



Ward School

leading our learning together for our future

Kia ora Koutou,

Term 1 has got off to a great start and it has been wonderful to meet the children, parents and whanau of Ward School. Since my appointment as Principal at Ward School I have been overwhelmed with the warm Ward welcome that has been extended to me. Please feel free to make yourself known to me and I look forward to getting to know the community.

Welcome to our wonderful Ward learners, the children who are what make Ward School. I am impressed with their enthusiasm for learning and the support I see them give each other. Already there is focused learning underway and I have had students meet with me to discuss some exciting and innovative proposals.

We are very fortunate to have such a caring and capable Staff at Ward School. It is evident that our dedicated, professional Teachers and Support Staff work with the interests and needs of the children at heart. Their commitment to the children is evident and I thank them for welcoming me and going that extra mile to make my transition smooth, as well as dealing with the challenges a building project brings.

The Board of Trustees and I have had the opportunity to meet and communicate regularly due to the building work and this has been a great way to get to know each other! I thank the Board for making themselves available and for the support they have shown me as I begin this exciting journey at Ward School.

Our building project is in full swing and we hope that the front of the school work will be finished in the next 2 weeks then work will begin on the decks which will be accessed through the classrooms.

Have a tinopai/great Waitangi weekend and I look forward to seeing our staff and community when **school opens again next Wednesday 7th February.**

Ms. Carey Huria

KiwiCan

KiwiCan, a Graeme Dingle Trust programme, is being implemented at Ward School this year. The programme is now offered to 50% of Marlborough children and has received very positive feedback about the impact it has on school culture and children's learning and behaviour. Reef and Rockpool learners will begin sessions with the facilitators in Week 3. You can learn more from the website: www.dinglefoundation.org.nz/kiwican

Term Calendar

We are busy finalising a busy calendar for Term one and beyond and this will be sent home next week. For now, there is a list of upcoming events below:

Date	Event
Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February	School closed for Waitangi Day
Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th February	Swimming
Wednesday 7th February	BOT Meeting
2:15pm Friday 9th February	Reef Assembly
Monday 12th February	Technology starts. Bus leaves at 8:45am



Reef Assembly

Our House Captains for the year (Ashlee, Anae, George and Zoe) will be presented with their badges at our first formal assembly of the year next Friday 12th of February.

Swimming

Our great swim coach from last year Tagan is back working with both classes on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. She is also available for after school lessons on these afternoons as well. The lessons are \$5 each and the groups will be small, including preschoolers . If you are interested please let Dave Paterson know by email dpaterson@ward.school.nz or text 0210586559. We are very fortunate to have someone of Tagan's quality coming out to us!

