



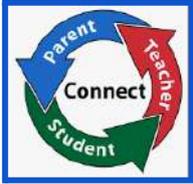
**Newsletter
Week 3
Term 3 2022**

Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga

Wednesday the 10th of August 2022



Kia ora Koutou Ward School Whanau,



What a treat it has been to see a few rays of **sunshine** recently, albeit very briefly! It is not an easy time with extreme weather, lambing, shearing, too much water to deal with as well as the illness that is still around.

Recently, I have had the privilege to be **part of conversations** with parents and caregivers about their child's academic achievement, emotional health and well-being and school organisation that directly affects our students and families. Whilst these conversations are sometimes challenging for everyone involved, they can have the **biggest impact** on students and indeed our own lives. In the complex world we live in schools really are the best they can be when there are **strong partnerships** between all stakeholders. Children, our precious tamariki, are learning and growing and they need us all to support and nurture them.



Please do not think that issues are too small to raise or that as your child does not want you to mention something you don't and it continues to worry you. I encourage you to talk to your child's teacher or get in touch with me. Become part of the solution and model proactive positive communication to your child by talking to us before small issues get big. Please find our concerns and complaints policy included in this newsletter. This clearly outlines the process for addressing concerns and complaints to ensure that the child is at the centre and everyone is treated with respect as we seek to find solutions to ensure the wellbeing and academic success of every learner.



Thank you to parents and caregivers who supported the annual ski trip. It was wonderful to see the students gain experience and develop skills through this opportunity. Special thanks to **TEAM** for the generous donation of \$1000 for the ski trip. With increased costs, the donation goes a long way toward reducing the amount our families pay and without it, an activity such as this would simply not be accessible to everyone. **Congratulations** to the following students who competed in the Marlborough Primary School Cross Country yesterday: Courtney Edwards, Louis Hickman, Sam Hickman, Georgie Todhunter and Tessa Trolove. All students did **extremely well** to achieve selection to race with others who have been selected from hundreds of students across Marlborough. Louis and Courtney have been selected for the regional cross country.

News and Updates...

COVID Guidelines are still in place and the wearing of masks is recommended for students year 4 and older. Not only will masks reduce the transmission of COVID but they will also help with the spread of winter illness. Hand washing is essential and we would appreciate your support in reminding children to wash their hands regularly and before eating at school. If you or your child tests positive for COVID please inform me as soon as possible. This will help with the Ministry of Education data collection of numbers; no names are recorded. As you will know, COVID is on a second wave. If your child tests positive they are required to isolate for 7 days, starting from day 0 on the day they test positive. If your child is a household contact and they have had COVID within the last 90 days AND they are asymptomatic AND they return a negative test, they can come to school.



Colds, flu and the tummy bug are still doing the rounds. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. We are very thankful to parents who keep their children at home to recover. Remember, tummy bugs require 48 hours after the last symptoms to clear. We really want to head into spring with a clean bill of health!

Bus Travel changes are often required when plans change. If your child is not going to be on the bus for some reason you need to let the school know. Please text Mr Daziel who is the bus controller, phone the school or contact Ms Huria to let us know. We will put notes on the bus boards and pass the information on to Candi who is our transport provider. Expect a reply and if you don't get one contact an alternative person from our list. Thanks very much.

Positive On TRACK Behaviour - Wk 3 & 4 Using our WITs

For the next two weeks, our Positive On TRACK Behaviour focus is using our WITs. WITs is an easy-to-remember strategy for dealing with situations where an issue arises. WITs stands for W - walk away, I - ignore, T - talk it over, S - seek help. Using WITs is something we need to practise and can be a useful lifelong learning tool. As with all our behaviours, we have to be taught them, practise them and be reminded to use them. To support learning at school please talk about our focus and think of some times when WITs are used at home. An important message also is that there are times when seeking help is the go-to as some problems are too big and it is ok to seek help, talk it over and be supported to solve a problem.

Using WITs is just one of the aspects of our Positive On TRACK behaviour matrix. At Ward School, we want to see positive behaviour and do not support anti-social, unkind behaviour towards another child. I have included our behaviour plan and matrix which is currently being reviewed and updated by staff with student input. Please take this opportunity to discuss with your child and if you have any questions or concerns please email me - principal@ward.school.nz. Be part of our positive behaviour learning and therefore part of solutions that support all our learners.



Our on TRACK House Captain's house champions are...



I went to Rainbow. It was fun. Also I learnt to ski and to turn and stop. It was fun learning to ski.
By Elka



I went to the bus top. There was a flood. One island went to the side.
By Frank



I went to Kaikoura to drop Cooper off and then I got to go to the shop.
By Harriet

School Uniforms Please check your child's uniform and ensure that they have black socks, Ward School polo tops and fleece and black shorts. Sports shirts are to be worn for sports events.

School App Thanks for App absences, it makes life much easier for staff and helps me plan for staffing classes, particularly in disrupted times. If you know your child is going to be away in the future you can send a notification to us ahead of time as well.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful tamariki. We welcome parent helpers for activities, so get in touch. Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, something to celebrate or a great idea!

Ngā mihi nui,

Carey Huria - Principal/Tumuaki

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Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

WIN \$200

WORTH OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR YOUR SCHOOL

SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER 2021

Enter Marina 2 Marina 2021 and your school could win \$200 worth of sports equipment sponsored by Summit Real Estate Picton. Simply name your school on the entry form when prompted. The school with the most entries wins.

T&C's: To be included in the competition registrations must be received online by 5pm 7th October 2021. Entrants must be 18 or under and a school student.

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SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST

TUSSOCK RUN

SEDDON SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Seddon School Tussock Run
Sunday 21st August
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Positive Relationships

Whakawhanaungatanga
 Means working and playing in safe and thoughtful ways with others.

THE KIWI CAN CORNER

Positive Relationships / Whakawhanaungatanga

Positive Communication

Our Kiwi Can juniors have been exploring how we can speak positively with others, and our older tamariki are also developing understanding about how to give and receive compliments.

Some conversation starters for this week:

- ★ What are some ways we can demonstrate positive communication?
- ★ How does it make you feel when someone gives you praise or a compliment? Why do you think some people get embarrassed giving or receiving compliments?
- ★ What's the nicest compliment you've received? What made it so meaningful?
- ★ Can you tell me about a time this week when you've worked or played with others in a really positive way?



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