Te Kura o te Manawa Tapu
SACRED HEART
SCHOOL REEFTON

School News

Wednesday 10 December
Rāapa 20 Tihema

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

REEFTON - Sacred Heart Church	**REEFTON WEEKDAY MASSES**
Saturday 29 November 5:00PM	Thursday 9.00am
Saturday 6 December 5:00PM	Friday 9.00am
Sunday 14 December 9:00AM	

Sacramental Preparation

If parents wish for their child/ren to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion, please make contact with the school, Fr David or Bernadette Snowden.

School Camp - Tuesday 2 -Friday 5 December

Thanks to the wonderful parents who helped supervise and transport the children to and from camp. Put simply, without your help, school camps are simply not feasible. I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank our students, who were absolutely incredible. It was awesome to see our school values - Respect, Integrity, Empathy and Resilience being lived out in every aspect of the camp. This was also remarked upon by the camp staff, who were incredibly impressed with the children.We are booked back into Bridge Valley in December 2027...can't wait!

Last Day - Mass and Prize Giving

Our last day is next Friday 19th December. School Mass will be held at 11am in the Sacred Heart Church, followed by Prize Giving. ***All children need to be in their 'number one's' - school polo shirt, school shorts, navy or black socks. Please, no crocs to be worn on this day.*** We should be all wrapped up by 12.30pm and at that point you are welcome to take your children home for the holidays.

We will have a mufti day on Thursday 18th December giving parents plenty of time to wash uniforms in preparation for the Mass/Prize Giving.

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Please note, there will be no school bus service on the afternoon of the 19th December.

Westland Milk Products

A huge thank you to Westland Milk Products for their kind donation of $600. This was used to offset the cost of the camp to each family.

Santa Parade

Thanks to Maria, Karen, Tracy, Linda and students for the awesome art work/decorations and dressing the float. As always it looked amazing. Thanks to Simon Murray for the loan of the trailer and tractor. FYI, we won the best dressed tractor (we were the only tractor), but we'll take it anyway!

Thanks to all the children that braved the rain to ride the float in the parade, you all looked amazing!



Please make an appointment with me

If you are unhappy with how we as a school operate, please make an appointment to come in and discuss your concerns. It is incredibly disheartening to hear that certain members of our school community have been bad mouthing the school and staff publicly. We as a staff and board work incredibly hard to do the absolute best for our students, often going well above and beyond what would be expected for such a small school/staff. To say I am disappointed is a complete understatement and to those that wish to undermine our positive work here, be reminded that Reefton has two schools from which to choose.

Attendance and Engagement 2025

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. **It is the parent or caregivers responsibility to notify the school prior to 9am if your child is going to be absent. It is also important to let the office or staff (Tony and Linda in the first instance) know if your child is being picked up from school by somebody other than a parent.**

Attendance Rates for Term 4 (Weeks 1-7) - *Looking pretty good at the moment...*

Attendance Rate For School

Present 0-70%	Present 71-80%	Present 81-90%	Present 91-100%	Late
3.33%	10.00%	20.00%	66.67%	0.75%

Sun Hats and Uniform

Can all parents please check their child's sun hats and uniform for 2026, making sure the material resembles navy blue and that it fits and is named. Please, no skate shoes, converse high tops to be worn in 2026. Children need to be wearing sneakers - the colour of which is up to you. Thanks in advance for your help here.

SHS Student Photography Wall Calendars School Fundraiser

We still have a number of wall calendars available for sale ($25 each). They are beautifully presented and would make a wonderful Xmas present for family and friends.

Drink Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child/ren have a filled water bottle **daily**.

Raincoats

Please ensure your child has a raincoat with them daily.

Tissues

We go through tissues like you would not believe...especially at this time of year. If each family could donate a box, that'd be really helpful

For the Diary

Term 3 Begins	**9am**		
Thursday 11 December	**6pm**	**Mtg Rm**	**BOT Meeting**
Thursday 18 December	**All day**		**Mufti Day**
Friday 19 December	**11am**	**Sacred Heart Church**	**Prize Giving - Last Day of 2025**
TERM ONE 2026	**9am**		**Term 1 - 09 February - 02 April**