



Newsletter
Week 7
Term 3 2024
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga

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

Wednesday 4 September 2024

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

Welcome to Week 7. Thank you to all those who came on Friday to support our Olympic Day. It is always fantastic to see the great community involvement in these opportunities. This Friday, Rock Pool will be hosting a sharing assembly, feel free to come along and support the class and also check out some of the amazing dress-ups from Daffodil Day!

Olympic Day

Last Friday we had an amazing "Olympic Day" Our senior leaders did a fantastic job of planning and organising our four events - Swiss Ball Hockey, Tug o War, Soccer and Waterballoon Cracker Head. Our students participated wonderfully showing all of our TRACK values. It was great to see the kind and caring nature of our older students as they worked together with our younger students.

Congratulations to the following students who took out special awards

Outstanding Leadership

Eloise, Leah, Honor, Tori, Cairo, Harriet, Tia, Ashley

Outstanding Sportsmanship

Paddy, Edward, Annabelle, Eyliah, Elka, Hilda, M-J

Best Dressed

Rock Pool - Phoebe & Toby, Wave Pool - Mason & Kyra, Reef - Cairo & Edward



Pump Track

The Pump track is complete! Work was completed by Fulton Hogan on Friday! It has proved a big hit with the kids. It has been fantastic to see them out and using it.



Daffodil Day -

This Friday we will celebrate Daffodil Day. Children are encouraged to come dressed in Yellow or Green or a combination of the two and bring a gold coin donation. Students can also preorder cupcakes that are being made by a group of our Year 8 leaders. If you haven't already done so you will need to get orders in to Miss Cochrane by the end of today.

Student Led Conferences

Next week on **Tuesday 10th of September** from 3:00 pm until 6:15 pm we will hold our Student Led Conferences. If you haven't done so already, please book a time through the Skool Loop app. If you do not have access to the app please contact your class teacher directly. Conferences are for 30 minutes and will have up to 4 families in the room at once. If you have siblings in the same class you will need to book different times for each sibling. This is a perfect opportunity for your child to go through the learning they are most proud of with you. It is also a chance to set goals with your children and get a real insight into what they have been doing and achieving in class. These conferences are a celebration of learning and provide a relaxed, supportive environment for the students to share. Teachers will be present throughout the conference to offer support and help to the students, but please note the focus is on the conference being led and directed by the students. If you have questions or concerns that you wish to address with the teacher it would be beneficial to make a separate appointment as you would do at any other time throughout the year.

Absences

At present, the school is experiencing a higher than usual amount of absences due to a variety of reasons. As you may be aware there is a large push from the government and the Ministry of Education to improve attendance rates nationwide. Regular attendance is considered when a child attends 90% or more of the time. Irregular absence is between 80% and 90%, Moderate absence is 70% to 80% and Chronic absence is below 70%. **In Term 2 we only had 66% of students achieving regular attendance.** 25% of students had irregular absences and 9% had moderate absences. I know there have been a number of illnesses doing the rounds which is a significant contributor to these stats, however, if we could limit the number of holidays, appointments and out-of-school events that are taken during learning time we could significantly increase this number. Thank you for your cooperation.



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

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool.

I gave him a glass of water!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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CRICKET SIGN-UPS

Open now for 2024/25 Season

Boys Cricket

Year 0-2 Smashplay (boys & girls)
Year 2-4 Boys Kiwi Cricket
Year 5-6 5th Grade (hardball)
Year 7-8 4th Grade
Year 9+ 3rd Grade

Girls Cricket

Year 0-2 Smashplay (boys & girls)
Year 2-8 Girls Smash!
Year 5-10 Girls League (hardball)

Adult cricket options also available!

To register and find out more go www.marlboroughcricket.co.nz
or contact Liv: liv@marlboroughcricket.co.nz



EVERYONE WELCOME ANYTIME



WANT TO CATCH UP?
NEED A NIGHT OUT?
**AFK RURAL LADIES
DINNER DATE**
COME JOIN US

EXCITING GUEST SPEAKER
COMING UP - MATT CHISHOLM



On 3 October we are hosting a partners' dinner.

Bring along your partner if you wish, or just come yourself is all good too.

Yealands Awatere Hall Thursday 3 October - 6pm

Enjoy a delicious meal by Karaka Catering, an entertaining speaker, and great catch up with your fellow community members.

