



**Newsletter**  
**Week 2**  
**Term 1 2025**  
**Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga**



Wednesday 12 February 2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

We are back for our first full week of school for the year. I know there will be some exhausted children by Friday, especially in our junior and middle school, with their huge week of fundamentals. It has been great seeing the children settling back into the routines of school and I have been impressed with the positive attitudes and atmosphere created.

**Welcome/ Meet the Teacher afternoon**

I look forward to seeing many of you at our meet the teacher afternoon today. This is a relaxed family-friendly way to welcome everyone back for the year. Teachers will be looking to give information about how their classroom operates and what learning opportunities are on the horizon for Term 1 and beyond. There will be a free sausage sizzle and We will have the P.E Shed and Bike shed open for the children.

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**

This week our Rock Pool and Wave Pool students have been participating in the Fundamental Skills programme. They have been participating in sports such as tee ball, soccer, dodgeball, water safety and aqua fit. Thank you to the team from Stadium 2000 who have come out each day to take the lessons and thank you to teachers Nicole Bamford and Maddie Benseman for all of their organisation to make this week happen.



**Rock Pool Assembly**

Rock Pool will host our first sharing assembly on 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.

**Golf Fundraiser**

A message from TEAM - We are still looking for a few more parents to help out on the Golf Fundraiser day - 28th Feb. We know that it is Rural Swimming Sports for years 5 to 8, but if parents from years 4 and under can help please, it will be a really fun day to be apart of. (Or if there are any grandparents?) . This is going to be a really good fundraiser for the TEAM which supports the ski trip, school camps, and school equipment etc..

We have put it into shifts so you don't have to be there all day, and we can be flexible on timings. If you can help please get in touch with the organising committee

Help on the day:

The morning shift will include help with setting up stations and the afternoon shift will include help with packing down stations, please comment below with which tasks you would like to help with

Task	Morning Shift 8:30am-1:00pm	Afternoon Shift 1pm to finish (approx. 4:30)
Food/drink station 1 incl BBQ Selling raffles	(2 pax)	(2 pax)
Food/drink station 2 (no BBQ) Selling raffles	(2 pax)	(2 pax)
Game Station 1 &2 Selling raffles	1 Adult	1 Adult
Burger preparation and cooking in clubhouse	Afternoon only	(4 pax)



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

What do you call a T-Rex that's been in a fight?

Dino - Sore!

Ngā mihi nui,  
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

**Together**



**Respectful**



**Adaptable**



**Creative**



**Kind**



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## **Important Term 1 Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
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 Year 3-8
Feb 27	Netball Taster Day
Feb 28	Rural School Swimming Sports in Blenheim Yr 5 - 8
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!

FREE  
ENTRY

Supporting Aotearoa  
'Love to Ride' Month



# Biking Treasure Hunt



Taylor River Reserve  
Runs until 31 March 2025

Find the clues and go  
into the draw for one  
of 3 treasure baskets.

Plus find one of 5 kiwis  
to win some treasure.



To register and for more information,  
go to: [www.marlborough.govt.nz](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz)



# Visit the Leptospirosis Roadshow near you!

## What is Leptospirosis?

Hear how this common notifiable disease can affect you, your animals and pets.

- Featuring a presentation from Professor Jackie Benschop, Researcher of Massey University
- Nelson Marlborough District Health Speaker on Leptospirosis in humans
- A local vet or presentation from Vet Marlborough on Leptospirosis in your pet or farm animals
- A Speaker on contracting Leptospirosis

February	:	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ward Hall (Ward)	9.30am to 12 noon
			Awatere Hall (Seddon)	1.30pm to 4.30pm
	:	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wairau Valley Hall	9.30am to 12 noon
			Woodbourne Tavern (backroom)	1.30pm to 4.30pm
March	:	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Havelock Town Hall	9.30am to 12noon
			The Millars Rest Rai Valley	1.30pm to 4.30pm
	:	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tua Marina Hall	1.30pm to 4.30pm
April	:	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Waitaria Bay Hall	12 noon to 4.30pm

Everyone welcome including children

Refreshments will be served

A raffle will be run as fundraising for Leptospirosis Research at Massey



Roadshow run by Marlborough RWNZ

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