



Newsletter
Week 4
Term 1 2025
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga

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

Wednesday 26 February 2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

Week 4 and the Term is flying by! "Growing together" - Pai tū, pai hinga, nā wai, nā oti - through trials and tribulations the work will be complete! This is the theme for our year of learning. It is about our tamariki showing resilience, embracing change, and being willing to give things a go even when they are new, unfamiliar or difficult. Our students have made a great start in running with this message. Classes have been busy and have already shown great flexibility and adaptability with the range of opportunities that have taken place in the first few weeks.

Seddon/ Ward Swimming Sports



Last Friday we participated in the combined Seddon/Ward swimming sports. Ward students did a fantastic job of representing the school. A massive thank you to Sue Murray who spent the week working with all of our classes to hone their skills and give them some intensive swimming lessons. Her contributions continue to be highly valued by all of our students and staff!

Congratulations to all of our place-getters we have a number of certificates to be presented at our next sharing assembly. Special mention to Ted Milton, Lucy Murray and Tia Hickman who were awarded champion age group swimmer awards for top performances across the range of different strokes!



Results

Orlo MacFarlane - 3/4 Boys - 2nd Free, 3rd Back, 3rd Breaststroke

Mason Lloyd - 5 Boys - 2nd = Free, 2nd Back, 3rd Free (2 lengths)

Harry Dowling - 5 Boys 3rd Back

William Vavasour - 6 Boys 1st Breaststroke

Paddy Milton - 7 Boys - 2nd Free, 3rd Back, 3rd Breaststroke, 3rd Back (2 lengths)

Regan Loe - 7 Boys - 2nd Back

Ashley Shadbolt - 8 Girls - 3rd Free, 1st Back, 2nd Breaststroke, 3rd Free (2 lengths)

Kaipara Moore - 8 Boys - 3rd Free

Ted Milton - Champion Year 5 Boy

Lucy Murray - Champion Year 6 Girl

Tia Hickman - Champion Year 8 Girl

This Friday (28th) a group of year 5-8 students will represent the school at the combined small and rural schools event at Stadium 2000. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help with transport for this event. We wish all our competitors luck at this have-a-go event!

Board of Trustees

Congratulations to Sam Lunn, Angela Loe, Hamish Murray and Ratapu Moore who have all been newly elected to the school Board of Trustees. Sam Lunn and Angela Loe will co-chair the board as co-presiding members. The school would like to acknowledge the services of Hannah Johnstone, Kieran Hickman, and Simon Todhunter as long-standing members of the board who have stepped

down this year. We have appreciated your time and dedication to helping the school run successfully. We know your successors have big shoes to fill.

Netball Taster Day

Tomorrow we will have a coach from Marlborough netball visit the school to take classes for a "Netball taster Day" - Reef 10-10:30 Wave Pool 11:00 - 11:30, Rock Pool 11:30 - 12:00. Thank you to Mrs Bamford for organising this.



Just for Laughs! (aka Mr Sangster's Dad Joke of the week!)

I gotta a new pen that can write under water!

It can write other words too!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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Important Term 1 Dates

Date	Event
Feb 27	Netball Taster Day
Feb 28	Rural School Swimming Sports in Blenheim Yr 5 - 8
Feb 28	Ward School Golf Fundraiser
Mar 7	Wave Pool Assembly
Mar 21	Marlborough Swimming Championship
Mar 23	Flaxbourne Show
Mar 28	Reef Assembly
Apr 4	Athletics with Seddon School
Apr 9/10	Parent Interviews
Apr 7	Teacher Only Day - Staff Development
Apr 11	Principal Assembly - End of Term
Apr 11	Ward Heritage Center Grand Opening!



Lions Club of Seddon 4x4 Trek

***A Unique Opportunity to Explore the Stunning
Country Around Kekerengu and the Clarence –
Travelling Through 9 Different Properties.***

Good Ground Clearance Required.

SUNDAY 16th of March 2025 (Postponement date 30th March)

**Meeting at the Benmore Station Stockyards (RAPID
No 6445) approx 30 minutes South of Seddon /
approx 5 Minutes North of Kekerengu SH1
8.00 am Registration.**

**COST \$60.00 FOR VEHICLE & DRIVER – PLUS \$15.00 FOR EACH
ADULT PASSENGER (UNDER 12YRS FREE)**

EFTPOS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.

**Sorry NO DOGS or OTHER PETS
BRING PACKED LUNCH & CAMERA**

**Proceeds will be donated to several local community groups, causes
& Lions Club Charities.**

Enquires – Mike Watson Ph 0276 097386

FREE
ENTRY

Supporting Aotearoa
'Love to Ride' Month



Biking Treasure Hunt



Taylor River Reserve
Runs until 31 March 2025

Find the clues and go
into the draw for one
of 3 treasure baskets.

Plus find one of 5 kiwis
to win some treasure.



To register and for more information,
go to: www.marlborough.govt.nz



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Visit the Leptospirosis Roadshow near you!

What is Leptospirosis?

Hear how this common notifiable disease can affect you, your animals and pets.

- Featuring a presentation from Professor Jackie Benschop, Researcher of Massey University
- Nelson Marlborough District Health Speaker on Leptospirosis in humans
- A local vet or presentation from Vet Marlborough on Leptospirosis in your pet or farm animals
- A Speaker on contracting Leptospirosis

February	:	Tuesday 25 th	Ward Hall (Ward) Awatere Hall (Seddon)	9.30am to 12 noon 1.30pm to 4.30pm
	:	Friday 28 th	Wairau Valley Hall Woodbourne Tavern (backroom)	9.30am to 12 noon 1.30pm to 4.30pm
March	:	Wednesday 19 th	Havelock Town Hall The Millars Rest Rai Valley	9.30am to 12noon 1.30pm to 4.30pm
	:	Thursday 20 th	Tua Marina Hall	1.30pm to 4.30pm
April	:	Tuesday 8 th	Waitaria Bay Hall	12 noon to 4.30pm

Everyone welcome including children

Refreshments will be served

A raffle will be run as fundraising for Leptospirosis Research at Massey

Roadshow run by Marlborough RWNZ



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