



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

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

Friday 9 May 2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

We have had a busy start to Term 2! Students and Teachers alike are back in the swing of things. Autumn has certainly announced itself with the very changeable weather! Term 2 is always our “business term”, and I know staff have some exciting and fantastic learning opportunities ready to go.



Numicon Materials

At the end of last term school received our new Numicon Maths resource from the Ministry of Education. Our students, Rock Pool in particular, have really enjoyed the hands-on experience they provide and have had a lot of fun exploring all the different ways you can make big numbers. Yesterday, they were very proud to show me how they could use the materials to skip count in 2s all the way to 100!

Winter Reminder

As the days are darker and gloomier if your children are biking or on the bus, please make sure they have their Hi Viz jackets on. If you are new to the bus and need a Hii Viz please see Candi in the Office. Also it is a good idea to dress in layers with a warm fleece and tracksuit on top. Suitable footwear for wet muddy conditions are also a good idea.

National Young Leaders Day

Next week, our Year 8 students will head down to Christchurch to participate in the National Young Leaders Day Event. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear some motivational speakers with practical advice and inspirational ideas on how to be amazing leaders. It is also a chance to meet Young people from around the South Island. Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who have made this trip possible. A not will come home today for Year 8 parents with all the details

School Website

It has been a long time coming but I have finally worked out how to add up dates and refresh our school website. If you haven't been on their in a while here is a link to check it out: [Ward School Website](#)

Sports

It has been fantastic to see the children out at their lunchtime sports practices. I know Hockey and Netball are underway, as well as the junior rugby season. I wish all our competitors the best of luck with their respective seasons! Remember to be gracious in defeat and humble in victory. Team sports are such a fantastic way to learn collaboration, fair play and resilience. For me, sport at this age is about how the game is played. It is always nice to win, but learning to deal with losing is also invaluable. A reminder from the associations for our Whānau to be supportive and encouraging on the sidelines and to show respect to the volunteers who give up their time to referee, umpire and organise. The sports won't run without them.

A Parking reminder

I know things can get congested at the end of the day, but we do ask that you do not park on the opposite side of the road. We have had a couple of near misses with children running across the road to meet their parents. We certainly don't want to see any tragedies unfold at the school gates.



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

Knock Knock!
Who's there

Hatch
Hatch who?
Bless you!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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Important Term 2 Dates

Date	Event
May 9	Wave Pool Assembly
May 14	National Young Leaders Day
May 16	Pink Shirt Day
May 23	Rock Pool Assembly Pool Assembly
Jun 6	Ward/Seddon Cross Country
June 13	Reef Assembly
Jun 20	Matariki Holiday
Jun 27	Principal Assembly/ Last Day of School



Does your child enjoy swimming and like the idea of racing?

The Blenheim Swimming Club provides a supportive, positive environment to grow their interest in swimming.

If your child is coping well with the 40 minute swim school lessons then they will be ready to transition to our squad training.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

For swimmers new into the club, to learn how to train in a competitive squad and develop and refine skills in all four strokes.

Swimmers train for one hour. Training times are Mondays and Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm, and Fridays 4-5pm.

Training fee: \$50 per month for up to 3 sessions a week of one hour.

We can arrange an assessment with our development coaches at one of our junior training sessions.

We also swim through the school holidays.

To arrange this, please contact Jodie at blenheims swimclub@gmail.com



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