



**Newsletter**  
**Week 10**  
**Term 1 2025**  
**Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga**

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

Thursday 10 April 2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

What an amazing Term we have had. I can't believe we are at the end already! The community is very excited about the Heritage Center opening tomorrow. I know our Reef children in particular have been working hard to produce informative displays about our own local history and the whole school has been training hard at polishing their Kapa Haka performance. I am looking forward to a great day and catching up with you all there. We would also like to wish you a happy and safe term break and look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term 2 refreshed and well-rested!

### **Parent Interviews**

Thank you for the fantastic turnout at our Parent Interviews this week. It is great to be able to meet face to face and have open and honest discussions about our tamariki. If you missed out on the opportunity to meet with your teacher, please touch base if you have any questions, concerns or feedback.

### **Teacher Only Day**

Ward School staff attended Profession Development with teachers from Seddon, Riverlands and Richmond View schools on Monday. It was a great chance to catch up with colleagues and dig deeper into the new Maths Curriculum that has been released by the Ministry of Education. Thank you for your giving us this time to undertake this important learning. There will be a follow-up day on August 15th in Term 3. I have put this into the School Community Calendar.

### **Athletics**

It was a shame we had to postpone our combined athletics day last Friday. We appreciate your understanding that this decision was made due to the poor weather conditions. We want this experience to be a positive and fun event for the children and we look forward to holding it in Term 4. It will be good preparation for the Rural and District athletics that occur annually in Term 4

### **Term 2**

Please note that Term 2 starts on the 28th of April. Our year 7 and 8 students will start with Technology on the first day. Also note that Term 2 is a slightly shorter term with only 9 weeks, finishing on the 27th of June. Please see a list of important Term Dates below.



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

If you have 13 apples in one hand and 10 oranges in the other, what do you have?

Massive Hands!

Ngā mihi nui,  
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

## From the Board of Trustees

Kia ora koutou,

We're writing to introduce ourselves as the newly appointed Board of Trustees at Ward School following the Bi-elections earlier in the Year. Our team is made up of five members who are all here in a caretaker capacity until the full board elections in September in line with ministry guidelines.

The board is made up of:

- Ange Loe – Presiding Member (Chair)
- Sam Lunn – Deputy Presiding Member and Property
- Hamish Murray– HR
- Ratapu Moore– Finance
- Niki Macfarlane– Health and Safety

As a new team, we're in a learning phase – getting to know the systems, understanding how the school runs, and ensuring we're well informed about our responsibilities. While we may be new to the role, we are all committed to doing our best for the students, staff, and wider whānau of Ward School.

Our role as a board is focused on governance – supporting the principal and the strategic direction of the school, rather than day-to-day management. If any issues arise, we encourage you to follow the school's complaints process (<https://ward.schooldocs.co.nz/ConcernsandComplaintsProcess.pdf>) which is in place to ensure concerns are dealt with constructively and at the right level.

We also encourage you to have a look at our school policies. These get reviewed on a regular basis and everyone has access to them, and can review and write comments on the policies that the BOT can then change as needed. School/BOT policy can be viewed and commented on through School Docs - <https://ward.schooldocs.co.nz/>. User name is: ward Password: School. Any problems accessing this then please contact one of us to give you a hand.

We're looking forward to supporting Ward School through the next few months and working together to help create the best possible environment for our children to thrive.

