



Newsletter
Week 9
Term 3 2024
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga

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

Thursday 19 September 2024

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

Week 9 is almost over and the spring holidays are just around the corner! It was great to see many of you at the Student Led conferences. It is awesome to celebrate all the hard work the children put into their learning through out the year!

Rugby Sevens Tournament

Last week we had 2 teams compete in the Year 4-6 Tackle Rugby 7s tournament. Both teams competed in the competitive grade and had some awesome games. Our year 4/5 team made the quarter-finals where they came up against a much bigger and older Mayfield team that they couldn't overcome. With the talent coming through they will be a force to be reckoned with next year. Our Year 6 team had some great moments, especially with some fierce tackling, but missed the quarters after a couple of close games didn't go their way. A highlight was the game between our 2 teams which resulted in a draw. All games were played in good spirit. Thanks to the parents who were able to come down on the day and support the teams, especially to Charlotte Dickson who managed the Year 4/5 team all day.



Choir Performance

Tonight is the night! Our choir have been practicing hard for months. Good luck with tonight's performance. We know the hard work will pay off and you will be awesome!

Wave Pool Assembly

This Friday afternoon Wave Pool will host the last sharing assembly for Term 3. We will start at 2:10 in the Reef. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

End of Year

Date Correction - The last day of school for this year will be Tuesday the 17th of December not the 20th of December as previously advertised. My apologies I had made a miscalculation on the dates in relation to our start date of February 1st. As such we will hold our final graduation assembly on Monday the 16th of December. You can see the correct dates have been updated on the school calendar which can be accessed through the school website or by following [this link](#).

Uniform

Just a quick reminder about our school uniform. Students are required to wear appropriate black shorts or trackies with our Red Ward School shirt and Red Fleece. Staff have noticed black "shorts" getting shorter and shorter for some of our senior girls, please make sure they are an appropriate length. Also there continues to be a large quantity of lost property (in particular fleeces) left at school. If you are missing items please check our lost property box in the hallway close to Reef class.

Morning Drop off

Recently we have noticed some children being dropped of very early in the morning before the first bus which arrives at approximately 8:25. Please note this is key preparation time for all staff and often supervision will be very limited before this time. We understand that things crop up from time to time but before 8:25 we can not guarantee child supervision.

Absences (Repeat reminder)

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!)

Why did the belt go to jail?

He held up a pair of pants!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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Softball

MARLBOROUGH



TEE-BALL & JUNIOR SOFTBALL
Have A Go Day



Monday 23 September at 4:00pm

Lansdowne Ball Park - Central RFC End



School Holiday Programme

30th September 2024 – 4th October 2024

7th October 2024 – 11th October 2024

Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4pm

We are a sports-based holiday programme.

Some of the activities we offer include:

- Indoor Netball / Cricket & Soccer
- Dodgeball
- Badminton
- Pickleball
- Table Tennis
- Fun games
- Ten Pin Bowling

Full Day (8.30-4pm) \$40.00

Hourly Rate \$6.00

Food we have available:

- Hot Chips
- Chicken Nuggets
- Fish Bites
- Hot Dogs
- Toasted Sandwiches

Blenheim Indoor Sports Centre

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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.

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.

**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

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SPEAKS IN RURAL
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STORIES OF LEAVING THE
CITY FOR RURAL LIFE.



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



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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QUEEN CHARLOTTE YC

LEARN TO SAIL

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



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

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[QCYC.ORG.NZ/LEARNTO SAIL](https://qyc.org.nz/learntosail)**



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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LIVE IN VANCOUVER
6TH DEC



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