



Newsletter
Week 9
Term 1 2026
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga



Friday 1 April 2026

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

We have come to the end of a fantastic term. Thank you for all your support in making it a great success for our tamariki at Ward. We wish a safe and relaxing term break and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to go for Term 2!

Rippa Rugby

Yesterday we had a fantastic team of year 4- 6 students compete in the annual Tasman Rippa Rugby Blenheim qualifying tournament. Congratulations to Ted, Harry, Frank, Roimata, Molly, Isaiah, Millie, Digby, Remy, Hilda and Gussy for an awesome performance, taking out 4th place. Unfortunately, they just missed out on qualifying for the Nelson finals. We are very proud of you, and as a young team, we are excited about how you will go in the future. Also, a big THANK YOU to Millie for coaching the team on the day and Charlotte for her support too. We couldn't have sent a team without you.

Marlborough Swimming Sports

On Friday, we had a small team represent Ward School at the Marlborough District swimming sports. Congratulations, Orlo (Yr 5 Boys), Margot (Yr 6 Girls), Mason (Yr 6 Boys), Ted (Yr 6 Boys), William (Yr 7 Boys), Lucy (Yr 7 Girls) and Paddy (Yr 8 Boys). This event is for the very best swimmers from all the schools in Marlborough. Times are recorded for every swimmer in the races they compete in. We haven't received official times and placings yet, but I know all of our swimmers gave it their best and represented Ward wonderfully. We will post results when they come through.

Bike Skills

At the start of last week, we had the team from Blenheim come to school to take the classes through some road riding skills. On the Monday, every student from year 0-8 took part in road safety lessons. On Tuesday, Reef students spent the day out on the road practising what they had learned in real-life situations, finishing with a ride to Ward beach. All of the students did a fantastic job.



Parent Interviews

Last week all three classes held parent interviews. Thank you for a fantastic turnout. It is great to see the community involvement. Parent interviews are always a great way to find out more information about your child's learning. We appreciate you taking the time to come and see us.

St Patricks Day Dress Up

Ward school celebrated St Patricks day with a dress-up mufti day. With gold coin donations, we were able to raise \$75 to send to Little River School in the North Island. The school was badly affected by recent flooding. They were super stoked to know we were thinking of them! A fantastic effort from our small team!



Reminders & Notes

Smart Watches - Just a note from the Board of Trustees, as per school policy, no cellphones are permitted to be used at school, this includes messaging and calling features included in smart watches. The following is directly from our Policy, which can be found on school docs.

"If a student uses a personal digital device inappropriately (including using a cellphone when it is not allowed) the student must hand it to a staff member immediately when asked. If possible, the student should lock their device before handing it to staff. The device will be kept in the office and can be collected by the student at the end of the day."

We appreciate your support in dealing with this issue.

Toys at school - We ask that children do not bring personal toys to school. Toys at school often lead to social conflicts around "borrowing" and "sharing". The school cannot be responsible for loss or damage to toys. Please keep them at home.

Hats - As we move into Term 2, hats are no longer compulsory, but it is still a good idea to have them available for sunny days



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

Why wasn't the woman happy with the Velcro she bought?

It was a total ripoff!

Ngā mihi nui,

Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

Together



Respectful



Adaptable



Creative



Kind



Important Dates

Date	Event
Apr 2	Teacher Only Day - Maths - PD
April 20	Term 2 Begins - Senior Tech
April 21	Mako Rippa Session 2
April 23	Lions Dinner - Fundraiser
April 27	Anzac Day Holiday observed
June 8-12	Reef Camp - Christchurch
July 3	End of Term 3 - Matariki Hangi



School Holiday Programme

7th April 2026 – 10th April 2026

13th April 2026 – 17th April 2026

Please note: We are closed on Easter Monday 6/04/2026

Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4pm

We are a sports-based holiday programme.
Some of the activities we offer include:

- Indoor Netball / Cricket & Soccer
- Dodgeball
- Badminton
- Pickleball
- Table Tennis
- Fun games
- Ten Pin Bowling

Full Day (8.30-4pm) \$40.00
Hourly Rate \$6.00

Food we have available:

- Hot Chips
- Chicken Nuggets
- Fish Bites
- Hot Dogs
- Toasted Sandwiches

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- **B Reserve Child** - 2 years -17 years: \$27.62 each (\$25.00 + \$2.62 fees)

Dates

Dazzlehands

Saturday 18th April 2026
10:30am - 11:15am
Saturday 18th April 2026
12:00pm - 12:45pm

Tickets

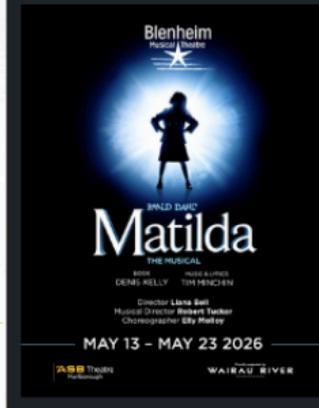
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