



**Newsletter  
Week 6  
Term 1 2026  
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga**



Friday 13 March 2026

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

Week 6 has come to an end which means just 3 weeks to go in our 9 week Term. Students and teachers have been busy getting on with the business of learning! Amongst our reading, writing and maths; classes have been busy working on showday art and craft projects as they look forward to the upcoming flaxbourne show celebration. We also had a fantastic day out at the end of last week at Ward Beach, to celebrate the end of sea week. We are looking forward to continuing the hard mahi as we look to finish the term strongly. All classes will continue their behaviour focus on showing respect with positive communication towards each other and adults.

### **New Swing Set Installed**

Last Saturday we had a new swing set installed in the playground. It has proved very popular among all of the students. We have initiated a roster system to make sure everyone gets a fair go. Thanks to the board of trustees for getting this project completed.

### **Parent Interviews**

On Tuesday and Wednesday of week 8 (24th & 25th of March) we hold parent interviews. This is a chance for a 10 min 1 on 1 conversation about your child. Teachers will discuss how your child has settled into the year and goals for the terms ahead. Appointment times will be available for booking from Wednesday next week.

### **Ward School Beach visit**

Last Friday we had a whole school visit to Ward Beach as a special trip to finish of Sea Week. A big thank you to all of parents and whānau who supported with transport and supervision. We can't provide these awesome opportunities with out you! We were lucky to get fantastic weather which made it easy for the children to explore. It is always fantastic to get out in our backyard!



### **Mako's Visit**

On Tuesday we had members of the Tasman Mako come to school to run some skills and drill for Rippa Rugby. They also stuck around at lunchtime to give a few dedicated students some top tackling tips. Thank you Ms Benseman for organising this. The Mako's will be back early in Term 2 to run a second session.



## Combined Schools Swimming Sports

On Friday the 27th of February we had 2 small groups of students from years 5 - 8 attend the combined schools swimming event at Stadium 2000 in Blenheim. In the Year 5/6 category Ward competed against students from Seddon, Riverlands, Rapaura, Tua Marina, Grove Town, Wairau Valley and St Josephs. Congratulations to Orlo MacFarlane for getting 3rd in the Year 5 Boys backstroke, Ted Millton 2nd in the Year 6 Boys Freestyle and Mason Lloyd 1st in the Year 6 Boys Backstroke. Our Year 7/8 students competed against Riverlands, Rapaura, Tua Marina, Wairau Valley and St Josephs. Congratulations to Paddy Millton - 3rd in Year 8 Boys Backstroke and to William Vavasour who got 1st in The Year 7 Boys Freestyle and Breaststroke.

## St. Patrick's Day

Next Tuesday - March 17th we will celebrate St Patricks day with a dress up day. Students are encouraged to come in their best "green outfits!" A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated with proceeds going to "Little River School" who were badly affected by flooding. It is a great chance to have a little bit of fun and help out others who are in need!



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

What is the worlds saddest pizza?

Pepperlonely!

Ngā mihi nui,

Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

**T**ogether



**R**espectful



**A**daptable



**C**reative



**K**ind



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## Important Term 1 Dates

Date	Event
Mar 17	St Paddy's Dress up day
Mar 22	Flaxbourne Show (100 Year anniversary)
Mar 26	Rock Pool Assembly
Mar 27	Marlborough District Swimming

Mar 28	Reef Assembly
Mar 24/25	Parent Interviews
Apr 1	Reef Assembly End of Term 1 for Students
Apr 2	Teacher Only Day - Maths - PD
April 23	Lions Dinner - Fundraiser



# Lions Club of Seddon 4x4 Trek

*A Unique Opportunity to Explore the Stunning  
High Country Through –  
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**4x4 & Good Ground Clearance Required.**

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

*(postponement date 12<sup>th</sup> April)*

**Registration – 9.00am at the DASHWOOD  
JUNCTION SH1 (North of Seddon)**

**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 Blenheim Hospice, Lions Club and  
Landowners preferred Charities**

**Enquires – Mike Watson Ph 0276 097386**



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- **B Reserve Child** - 2 years -17 years: \$27.62 each (\$25.00 + \$2.62 fees)

**Dates**

**Dazzlehands**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
10:30am - 11:15am  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
12:00pm - 12:45pm

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