



**Newsletter
Week 9
Term 3 2026
Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga**

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

Monday 14 September 2026

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

We have had an incredibly busy term, and the spring break will be here before we know it. We will continue to focus on our Ward School TRACK values, with Respect and Kindness being the core values to see us through to the end of term. We have talked about working together to make these last 2 weeks the best they can be for everyone!

Tree Planting

On Friday, Wave Pool and Reef will head to Ward Beach to help the East Coast Protection Agency plant some trees. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students to give back to the community and understand the importance of protecting our precious resources. Thanks to those whānau offering their support to make this happen.

Hockey Fun Day

Tomorrow, we will have a small squad of Year 3/4 students head to Blenheim to take part in the Marlborough Hockey Fun Day. Again, massive thanks to those whānau helping with transport and supervision. We can't offer these opportunities without you.

Mr Sangster Away

Just a note that I will be away for the rest of the week. I am heading to an international principals' conference in Auckland. This is a massive event and a great opportunity to listen to some amazing educational speakers. In this time of huge educational change, I know there will be some great takeaways to bring back to Ward School

Student-Led Conferences

Thank you to all the families who made it to our Student-Led Conferences last week. It is always awesome to hear and see the students sharing all the amazing learning opportunities they have had. If you didn't manage to make it this time, please feel free to talk to your class teacher about how your child can share their learning.

Choir Performance

Last Wednesday night, the Ward School Choir did an amazing job at the Marlborough Primary Schools Choir Festival. A massive thank you to Ms Beneseman for all her hard work in organising and preparing the choir. Helping the children to remember and perform 16 songs is no mean feat. The choir did us proud! Well done.



Ward Speech Day

Just a reminder that next Wednesday will be the Ward School speech day. As in previous years, Rock Pool and Wave Pool will perform in the Library Before morning tea, and Reef's Speeches will be held in the community hall after morning tea from 11:00 am. The students have worked very hard on their speeches this term, and from what I have heard, they are sounding great. Feel free to come along and support your child.

Pet Day

Just a reminder that we will finish the Term as we did last year with our School Pet Day. Thank to Candi for all her work in organising this event again this year. Also, a special thanks to the Vavasour

family who have kindly designed and donated ribbons as awards for all of our outdoor animal categories this year. Pet day is always an awesome community event, and I look forward to seeing you all there next Friday.

Ski trip

On Friday 11th of August, we went to Mt Lyford for our annual school ski trip. We were very fortunate to get an absolutely stunning day of weather. I can't remember the last time I got to snowboard in just a T-Shirt! We were able to get most families up the hill, with 38 kids and their families hitting the slopes. Thanks to Tim and his Team at Mount Lyford for making it a fantastic experience for all. Also, a special thanks to Ward's Parent Team whose generous donation makes it very affordable and accessible for every Ward family.



Defibulator

Thank you to the Seddon Lions Club for your donation supporting a new AED battery and defibrillator pads. This AED is available 24/7 in the dental clinic foyer at Ward School.



Just for Laughs! (aka Mr Sangster's Dad Joke of the week!)
How do you row a canoe filled with puppies?

Bring out the doggy paddle!

Ngā mihi nui,
Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

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Important Dates

Date	Event
Sep 15	Yr 3/4 Hockey Fun Day
Sep 18	Tree Planting @ Ward Beach
Sep 23	Ward School Speech Day
Sep 25	Pet Day/ Last Day of Term 3
Oct 12	Start of Term 4



KIDS TERM 3 BASKETBALL CAMP 2026

Join our Marlborough Basketball Term 3 Holiday Camp!

Open to pre-school, primary, and intermediate-aged kids, this fun one day camp focuses on skills, games, and teamwork in a positive environment. Whether your child is new to basketball or already loves the game, it's a great way to stay active and have fun these holidays!

Spots are limited, sign up using the QR code!

Scan me :D



TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

3 - 4 year olds	9.15am-9.45am	\$5 per session
Yr 1 - 2	10am-11am	\$10 per session
Year 3 - 4	11:15am - 12:15pm	\$10 per session
Yr 5-8	12:30pm - 3pm	\$20 per session



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