



**Newsletter**  
**Week 5**  
**Term 1 2024**  
**Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga**



Wednesday 28 February 2024

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

We are half way through Term 1 already! I look forward to seeing many of you at this weeks Wave Pool Assembly. Note the time change. Assemblies will start at 2:10 this year. I know that Rock Pool are also keen to show off their swimming skills and are hosting a "swimming showcase" from 1:30. These are great opportunities to show how we are working better together. Ka Pai team!

### Swim Sports



Last Friday saw a very successful swimming sports event held with Seddon school for our year 3-8 students. I was at school with a handful of our younger students but only heard glowing reviews of our students efforts and behaviour which have done the school proud. We had some fantastic results with numerous placings. This year each student's achievements were gathered to decide overall year group champions. Ward School did incredibly well

- Year 3/4 Girls - **1st Place** Harriet Lunn, **3rd Place** - Margot Murray
- Year 5 Girls - **3rd Place** Lucy Murray
- Year 5 Boys - **3rd = Place** - William Vavasour
- Year 6 Boys - **2nd = Place** - Paddy Milton
- Year 7 Girls - **2nd Place** - Tia Hickman, **3rd = Place** - Ashley Shadbolt
- Year 8 Girls - **1st Place** - Eloise Loe, **2nd Place** - Leah Lloyd

Congratulations to all our fantastic swimmers. I have sent a note home today about nextweek's Rural Swimming sports.

### Rippa Rugby

Today we had representatives from Tasman Rugby visit the school to give our students a taste of Rippa Rugby. The children responded very well and are looking forward to the follow up visit next week



## TEAM Fundraiser - Horse trek

Next week TEAM are undertaking a fantastic fundraiser for the school. They are running a Horse Trek. The riders will be leaving on 5th March and heading through the Muller down to Bluff for four nights, five days. A massive thank you to the Organisers and all involved. It has been a big undertaking and it reinforces how lucky we are to have such a supportive community.



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

Have you heard the story of the skunk?  
Never mind, it stinks!

Ngā mihi nui,  
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

**Together**



**Respectful**



**Adaptable**



**Creative**



**Kind**



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## Important Term 1 Dates

Date	Event
Mar 1	Rock Pool Swimming showcase - 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

This term's main theme is respect / manaakitanga, which we are exploring through three main modules:

- ★ **Respect for ourselves**
- ★ **Respect for others**
- ★ **Respectful communication**

Why not have a chat with your child to carry on the learning at home? Here are some conversation starters for this week:

- What does "respect" mean to you? What kinds of thoughts and actions come to mind?
- If we are showing respect for ourselves, what could we be doing?
- What are some of your strengths?
- What are some things that make you unique?
- Why is it important that we understand our own uniqueness and respect that of others?



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