Ngā mihi nui,

Ward School Board of Trustees

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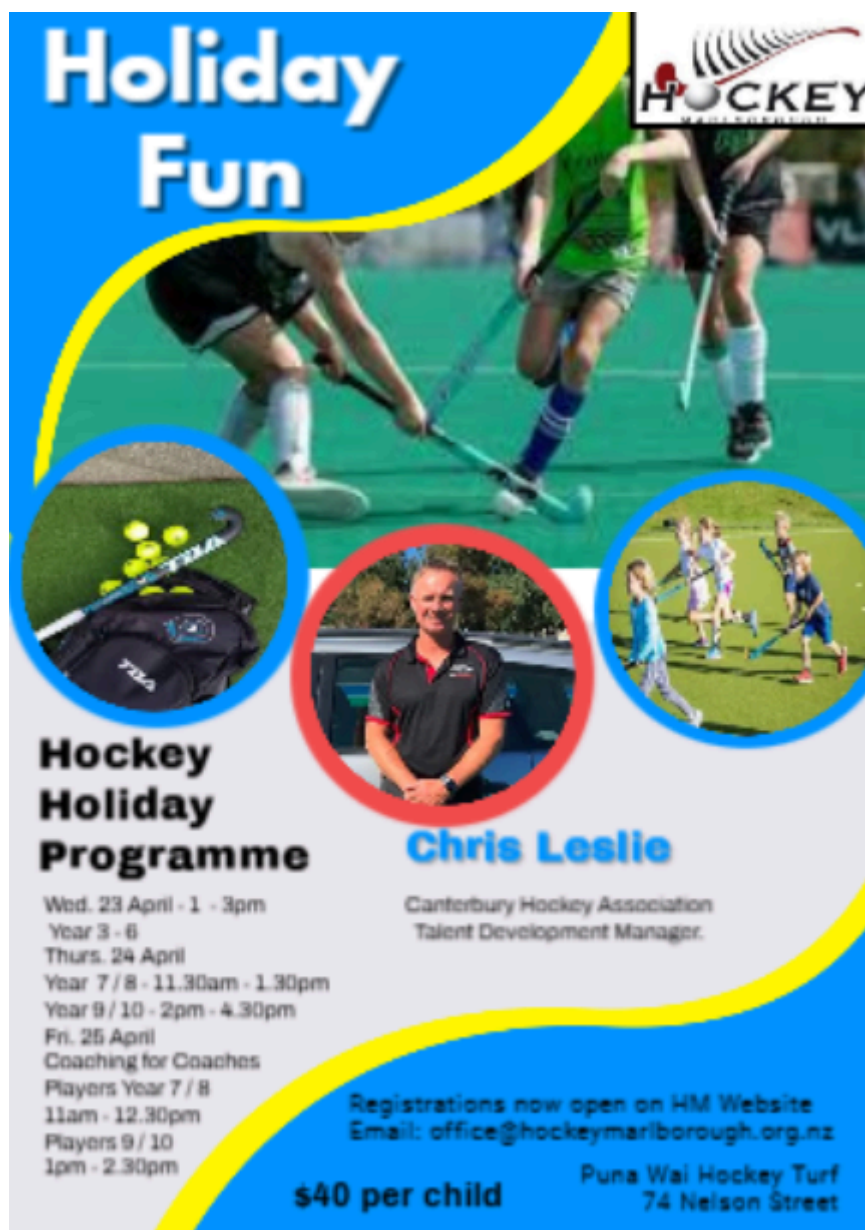
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## Important Term 2 Dates

Date	Event
Apr 28	Start of Term 2
Apr 29	7/8 Immunisations - & Hearing/ Vision Testing
May 9	Rock Pool Assembly
May 23	Wave Pool Assembly
Jun 6	Ward/Seddon Cross Country
June 13	Reef Assembly
Jun 20	Matariki Holiday
Jun 27	Principal Assembly/ Last Day of School



**Holiday Fun**

**HOCKEY**

**Hockey Holiday Programme**

**Chris Leslie**  
Canterbury Hockey Association  
Talent Development Manager.

Wed. 23 April - 1 - 3pm  
Year 3 - 6  
Thurs. 24 April  
Year 7 / 8 - 11.30am - 1.30pm  
Year 9 / 10 - 2pm - 4.30pm  
Fri. 25 April  
Coaching for Coaches  
Players Year 7 / 8  
11am - 12.30pm  
Players 9 / 10  
1pm - 2.30pm

Registrations now open on HM Website  
Email: [office@hockeymariborough.org.nz](mailto:office@hockeymariborough.org.nz)

**\$40 per child**

Puna Wai Hockey Turf  
74 Nelson Street



## **MOI STEAMS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**STEAMS Holiday programmes by Ministry of Inspiration are designed for 7-13 year olds**

**(up to year 8) at Nelson Intermediate- 14/15 April and 16/17 April**

### ***Art and Engineering 14/15***

***Participants will spend their time learning about friction, propulsion, and inertia as they build and test various CARS (wind powered and motor powered) using simple materials. In addition, they will be participating in several short engineering challenges.***

### ***Art and Engineering 16/17***

***Participants will spend their time building robotic DINOSAURS! These will also have LED lights! In addition, they will be participating in several short engineering challenges.***

### ***Cooking and Science 14/15 and 16/17***

**Cooking participants in both classes will be creating an entrée, main, and dessert each day. These will be different for each 2-day programme set. Science topics covered are: acid/base indicators, micro-organisms, Maillard reaction, and more!**

To sign up for the programme go here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/april-holiday-programme-nelson-intermediate>

[https://mcusercontent.com/a24661e5495609e4f0357f331/files/09e70cb2-bf0a-1f94-e2a1-e61d77b98505/April\\_Holiday\\_Programme.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/a24661e5495609e4f0357f331/files/09e70cb2-bf0a-1f94-e2a1-e61d77b98505/April_Holiday_Programme.pdf)

# Autumn FLU CLINIC

12 April 2025 from 8.30am to 3pm

**SHINGRIX**

Aged 65 years ONLY (2 doses)

\*health criteria may  
apply for vaccines

**Māori**

**FLU**

Aged 4 years+

**COVID**

Aged 12 years+ (6 months gap)

**Pasifika**

**Whānau**

**MMR**

Aged 12 months to 54 years

**BOOSTRIX**

Aged 45 years+

Location:  
My Space, Youth Centre  
(entrance off Redwood St)

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- ✓ **Learn about food and exercise**
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