MATT IS A FANTASTIC
SPEAKER WHO REGULARLY
SPEAKS IN RURAL
COMMUNITIES. HE WILL
ENTERTAIN US WITH
STORIES OF LEAVING THE
CITY FOR RURAL LIFE.



AFK Dinner Date is for rural ladies from the Awatere, Flaxbourne, & Kekerengu communities. We meet for dinner every 3 months.

It's all about connecting with women in your community for a fun night out, a few laughs and a good ole catch up.

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

Annual Membership \$60
which covers our guest
speakers for the year +
pay for dinner as you can
attend - usually \$65.

BECOME AN AFK MEMBER TO ATTEND OUR OCTOBER DINNER WITH THE AWESOME MATT CHISHOLM >>

Fill in the membership form at this link -
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Or send us an email afkruralladies@gmail.com



AFK COMMITTEE :

Tanya Hawley, Koko Lambert, Nadine
Hickman, Kate Forsyth, Heather Yianakis

Harcourts

MARLBOROUGH KIDS DUATHLON

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER
BRANCOTT ESTATE VINEYARD

The Harcourts Marlborough Kids Duathlon is a multi-sport event for kids aged between 6 - 18 years from all around the Marlborough region. With both short and long course options, the duathlon is all about having fun, getting out with your friends and giving it a go!



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**YNZ LEVEL 1
START...
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3 DAY COURSE
FOR AGES 8-14**

**1-3 Oct 2024
8-10 Oct 2024**

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QUEEN CHARLOTTE YACHT CLUB, SHELLEY BEACH, PICTON

TŪ HAUKURU HĀ

Our kaupapa is to empower tamariki and rangatahi with tikanga and Māoritanga; to teach life skills such as discipline, respect, and maturity through martial arts.

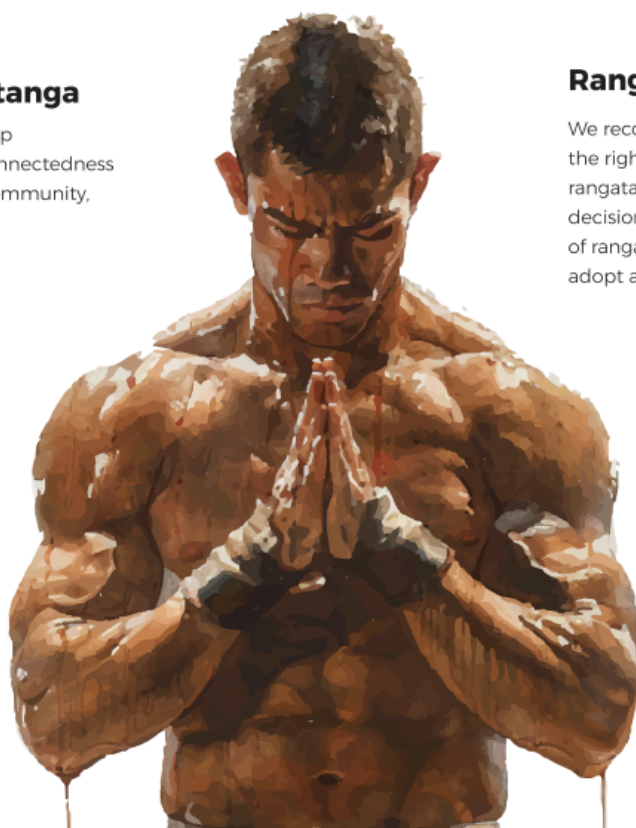
4 Core principles serve as the foundation of Tū Haukuru Hā

Whanaungatanga

We build and develop relationships and connectedness to each other, our community, and Te Ao Māori.

Kotahitanga

We develop and maintain unity in purpose and direction. We both fail and succeed as a collective.



Rangatiratanga

We recognise and encourage the right of tamariki and rangatahi to lead and make decisions. We model attributes of rangatira for our tamariki to adopt and pass on.

Manaakitnga

We express generosity, caring, respect, and compassion to uplift mana of all.

Tū Haukuru Hā will provide an avenue for tamariki and rangatahi to release energy in a safe and positive environment.

The PR Shed // 16A Timandra Place, Blenheim

4 - 5pm Every Monday

To confirm, please contact Tama Tahuri on 027 876 0026

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