



Newsletter
Week 1/2
Term 3 2025
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga



Monday 21 July 2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

Welcome back to another busy term of learning at Ward School. We hope you had relaxing and safe holidays and didn't get too wet with all the crazy weather. This term, classes will be focusing on the science fair as well as their usual core subjects of Reading, writing and Maths. Nearing the end of term our focus will shift towards speeches as the seniors prepare for the Lions speech competitions. Reef and Wave Pool also have camps in weeks 7 & 8, so it is going to be a term full of excitement! (Please find a list of important Term dates at the bottom of this newsletter.)

Welcome Mrs Sloan

Rock Pool welcomes Teacher, Helen Sloan, for the first 6 weeks of term 1. Mrs Sloan has been a regular reliever for us and will be filling in for Mrs Bamford as she recovers from her recent knee surgery. We are lucky to have such a high-quality teacher filling in for us and hope she has a great 6 weeks in Rock Pool.

School Cross Country

On Tuesday 24th of June, the School braved the conditions and held our school cross country. Unfortunately, we couldn't get Seddon down to join us this year, but we managed to get through all our races. It was fantastic to see all of our students give it a go. It certainly was an "Old School" run with plenty of mud and soggy shoes! A massive thank you to our volunteers who ferried our marshals around on the 4x4 and to teacher Nicole Bamford for her organisation! A great day was had by all.



Matariki Hangi



On a crazy last day of Term, we were still able to hold our Matariki Hangi Celebration! Even though the school closed due to the atrocious weather, we had some amazing volunteers who were able to finish off all the preparation, and the event went off at the Ward community hall. It was very impressive to see so many people brave the conditions to come back to support the celebration. Thanks Reef Class



and Whaea Robyn for all your hard work. Thanks to Seymour, Angus and their team for digging the pit and cranking the fire! It is always awesome to hold such fantastic community events. I was just sorry us townies missed out!

Ski Trip

On Friday we sent home a letter about our upcoming ski trip on August 8th (conditions dependent). If you could have the information returned to the school by Thursday, the 24th of July, that would be great. It says the 31st in the letter, but if it could be back this week, that would be much appreciated. Once we have all the info back, we can finalise costings, so please do not send any money yet

Fish & Chip Friday

This term, we will be bringing back Fish and Chip Friday starting in Week 3. This service is run with the support of MJ's cafe and will run every second week. That is Week 3, 5, 7 and 9. The menu will be the same as last year, and all orders will need to be into school before school ends on the Thursday before Fish and Chip Day. Unfortunately, no late orders will be accepted this year as it makes organisation and delivery difficult for the cafe. A detailed letter and Menu will come home at the end of the week

Pie Warmer for Hot Food

Watch this space, Reef class have something cooking! We are investigating the possibility of reinstating Hot food for weekdays. MJ's cafe has kindly offered to donate a pie warmer for us to use. More details will follow once we have picked up the warmer and put systems in place to make sure "Hot Food" runs smoothly

Jump Jam Competition

On Saturday the 2nd of August, we will be sending a fantastic team made up of Year 1-4 students to the annual Jump Jam competition. The team has been practising hard under the expert eye of Rochelle. Thanks for your support and helping out with the team while Mrs Bamford is recovering from surgery. The competition is a lot of fun and a great event for our juniors to represent the school. We wish them the best of luck!



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

Why didn't the sun go to college?

Because it already had a million degrees!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

Together



Respectful



Adaptable



Creative



Kind



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Important Term 3 Dates

Date	Event
July 14th	Beginning of Term 3
July 22	Marlborough District Cross Country
July 25	Reef Assembly
Aug 2nd	Jump Jam Competition
Aug 8th	School Ski Trip
Aug 14th	Rock Pool Assembly
Aug 15	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Aug 19th	Ski Trip Postponement Date
Aug 22	Ward School Science Fair
Aug 25 - 28	Reef Camp - Tea Pot Valley
Sep 3 - 5	Wave Pool Camp - Curious Cove
Sep 10	Student-Led Conferences
Sep 12	Wave Pool Assembly
Sep 15	Marlborough Lines Science Fair
Sep 19	Last Day of Term 3

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KIDS DANCE CLASSES

WARD HALL

with Ashlee Hickman

WEDNESDAY'S TERM 3

AGES 3-5 | 3:30-4

The perfect class for young kids who love music and dancing! In this class they will learn the dancing basics through fun music and games

AGES 6-8 | 4-4:45

In this class kids will learn a different dance routine each week to fun pop music or Disney songs, usually alternating between jazz and lyrical dancing

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