



Newsletter
Week 7
Term 1 2024
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga



Wednesday 13 March 2024

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

School continues to be a hive of activity from assembly's, and sports tasters to Rural Swimming Sports and incredible fundraisers it has been hard to keep up! The children are showing great resilience and have taken everything in their stride as they get on with the business of learning.

Rural Swimming Sports

Last Wednesday we had a great number of year 5/6/7 & 8 students take part in the Rural Swimming sports held in Blenheim at Stadium 2000. All of our competitors were a credit to Ward School showing their TRACK values. For a small school the standard of our swimmers was very high and we had some great results across the board. This event was a bout participation and having fun and Ward succeeded with both. We will be looking to name a team of swimmers to go to the Marlborough district finals in the next couple of days.

Horse Trek Fundraiser

A massive thank you to Jess and her vast team of helpers for making this such a successful event. I know there was a large number of families and members of our community who devoted their time and resources to make this a huge success. Please know the school is extremely grateful for the hard work put in by our community to provide our school with the high level of support we receive. Your support allows us to stay well resourced and provide amazing learning opportunities for our Tamariki.



Reef Camp

Next week our senior Reef Class will head to "Spencer Park" (Located just north of Christchurch) for a 3 night 4 day camping adventure. Highlights will include some surf lifesaving, exploring the local forest and sand dunes with some DOC experts and braveing the high wire course at adrenaline forest. A big thank you to the parent volunteers and community support given to help make this camp possible.

Rock Pool Assembly

This Friday Rock Pool will host their Assembly. This will be held in the Reef classroom and start at 2:10pm. I look forward to seeing you there

Kaipupu Point Visit

Tomorrow see Wave Pool taking a boat out to the Kaipupu Point sanctuary. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to take in a bit of our local environment. They will have short lesson in Picton looking at some of our native bird and tree species before taking a water taxi out into the sounds before arriving at the point. Again a big thank you to the volunteers who have helped make this experience possible.



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

I've been bored recently so I've decided to take up fencing.
The neighbours said they will call the police unless I put it back!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

Together



Respectful



Adaptable



Creative



Kind



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Important Term 1 Dates

| Date | Event |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Mar 14 | Wave pool kaupupu Point Visit |
| 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 week we're moving on to exploring respect for others and how we enhance each other's mana and sense of self.

Why not tie this in with what you talk about at home this week?

- What does it mean to be kind? How do you think this connects in with respect?
- What are some ways you can show respect and help your family and friends?
- When you show kindness, how does it make you feel? How will the other people around you feel?
- Who are the most respectful people you know? Why? What do they do to demonstrate respect?
- What are some ways we can show respect at a game or sporting event? What about when we are in the supermarket or a shop?
- "We have to respect everyone". Do you agree? Why - or why not?



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