



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



Thursday 6 August 2026

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,
I hope you are wrapping up warm and surviving the cold snap! We have had a fantastic and busy start to Term 3. It has been amazing to see the Ward community spirit come to the fore in our 2 big events that have kick-started the term for us. Term 3 is our “business” term, and I know Teachers and Students will be putting in huge efforts to maximise all of the amazing learning opportunities on offer.

Cross Country

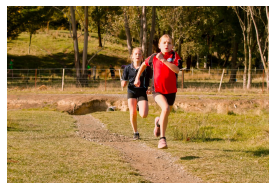
On Friday 31st of July, we held the Ward/Seddon cross-country. We were so happy that we could make this event happen after postponing it in Term 2. It was an awesome event, and I offer special thanks to Teacher Maddie Benseman for all of her hard work and perseverance to organise the day for us. The kids did an amazing job. Cross Country is all about showing resilience and not giving up even when the going gets tough! Our students represented the school and the community beautifully. We had a number of Top 3 placings and several winners!



Congratulations to **Jack Forsyth**, **Digby Dowling**, **Mason Lloyd** and **Elka Moore** for winning their respective age group races! Also congratulations to Charlie Bennet, Tane Collins, Hugo Murray, Heidi Clouston, Elizabeth Murray, Tig Moore, Ellie Butcher, Lucy Murray and Angus McClintock who all finished in the top 3 of their races!

Following this event, we had 6 students represent the school at the Marlborough District Cross Country Championship. A massive congratulations to the team! Once again, they stood up to show that Ward School continually punches above their weight with 3 top 10 finishes! I was so proud of them and how well they competed! Well done all!

Orlo MacFarlane - 10th Yr 5 Boys, **Elka Moore** - 4th Yr 6 Girls, **Mason Lloyd** - 1st **CHAMPION** Yr 6 Boys, **Frank Dickson** - 13th Yr 6 Boys, **Lucy Murray** - 14th Yr 7 Girls, **Angus McClintock** - 12th Yr 8 Boys



Hangi

On Friday, July 24th, we held our Matariki Hangi at the Ward Community Hall. This was a fantastic occasion that embodied the Ward community spirit. The community pulled together to donate time and resources to make this event happen. With such generous donations of incredible food, it really was a whole community effort! I offer a massive thank you to the Lambert Family and the Moore family, who brought their expertise and resources together to make the hangi, and special thanks to Staff members Candi Callaghan and Robyn McConchie for all of their organisation and coordination to make this happen. On top of all that, it was great to see the kids up on stage putting in a fantastic kapa Haka performance. It was a stellar evening enjoyed by all!



Ski Trip

Planning and organisation is underway for our school ski trip next week (Friday the 14th of August). Thank you to all of those who have returned their ski forms. If you still have yours lying around at home, please get it back ASAP. Even if you can not make it or will be away, please let us know. Fingers crossed for great weather and even better snow! As soon as we have all the forms in, I will send out a second letter confirming all the details

Bus Sheds

On Wednesday, work began to remove the bus sheds. Unfortunately, during our last Property inspection, the sheds were deemed too old and not viable for repair. The Board of Trustees has looked at the cost of replacing the sheds; however, at this time we have had to make the hard decision that we will not be replacing them. As a board and school, we will be investigating the best use of this area.

Well Being

With the cold weather coming in, we have had a large number of student illnesses. We appreciate your vigilance in keeping sick children at home, and we will continue to encourage strong hygiene practices at school. Especially emphasising the need to wash hands regularly and use sanitiser if necessary.



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

Did you know the first French Fries weren't actually cooked in France?

They were cooked in GREASE!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

Together



Respectful



Adaptable



Creative



Kind



Important Dates

Date	Event
Aug 14	School Ski Trip
Aug 20	Reef Assembly
Aug 28th	Commonwealth Games House Event
Sep 4th	School Ski Trip pp
Sep 11	Student-Led Conferences
Sep 23	Ward School Speech Day
Sep 25	Pet Day/ Last Day of Term 3

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2026

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23 AUGUST 2026



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Sunday 16 August 2026

Half Marathon Walk & Hybrid. Start 9am. \$50

**Half Marathon run
Start 10am. \$50**

**5km/10km Fun Run/walk
Start 10:15am. \$5/\$10**

**Enter online at
www.eventfinda.co.nz**

**Or contact the organisers at;
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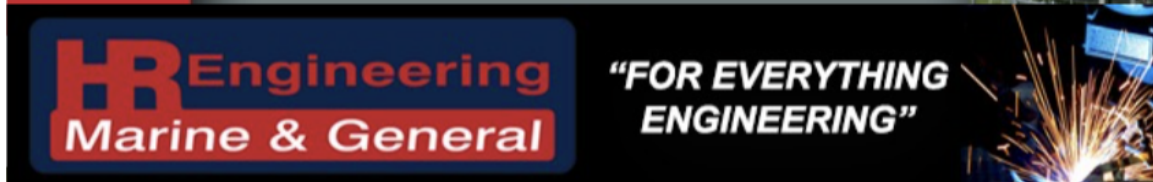
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