



**Newsletter**  
**Week 9**  
**Term 2 2026**  
**Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga**

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

Thursday 18 June 2026

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau, Term 2 is quickly drawing to an end. Teachers are busy finishing their reports, which will be available in the last week of term. Classes have been working diligently on their core learning and are looking to finish up their work in Technology, where Rock Pool and Wave Pool have been investigating all the properties of rockets, and Reef have been looking into the different forms of energy resources. We know students are getting tired, especially with this being an 11-week term, and we are encouraging them to hang in there with their TRACK values right til the very end!



**Cross Country**

Next week, on Friday the 26th of June, we will hold our annual cross-country event with Seddon School. As with previous years, we will start over at the Ward Domain. Thank you to Teacher Maddie Benseman for all her hard work organising this event and to parent Sarah Trafford for helping to organise the course. It is always a great day, we love to have your support, so chuck on the gumboots, wrap up warm and come on down! The children will get a bit wet and muddy, it is a traditional cross-country, so a change of footwear and clothes is definitely advisable! Children are allowed to dress up in their house colours as long as it is suitable for running! A full newsletter has been sent home, with timings and details. If you haven't seen it, please ask your child!

**Reef Camp**

Last week Reef class went on a week-long camp to Christchurch. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to experience city life. The main event was attending the National Young Leaders Day, which saw over 1000 students from around the regions engaging with amazing inspirational speakers with the key message of "leaning into their fears", giving the hard things a go and not being afraid to fail, as this is where the best success comes from!. Other highlights included a day in Lyttleton, an amazing race treasure hunt around the city, a tour of One NZ Stadium, a trip to the new pool and hydroslide complex and the chance to buy their own lunch at the riverside market. A massive thank you to our camp parents, Jess Murray, Ange Loe, Pip Todhunter and Angus Moore. We couldn't have run it without you! Also, a big thanks to TEAM and the wider community for their contributions with donations and fundraising, which means we can make these experiences affordable.



## Hangi Postponement

Unfortunately, we have had to make the decision to postpone our end-of-term Matariki Hangi. Due to 2 staff members attending a Professional Development workshop in Christchurch, we have decided it is not feasible to hold it this term. I know it is a great event that brings the community together, so we will be rescheduling it for the start of Term 3. We will let you know when we have a new date confirmed.

## Reports

Written interim reports will be sent home in the last week of term. These will look different from reports sent out previously. The new reports will incorporate the government's progress achievement indicators of emerging, developing, consolidating, proficient and exceeding. Students will be assessed in Reading, Writing and Maths against the new refreshed curriculum. The process is new for all of us. Here is a link to the ministry page on guides for reporting to parents if you would like to investigate further - [Reporting Link](#). Included in the reports will be a letter outlining the changes and a page explaining the indicators. As well as the indicators, there will be teacher comments for each area and a general teacher comment at the end. As always, if you have any questions after receiving the report, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher. The purpose of these reports is to give you a good indication of where your child is at with their learning and how they are tracking towards the end of the year.



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

My uncle named his dogs Rolex and Swatch.

They're his watch dogs!

Ngā mihi nui,  
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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## Important Dates

Date	Event
June 26	Ward/ Seddon Cross Country
June 29	Mid-Year Reports Home
July 3	End of Term 2

# DEVELOPMENT CAMP

## U13 & U16

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July & Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July

U13 9.30am - 11.30am

U16 12.30 - 2.30pm

**This Camp will include skill development, game based learning and fun activities**

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