



Newsletter
Week 4/5
Term 2 2025
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga

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

Monday 26 May 2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

Wow, we are already over halfway through the Term! I am very proud of the mahi our tamariki have put in so far, and I look forward to seeing it continue for the next few weeks. Teachers are beginning to put together their mid-year reports and have been working hard at implementing all the changes associated with the new English and Maths curriculum. The mid-year reports will look different this year, I will send out more details once they are finalised.

National Young Leaders Day



On Wednesday, 14th May, our Year 8 students attended the Annual National Young Leaders Day in Christchurch. Thanks to the amazing parents who made this experience possible! It was a fantastic day of inspiration for our Year 8 Leaders. Here are some snippets of what our students had to say:

Jase Te Patu is known for his awesome energy, powerful storytelling, and teaching others how to look after their mental health. He was teaching us how to take a deep breath and that stress is normal but when you are well, you thrive!

- **Ashley Shadbolt**

There were 6 speakers, 4 girls, 2 boys and the dancer. They were so inspiring and awesome to listen to. A girl called Elisa Harley (one of my favourites) was the first to work and invent the biodegradable plant pot. She made over \$116,000 at the age of 16-18.

- **Tia Hickman**

The first Speaker was Cam Calkoen, who was told he would never be able to walk properly because of his Cerebral Palsy disease, yet he achieved more than anyone in the world would have expected. He knew he was different from everyone else but that didn't stop him; he turned all of his challenges into opportunities, into greatness.

- **Cairo Shadbolt**



Swimming Success!

Congratulations to student Tia Hickman, who picked up a huge range of trophies and awards from the Blenheim Swim Club. We know she has had an outstanding season with a huge number of personal best swimming times. Tia thoroughly deserves all the accolades she has received! Well done, we are super proud of you!

New Zealand Rural Principal Conference

I will be heading off to Christchurch this week for the NZ Rural Principal Conference. This is a fantastic opportunity to catch up with rural principals from around the country. A chance to compare strategies and ideas for the successful running of a rural school. Also included in the conference is professional development around the new curriculum and workshops on things like the use of AI in

schools and well-being for principals, staff and students. While I am away Deputy Principal Nicole Bamford will be in charge, so if needed please contact her in the first instance

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Cross Country

Next week (Friday 6th of June) we will have our annual cross-country race. Look out for more information coming out about this event this week. We will again host Seddon School and look to utilise the same track as we have for the past 2 years

Rippa Rugby

We have a team of Year 4/5/6 students set to represent us at the Rippa Rugby tournament on Wednesday. Here is hoping for some good weather. Thank you to parents who are helping transport children on the day; we can't make these events happen without you. Nicole will send out more info regarding draws and the schedule as it comes in. There is a postponement day for Friday, just note we will have to take direction from the Rugby Football Union regarding any cancellations or postponements

Rock Pool Assembly

Just a reminder there will be a Rock Pool sharing Assembly held this Friday in the Library from 2:10. Thank you for your understanding in the postponement of this assembly from last week

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!)

I was going to tell my Pizza joke...

But I think it's a bit too cheesy!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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Important Term 2 Dates

Date	Event
May 30	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



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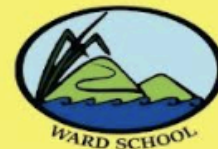
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Awatere Club Day Report



WARD SCHOOL



SEDDON SCHOOL



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NETBALL CLUB



Seddon couldn't have produced a better day for club day, with the sun shining and the kids smiling. We cracked on with the first game of the day with the Seddon Stars taking on the mix team of the Seddon and Ward Watermelons. With all the girls training with each other weekly it was going to be a hotly contested match. Gretel Dick earned player of the day for the Stars by taking some spectacular intercepts and being disruptive on defence. The Watermelons were very slick on attack with Alora Waikawa leading from the front and taking out Player of the day. All the yr 5/6s are improving and gaining more confidence each week. The grudge match was taken out by Seddon and Ward Watermelons 14-9.

Next up the Ward Warriors took on Bohally Gold, the game looked like a fun and enjoyable game. With great netball shown by both teams. Score 21-6 to the Ward Warriors who all delivered a strong team performance.

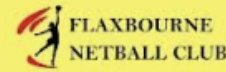
Player of the day- Kaipara Moore

Seddon Shakers had a big task on their hands playing the unbeaten Bohally White. The team from town was a very slick experienced side who led from the get-go producing some nice netball to watch. While the yr 7/8 Seddon side are an energetic young side who will no doubt keep improving throughout the season as their combinations and confidence grows. Jemma Clemett led from the front on defence, and she earned player of the day for her side.

Bohally 46- Seddon 5



Awatere Club Day Report



Awatere Grade 4 delivered a strong team performance . Their accurate shooting and solid defence made it difficult for the Harlequins Vines Café side. Despite moments of resistance Harlequins couldn't match Awatere's pace and precision.
Score-31-10

While the social game between Flaxbourne and Tokomaru Waitohi bar was a competitive game from both sides. Tokomaru started strong with the team combining well and they looked to be enjoying their time on the court together. Flaxbourne had moments of brilliance, they worked tirelessly on defence and showed great promise. Tokomaru winning the game 21-18

With the courts heating up by 2.30pm the energetic MGC McKendry Ford team took on the Awatere Tussocks. MGC's shooters had their eyes on the goal early with some sharp shooting and fast play it produced a fun competitive game. With moments of brilliance from both sides it was anyone's game. With Nicole Witterick controlling the game at centre with her energy and drive through court kept the Tussocks in the match. There was nothing between these teams which resulted in a 28 draw.

It was such a beaut of day in the mighty Awatere that was enjoyed by all. A big Thanks to all the teams that travelled to Seddon, and of course all the Refs, we couldn't do it without you. Good Luck all the teams for the rest of the season.

Player Of the Day

Seddon Stars
Gretel Dick

Seddon/Ward Watermelon
Alora Waikawa

Ward Warriors
Kaipara Moore

Seddon Shakers
Jemma Clemett

Awatere Grade 4
Jana Roberts

Awatere Tussocks
Nicole Witterick

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