



Newsletter
Week 8
Term 4 2024
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga



Thursday 5 December 2024

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

Just 2 weeks to go! The weather has been getting hot and the children have definitely been enjoying the pool! It has been a busy couple of weeks and the children have shown great resilience and determination using their TRACK values to achieve success. We have passed on the message that we want to see this positive behaviour continue right until the last day of term on December 17th

Kapahaka

We had an amazing day down in Kaikoura on the 28th of November. As I said at the time I was super proud of how our Ward children conducted themselves and the effort they put in to create a memorable performance. A special thank you to teacher Maddie Benseman for all of her efforts in organising and coordinating the day with the help of the ladies from te Tai o Maokura



Prize Giving

We have scheduled Prizegiving for Monday the 16th of December. We will be looking to get this started at approximately 3:30 and be finished by 5:00/ 5:30. In discussion with the B.O.T we have decided to have a shared dinner/ picnic afterwards at/ outside the hall. You are invited to bring a plate of food to share or alternatively you could bring your own picnic. There will be a BBQ available for use if you wish. We look forward to seeing you all there.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A big congratulations to teacher Maddie Benseman who has completed her Beginning Teacher process this Year! She will be graduating at a ceremony held in Reniwick on Friday Night! Congratulations Maddie!

Also a huge congratulations to teachers Nicole Cochrane and Jacinda Bamford who officially tie the knot this weekend we wish you all the best and hope you get some fantastic weather for a great day!



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

What's the difference between a piano and a fish?

You can tune a piano but you can't TUNA fish!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

A letter from the Board of Trustees

To the Ward School parents and caregivers.

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Ward School Board of Trustees

As most of you are aware our school board comprises five parent representatives. Currently, three members were elected at the last Triennial elections and the two other vacancies are currently filled by co-opted members, myself (Sam Lunn) and Angela Loe. Our three elected members have expressed their desire to step down from the board which leaves us in a unique situation where we are unable to fulfil the minimum requirement of three elected members. After serious discussion, we have concluded that the best way we can proceed forward as a functional board is to call a by-election to fill our parent representative seats through until the next triennial elections which will be held in September 2025.

A date for this election is likely to be set for Tuesday the 11th of February 2025 which means we will be calling for nominations to join the board for 2025. Nominations will close on the 7th of January. Further information will follow to the community regarding the process of nominations, dates, voting etc.

We encourage people to think about the importance of these positions and the need for us to form a strong board to carry us through to the main elections in September. Myself and Angela will be putting our hand up for a seat, and we also have an expression of interest from Hamish Murray. So potentially we will be looking for a minimum of a further two nominations (hopefully more) for the elections in February.

The roles on the school board and some attributes to consider:

Property: Ideally someone who lives close to the school and is in employment which can enable them to meet with contractors etc during business hours. Experience in the building industry would be a big plus, it is a fairly hands-on role.

Health and Safety: Experience with health and safety protocols through running a business or employment. Experience in the health sector and a general understanding of risk assessment and management.

Human Resources: Any experience in HR is a plus. This role is important in helping relations between the community and our school while also assisting with staff employment decisions

Finance: preferably someone with experience in the financial side of running a business, sports club or charity.

These are some of the attributes that would help you in a role on the board but the most important is a positive attitude and a genuine desire to help make your child's experience at Ward School the best it can be. Please put your hand up.

Regards

Sam Lunn

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