



Newsletter
Week 3
Term 2 2026
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga



Wednesday 5 May 2026

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

We have had a hectic start to Term 2. Teachers and students have been working hard and are excited about technology, which is our main inquiry focus for this term. We have had a mixed bag of weather, and as we head into winter, we need to remain vigilant in protecting ourselves from the winter bugs. The troops rallied last week with a couple of sick staff members; it is a timely reminder that if children are unwell, they need to be kept home to avoid the spread. We have a lot of exciting opportunities and events happening this term (check out “important Dates” below). The staff and I are looking forward to a fantastic term.

Marlborough District Swimming Champs Results

Congratulations to Ted Millton, who took out 2nd in the Year 6 Boys Breaststroke and 3rd in the Freestyle, Margot Murray, who took out 2nd in the Year 6 girls Breaststroke and William Vavasour, who got 2nd in the Year 7 Boys Breaststroke. An awesome effort.

House Competition

Congratulations to Wharanui (Yellow) house for winning the Term 1 House Competition. We finished the last week of term with an awesome afternoon of Tee Ball and Dodgeball. It was great to see the Senior children really stepping up into leadership roles. Their interactions with the junior children were awesome, showing great sportsmanship and empathy. It was a fantastic way to end the term.



Return of the “Pie Warmer”

We are pleased to have a Pie Warmer back in action for Term 2. A big thank you to Jho Burke from MJs Cafe for her very generous donation and to Brooke for organising this. We haven't done hot food for a couple of years, and I know it was missed by students and parents, so it is back by popular demand. Please ensure that children's food is wrapped in foil and clearly named. It is also important that the children know they have “hot food” in their lunch box, so it is handed in to be heated.

Uniforms

A friendly reminder that the correct uniform is to be worn at school. The teaching staff have noted incorrect shorts recently. Plain black sports shorts of an appropriate length or plain black trackies are the requirement. Skins and exercise pants are not part of the uniform. Purchases can be made from the online [uniform shop](#). We sometimes have a small selection of second-hand items at the office, but the Ward School Facebook page is an excellent forum to check if people have items that children may have outgrown.

Reef Assembly

This Thursday, Reef will host our first sharing assembly for Term 2. Note this year our assemblies will be held on Thursdays and not Fridays as in the past. The assembly will start at 2 pm and will be finished by approximately 2:35 in time for the North Bus. All are welcome to attend.

Pick Up Reminder

Just a reminder that 1:30 to 2:35 is a key learning time for classes. If you need to pick children up early for sports practices and/ or games, we ask that you wait until after this time. Please be vigilant when picking up students, so that you park on the school side of the road. We understand that it does get congested, particularly on a Thursday (rugby practice day), it may be that you have to wait on the other

side of the road until a spot becomes available. We are trying to avoid children running across the road, as we have had some near misses. We are unable to provide a staff member to supervise during the 2:35 to 2:50 period. I know pick up and drop off can be a chance to socialise, but we ask that you be considerate of all families that are picking up their children and socialise in appropriate areas.

Bus Reminder

Please note that it is important that children, especially from our junior classes, are supervised at drop-off and pick-up time. The safety of the children on a very busy State Highway 1 is paramount. All bus children have been provided with high-visibility vests and are expected to wear them. I know we have been a bit relaxed about this in the past, but it is important that children can be easily seen when in and around the bus.



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

What's the world's saddest pizza?

Pepperlonely!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

Together Respectful Adaptable Creative Kind

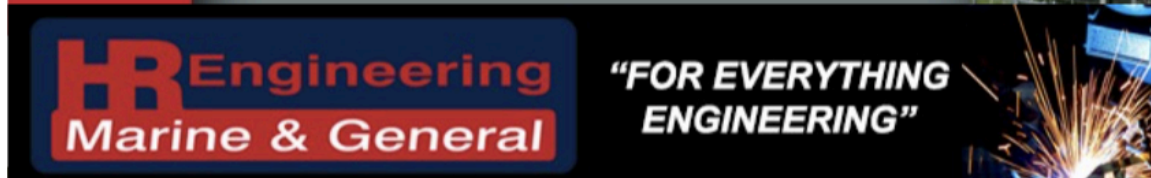


Important Dates

Date	Event
May 7	Reef Assembly
May 13	Funsticks - Hockey visit
May 21	Wave Pool Assembly
June 4	Rock Pool Assembly
June 8-12	Reef Camp - Christchurch
June 26	Ward/ Seddon Cross Country
June 29	Mid-Year Reports Home
July 2	Matariki Hangi
July 3	End of Term 2

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