



Newsletter
Week 1
Term 1 2025
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga

**Let's stay
on...
Together
Respectful
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Wednesday 5 January 2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

It has been fantastic to see all the faces and bodies back in the classroom and on the playground! It always amazes me how much the children develop over the summer break. All three classrooms have made a great start and I know the children have some amazing learning experiences ahead of them!

Welcome/ Meet the Teacher afternoon

As per our welcome letter last week, we will hold a meet-the-teacher and sausage sizzle afternoon on Wednesday 12th of February. Please note it will be earlier than usual. We are looking to hold this event from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm as there are road closures in place on the Weld pass from 7:00 pm and teachers will need to be able to leave in time to get home. This will be a chance to catch up with classroom teachers, and other parents and reconnect with the school after the summer break. Teachers will hold brief meetings in their classrooms to share expectations, and programmes and answer any questions you might have. Note this is not a one on one about your child, this will happen at the end of this term, it is a general chat to get an overview of the upcoming term/ year.

4:00 pm Welcome

4:15 pm - 4:35 pm - Rockpool

4:40 pm - 5:00 pm - WavePool

5:05 pm - 5:30 pm. - Reef

6:00 pm Finish



Fundamental Skills

Next week we will have Instructors from Stadium 2000 visit to take Rock Pool and Wave Pool for Fundamental Skills. This is a programme usually run in town at the Stadium, so we are very lucky to have them coming out to Ward. Lessons will be daily for all of week 2 from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm and will involve using the pool. We ask that the children bring their togs daily, please bring closed-toed shoes. (No crocs or sandals). Students will be split into groups that do water-based activities or sporting activities out on the field. It is expected that all children participate fully unless there is a relevant medical reason not to. Fundamental skills is a fun and important part of our P.E/ Health curriculum

Author Visit

On Wednesday the 12th at 9:00 am we will have a visit from Kiwi author Carol Duffy. Carol will meet with Rock Pool and Wave Pool. She will share some of her books and have time for a little bit of Q & A. We are fortunate to have Carol visit us as she stops in Ward on her way to Christchurch

School Photo's

I will be picking up our 2024 school photos on Friday afternoon so they will be available from school on Monday. (10th)

Rock Pool Assembly

Rock Pool will host our first sharing assembly next Friday (14th) It will start at 2:15 and go until approximately 2:40. Note the later start time due to the fundamentals programme. This will also mean

the bus runs a little bit later. (5 to 10 min) Also this year we will be holding our sharing assemblies in the Library.

Communication (Repeat Notice)

The Skool Loop app is our preferred method of getting important information to you. If you haven't downloaded it already I strongly encourage you to do so. When you sign up you can choose the groups you wish to belong to like classrooms, sports etc to make sure you are getting the information that is relevant to you. <https://skoolloop.com/en-nz/parents/>

Teachers will also use our student management system (eTap) to send a weekly email to parents. This will be a short email that might include a highlight for the week and reminders/notifications for what is coming up. If you need to contact teachers an email is our preferred method of contact

Rock Pool - nicolec@ward.school.nz
Wave Pool - mbenseman@ward.school.nz
Reef - robyn@ward.school.nz
Prinicpal - principal@ward.school.nz

Staff are generally available to answer emails between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Note teachers can not respond to emails during class times. If you are emailing outside of these times we do endeavour to respond as soon as possible but it may be the next day. If matters are urgent during the school day then please phone the office (03) 57 56837 and we will get the message to the teachers.

Due to privacy reasons, we will not be able to give out personal details and cell phone numbers unless the staff member chooses to do so. You are more than welcome to pop in and see us for quick questions and queries but if you wish to discuss any issues in more detail please make an appointment at an appropriate time to do so.



Just for Laughs! (aka Mr Sangsters Dad Joke of the week!)

Which hand is better to write with?

Neither, it's better to write with a pen!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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Important Term 1 Dates

Date	Event
Feb 3	School Starts
Feb 6	Waitangi Day
Feb 7	School Closed (Waitangi)
Feb 10-14	Fundamentals Skills for Rock Pool and Wave Pool
Feb 12	Meet the Teacher Start at 4:00pm
Feb 14	Rock Pool Assembly
Feb 17	Yr 7/8 Technology Day 1
Feb 21	Ward/Seddon Swim Sports at Seddon
Feb 27	Netball Taster Day
Feb 28	Rural School Swimming sports in Blenheim
Feb 28	Ward School Golf Fundraiser
Mar 7	Wave Pool Assembly
Mar 21	Marlborough Swimming Championship
Mar 23	Flaxbourne Show
Mar 28	Reef Assembly
Apr 4	Athletics with Seddon School
Apr 9/10	Parent Interviews
Apr 7	Teacher Only Day - Staff Development
Apr 11	Principal Assembly - End of Term
Apr 11	Ward Heritage Center Grand Opening!

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