
Feb 23	Ward/Seddon Swim Sports
Mar 1	Wave Pool Assembly
Mar 6	Rural School Swim sports
Mar 15	Rock Pool Assembly
Mar 18-21	Reef Camp - Spencer Park
Mar 24	Flaxbourne Show
Mar 29- Apr 2	Easter
Apr 3	Athletics with Seddon School
Apr 9-10	Parent Interviews
Apr 12	Reef Assembly - End of Term



Respect Manaakitanga

Means treating people, things and places as important.

The Kiwi Can Corner

Respect / Manaakitanga

Kia ora koutou! We are so excited to be back in school and working with all your amazing Kiwi Can kids again.

Did you know?

Each term we have a different theme that we base our learning around.

- ★ **Term 1 = Respect / Manaakitanga**
- ★ Term 2 = Resilience / Taikaha
- ★ Term 3 = Positive Relationships / Whakawhanaungatanga
- ★ Term 4 = Integrity / Pono

Stay tuned for updates on what your child is learning about in Kiwi Can and conversation starters to keep the learning going at home. Next time we'll have an intro to your child's Kiwi Can Leaders too ☺

