



**Newsletter  
Week 0  
Term 4 2025  
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga**

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

Sunday 5 October 2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

Welcome to the final term of 2025. As always, Term 4 will be busy for Students, Whānau and Staff. We have a lot of fantastic learning opportunities and events taking place. Make sure to have a good look at the important dates listed at the bottom of this newsletter. I know we will have a fantastic term 4 and I can't wait to see the Tamariki step up to all the challenges ahead.

### **Speeches**

On Tuesday, we will hold our school speech competition. As Mrs Bamford mentioned on Skool Loop, there will be no tennis or music lessons. Year 0–5 student speeches will take place in Wave Pool from 9:00 am. Year 6–8 speeches will be at the Ward Hall from 11:00 am. The top 2 speakers from Years 6 to 8 will represent the school at the Ward/ Seddon speech finals held at Seddon school on Thursday night

### **Athletics Day**

We will head to Seddon School on Friday, October 10th, for a joint athletics day. This event was postponed from Term 1. Mrs Bamford has sent home transport notices; if they could be returned ASAP, this will help with the organisational process. Later in the term (28th of October) our year 5-8 students will head to the rural athletics. We will then be choosing a team to head to the Marlborough district athletics on the 11th of November. As such, we will be holding (weather permitting) athletics practices this week.

### **Kapa Haka**

We will also be holding Kapa Hak practices over the next couple of weeks as we build to our performance at the annual Taiopenga festival. Ward School will be performing on Wednesday, October 22, at approximately 11:00 am. Thanks to teachers Maddie Benseman and Whaea Robyn for their hard work with this.

### **School Closing**

Please note that school will be closed for instruction on Thursday, the 23rd of October, due to a Teacher and Principal strike. We will not have staff available to operate the school on this day. I will be sending a separate letter with information about the strike.

### **Student Learning Conferences**

Our Student Led Conferences have been rescheduled from last term to Wednesday, the 24th of October. They will run from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Families will be able to book a half-hour time slot. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to share some of the highlights of their learning over the last couple of terms. More details will come out later in the week.

### **Hat Term**

Just a quick reminder that as a Sun Smart School, Term 4 is a hat term. All students are required to wear a red school bucket hat when outside in term 4. It is school policy that no hat equals no play. Please ensure your child has a hat at school for the Term. Candi does have some second hats available at the office for purchase

### Smart Watches

Last Term, staff noticed that a few students have been wearing “smart” or internet capable watches to school. These devices come under the same school policy that we have for cell phones. Please ask your children not to wear them during school hours. If they are used for communication after school, then they can either be handed in to the teacher or kept in their school bag. We have had instances of them being used for games during class time, which is unacceptable.

### Important Term 4 Dates

Date	Event
October 6	Term 4 Begins, Year 7/8 Tech
October 7	Ward School Speeches
October 9	Ward/ Seddon Year 6-8 Speech finals
October 10	Ward/ Seddon Athletics Day
October 13	Board Meeting
October 16	St John's First Aid in Class
October 20	Life Education Truck (Harold the Giraffe) at school, Yr 7/8 Tech
October 22	Taiopenga Performance in Blenheim
October 23	<b>School Closed</b> for NZEI strike
October 27	Labour Day
October 28	Rural School Athletics
October 29	Student Led Conferences
November 3	Marlborough Anniversary
November 4	Year 7/8 Tech
November 11	Marlborough District Athletics
November 14	Year 7/8 Tech
November 24	Year 7/8 Tech
December 1	Year 6 Tech Taster Day
December 17	School Prizegiving
December 18	Last Day of School (Half Day)

**\*\* Note dates for Year 8 camp are still to be confirmed for week 9 (Dec 1- 5) or Week 10 (Dec 8 - 12) for 2 nights.**



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

The kids made a powerpoint to convince me to take them to the water park.

It had several slides!

Ngā mihi nui,  
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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# An open invitation to all Awatere, Flaxbourne, & Kekerengu ladies



**JOIN US FOR DINNER**

## AFK RURAL LADIES OPEN NIGHT

**WARD HALL  
THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER  
6PM  
DINNER \$50 + CASH BAR**

**TO BOOK**

Email :

[afkruralladies@gmail.com](mailto:afkruralladies@gmail.com)

**OCTOBER OPEN NIGHT :** There's no obligation to become an AFK member. Come join us to catch up, connect, and enjoy our wonderful guest speaker.

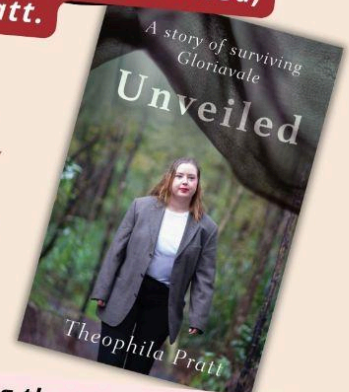


**THE AFK COMMITTEE WITH MAY 2025  
GUEST SPEAKER PENNY TAYLOR**

Any queries please reach out to one of the committee :  
Tanya Hawley, Heather Yianakis,  
Nadine Hickman, Koko Lambert,  
Lou Westenra, Kate Forsyth.



**Introducing our October 2025  
guest speaker - Gloriavale  
survivor & author of Unveiled,  
Theophila Pratt.**



**Following the popularity of AFK's  
Oct 2023 guest speakers Gloriavale  
survivors Elijah & Rosie, we bring  
you another story of courage  
coming out of NZ's infamous  
Christian cult.**

### ABOUT AFK

AFK Rural Ladies is for rural women from the Awatere, Flaxbourne, & Kekerengu communities. We meet for dinner every 3 months.

**The purpose is simply to connect  
with women in your community for a  
fun night out and a good ole catch  
up.**

Enjoy yummy food, a drink or a few,  
hear from an awesome guest speaker,  
and go away feeling uplifted,  
recharged and lots of warm fuzzies!



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**MARLBOROUGH**  
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**BOTH SHORT & LONG DISTANCES + BEAT THE BEAR DASH!**

**+ AWESOME SPOT PRIZES**  
 AMAZING PRIZE FOR THE SCHOOL WITH THE MOST ENTRIES  
**+ + MAJOR SPOT PRIZE OF A BIKE!** 

**SUN 12 OCTOBER 2025**

**BRANCOTT VINEYARD, BLENHEIM**  
 SCAN THE CODE  
**TO ENTER**



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**RENWICK SCHOOL**  
**TOUGH KIDS**  
**CHALLENGE**

**JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY!**

Children will navigate a course with a variety of challenges and obstacles.  
**Expect a lot of fun and some mud!**  
**2.5 km course with 15 obstacles.**  
 The course is over farm land, up and down hills.

**30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

**YEAR 3 – YEAR 8 can enter.**  
 2547 Waihopai Valley Road.  
 Enter at:  
<https://events.humantix.com/renwick-school-tough-kids>

**AWESOME SPOT PRIZES!**

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