



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

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

Friday 17 October 2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

It has been a hectic start to the term with a number of amazing events already completed. The Ward children have represented the school wonderfully and achieved outstanding results. The next couple of weeks will continue to see a full and busy schedule for our tamariki. We thank you for your ongoing support, whether it be helping with transport, supervision, coaching or organising. It takes a community to make all of these opportunities happen, and we are lucky to have such strong community support

From the Board

The Board and I are sending out a short survey, just 4 or 5 questions, asking for community input as we look to prepare our strategic plan for the next 3 years. [Survey Link](#) . This is a great chance to let us know the things that you value the most and would like to see happen at Ward School. Traditionally, responses to these surveys have not been high, so please help to reverse the trend and have your say.

Road Safety

There are a number of works going on outside of the School at the moment, especially the work happening with the community fire station. Traffic can often be congested on the road to school, especially at pick up and drop off. Please remain vigilant in looking out for children (we do have children walking and biking along here), and please also be mindful of others when you stop to pick up children near the gate

Mountain Bike Madness

We have several children participating in the Mountain Bike Madness event next Friday (24th) We wish you all the best of luck, and just a reminder that it is up to parents of the individuals involved to organise transport (with bikes) to and from the event.

Speeches

Last week, we held our school speech competition and also the senior Seddon/ Ward speech competition. I was blown away by the high standard set by our tamariki. It was amazing to see the hard work paying off. Every child from Year 0 - 8 was able to deliver their speech with confidence and clarity, and should be super proud of how they performed. A special congratulations to our 6 Seniors, Harriet Hickman, Tia Hickman, Archie Booker, Paddy Millton, Lucy Murray and Kyra Loe, who represented us at the Ward/ Seddon Finals with outstanding results! 5 of the 7 awards went to Ward Students! **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Year 8 - Harriet 1st Place, Tia - 2nd Place

Year 7 - Paddy - 2nd Place

Year 6 Lucy - 1st place, Kyra - 2nd Place

Athletics Day

Last Friday we headed to Seddon school for our joint athletics day. Ward students represented the school well and demonstrated our T.R.A.C.K values all day. Thank you to Seddon school for hosting us and to teacher Nicole Bamford for all of her organisation. Also, a big thank you to all the parents who helped out transporting the children and supervising year groups and events. We can't make these events a success without you!

Kapa Haka

Ward School will be performing at the annual Taiopenga festival on Wednesday, October 22, at approximately 11:00 am. Thanks to teachers Maddie Benseman and Whaea Robyn for their hard work with this. A separate notice will be coming home with all the transport details. Again, thanks for your support with this event.

School Closing

A reminder note that school will be closed for instruction on Thursday, the 23rd of October, due to a Teacher and Principal strike. We will not have staff available to operate the school on this day.

Student Learning Conferences

Our Student Led Conferences have been rescheduled from last term to Wednesday, the 24th of October. They will run from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Families will be able to book a half-hour time slot. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to share some of the highlights of their learning over the last couple of terms.

Important Term 4 Dates

Date	Event
October 20	Life Education Truck (Harold the Giraffe) at school, Yr 7/8 Tech
October 22	Taiopenga Performance in Blenheim
October 23	School Closed for NZEI strike
October 24	Mountain Bike Madness
October 27	Labour Day
October 28	Rural School Athletics
October 29	Student Led Conferences
November 3	Marlborough Anniversary
November 4	Year 7/8 Tech
November 11	Marlborough District Athletics
November 14	Year 7/8 Tech
November 24	Year 7/8 Tech
December 1	Year 6 Tech Taster Day
December 17	School Prizegiving
December 18	Last Day of School (Half Day)

**** Note dates for Year 8 camp are still to be confirmed for Week 10 (Dec 8 - 12) for 2 nights.**



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

How do you cut an ocean in two?

With a Sea-Saw!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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