



Newsletter
Week 9
Term 4 2025
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga

**Let's stay
on...
Together
Respectful
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Friday 4 December 2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

We are moving quickly to the end of the year. Teachers are working hard, preparing end of year reports and finishing off units of work. I know the children are looking forward to the summer break, and they have been working hard to remain focused and on T.R.A.C.K. in class.

End of Year Reports

Teachers are currently working on end of year reports for all students. As previously mentioned the New Zealand curriculum is undergoing unprecedented changes at a very rapid pace. As we are in a period of transition with curriculums, assessments and reporting requirements, Ward school has decided to report against the old curriculum as this is what we have used for the majority of the year. Your child will receive an overall teacher judgement (OTJ) of where they are at, in relation to this curriculum. In addition to this, there will be comments on what they can do in Reading, writing and Maths as well as potential next steps for learning. You will also get a comment about other curriculum areas like science, the arts and P.E as well as a general comment on their learning behaviours in relation to our T.R.A.C.K. values. Next year will see us move to a new reporting format inline with the new curriculum phases and government requirements. If you have any questions about this process please feel free to get in touch

Sporting Success

Hockey - Ward School has a proud tradition of showing great strength in Hockey. Student Paddy Millton was selected for the Marlborough under 13 boys team that went through their tournament unbeaten. Students Madi Lunn, Ashleigh Shadbolt, Maia Watson, and Cairo Shadbolt were selected for the U13 girls team with Madi Lunn being named *Marlborough U13 Girls Most Promising Player*, which is an outstanding accomplishment. Well done all!

Touch - Congratulations to Mason Lloyd for making the Marlborough Under 12 Touch team - Best of luck for your upcoming tournaments

Cricket - Congratulations to Ed Taylor for making the Marlborough Maroon representative team, Paddy Millton for making the Yellow representative Team and Archie Booker for making the White representative team - Best of luck to you also for your upcoming games and tournaments to be held over the summer

Cuddon Technology Challenge

Today we had 4 year 7 students Reagan Loe, Archie Booker, Ed Taylor and Paddy Millton represent the school in the Cuddons technology challenge. Students are set a number of challenges to solve futuristic problems. This year they have been tasked with recovering from major weather events in 2050 which have caused wide spread problems across Aotearoa. We wish our team the best and look forward to reporting how the went next time.



Year 8 Camp

Next week our year 8 student will head off on their final camp to celebrate their amazing time at Ward School. Students will travel to Kaikoura nad Hamner and participate in some awesome activities such as kayaking, zip lining and the hot pools. Thank you to our Staff Mrs Bamford, Candi and Whaea Robynfor all there organisation to make this happen as well as to our year 8 parents who have offered

unwavering support through the years. I know you will have a fantastic time and we look forward to hearing all about it when you get back!

Prize Giving/ Disco

On Wednesday the 17th of December we will have our annual Prize Giving. This will start at 4:00pm in the town hall and look to finish by 6:00pm. Some of our fantastic Year 8 parents have also planned and prepared a disco to celebrate the end of year. A special mention to Ratapu Moore on taking the lead for this. It will be a great way to finish the term.

Important Term 4 Dates

Date	Event
December 8-10	Year 8 Camp - Hanmer Springs
December 17	School Prizegiving
December 18	Last Day of School (Half Day)
February 2	First Day for 2026



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

What do Santa's elves listen to as they work?

Wrap Music!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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