



Newsletter
Week 9
Term 1 2024
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga



Wednesday 13 March 2024

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

My goodness this term is flying by! I hope you are looking forward to the Easter break. Please note that next Tuesday (2nd of April) is also a school holiday, We will be back in business on Wednesday the 3rd of April. It was fantastic to catch up with many of you at the Ward show on Sunday. What a fantastic community event, it was great to see our school so well represented! A special thanks to those parents who took the time to help out with the Ward School BBQ. It is a great little fundraiser for us and a fantastic opportunity for us to be present in our wider community.

Reef Camp

Our amazing Year 6/7 & 8 Reef students left for Spencer Park camp (just north of Christchurch on 18th of March. It was an amazing adventure for the students. They got to experience Adrenlin Forest. A series of challenging hire wire obstacles that allows students to push themselves no matter their abilities. This was followed by a fantastic Beach-Ed course run by a couple of great Christchurch lifeguards. We also explored the sand dunes and Bottle Lake Forest with a couple of great programmes run by the Christchurch City Council. The students represented Ward School proudly and we offer a huge thanks to the amazing parent volunteers who made this possible.



Athletics Day

Next Wednesday (3rd of April) we will travel to Seddon to participate in an Athletics day. Thank you to all those parents who have kindly offered their support with transport on the day. If you haven't returned your permission slip yet it would be great to get them in as soon as possible so we can finalise travel arrangements.

Reef Parent Meeting

As you will know Mr Dalziel will be leaving us at the end of this term. Unfortunately we have not had much success in finding a replacement after a few rounds of advertising. I invite the parents of Reef class to meet me in the Library at 3:15 on Monday the 8th of April to discuss the plans for Reef in Term 2

Parent Interviews

In week 11 on the 9th and 10th of April we will hold parent interviews. I will open up bookings through a link on our skool loop app tomorrow. This is a 10 minute interview with just you and child's teacher (no students present) to discuss how the year has started and learning goals for term 2 and 3.

Marlborough Swimming Sports

On Monday we had a small team of year 5 - 8 students Lucy Murray, William Vavasour, Paddy Milton, Tia Hickman, Ashley Shadbolt, Leah Lloyd, Eloise Loe and M-J Burke represented Ward School at the Marlborough district swimming sports. The year 5/6s competed in the morning and the year 7/8s in the afternoon. All competitors represented the school extremely well with a number of them making finals.

A special congratulations to William who placed second in the year 5 Boys Breast stroke! A fantastic effort!



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

Why did the stadium get hot?

All the fans left!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

Together



Respectful



Adaptable



Creative



Kind



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Important Term 1 Dates

Date	Event
Mar 29- Apr 2	Easter
Apr 3	Athletics with Seddon School
Apr 9-10	Parent Interviews
Apr 12	Reef Assembly - End of Term
April 29	Start of Term 1 - Senior Tech



The Kiwi Can Corner



Respect / Manaakitanga

This week we're diving into learning more about respectful communication. Younger ākonga (learners) will be exploring ideas around respect and active listening. Our older Kiwi Can kids will be developing their understanding further by learning to use respectful communication to work towards a common goal.

Respect Manaakitanga

Means treating people, things and places as important.

Conversation starters to try out at home:

- If you are "actively listening", what does this look like? What will your ears, eyes, brain and body be doing?
- How does active listening help us show respect?
- How do you think your teacher feels when you are actively listening?
- What does a successful team look like? What are the clues that tell us they are using respectful communication? How does this make a difference?



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Health Day on the Pa Whanau Vaccination Clinic



COME ALONG FOR A WHĀNAU AFTERNOON OF ENJOYMENT AND FUN!

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT: COURTNEY ON 027 728 0174

DATE: THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024 2PM

ADDRESS: TAKAHANGA MARAE, 7 TAKAHANGA TCE

VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE: FLU/ MMR/ HPV/ BOOSTRIX/ COVID-19



Seddon Lions Club

4 WHEEL DRIVE TREK

Explore Stunning Country & Views from
Tempello and bordering Stations on
Tracks Normally Closed to the Public.

GOOD GROUND CLEARANCE REQUIRED

Postponement
date 21st April

SUNDAY 14th April 2024.

Meet at the Molesworth / Dashwood Junction SH1
8.30 am Registration.

**COST \$50 FOR VEHICLE AND DRIVER – PLUS \$15
FOR EACH ADULT PASSENGER (Under 12yrs Free)**
EFTPOS Available on the day

SORRY NO DOGS OR OTHER PETS ALLOWED

BRING PACKED LUNCH & CAMERA

Proceeds will be donated to – Local deserving causes and
approved Lions Club Charities

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