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We have enjoyed an action packed start to the year. Students have enjoyed a balance of the Three Rs, swimming and outdoor adventures. Now the students of the Reef, are getting to grips with their new Chromebooks. I recently heard such positive comments about our students at the Top Team event. A parent who is new to the school rang me personally to highlight the prosocial skills of three of our students with regards to the caring way their child was treated. Mr Paterson was literally buzzing when talking about the levels of cooperation, support and grit shown by the Ward Students. All the students enjoyed their Whites Bay Experience. The seniors stayed over night and participated in an innovative Surf Rescue training. Sand seems to be an on going theme at present, We recently took delivery of a lorry load this week. This has really caused a bit of a storm!

Top team what a wonderful experience with Seddon School

Way better than last years when we all felt like we were going to freeze !!

Yes !! this year it was nice and sunny and soooo warm like being under a giant heat lamp.

My favourite activity was pipe problems. What you had to do was you have to pour water into one pipe then you had to pour it into the next pipe then the next pipe finally into the bucket.

One of the downsides was that since there was soo much water involved there was a lot of mud and slippery grass. There was a lot of slipping over .

We learnt to work together in teams. I enjoyed looking after our junior pupils and supporting them at each of the activities. At the end of the day we had a great time at Seddon School and can't wait till next year's top team event. **By SOPHIE BRYANT WARD SCHOOL**



Whites Bay Camp Highlights - Highlights from our Camp

- The Rarangi Surf Life Saving Club ran an awesome beach safety programme for us, it taught us so many life skills that could save our lives or others in the future.
- On the first day of camp the waves were massive, they were so fun to boogie board on.
- The Rarangi Surf Life saving club ran an amazing BBQ for us, and trust me it was yummy!
- Well Holly and I we honesty didn't get any sleep at all but it was a really fun night.
- On Friday we did some awesome fun activities that our class came up with.
- And last but not least the beach dig - earlier some students had hidden some treats under the sand there were six teams the winning team got to get the first 30 seconds then the second place team got the next 30 seconds and so on.

I would also like to give a massive thank you to the Rarangi Surf Life Saving Club for hosting us and making us feel really welcome, also the parent helpers were amazing and we wouldn't of been able to go on our awesome camp without them. Last of all to Mr Paterson for organising this amazing camp for the whole school we all really appreciated it. **By Ashlee Hickman Yr 7**

More Sand than the Beach!

On the 2nd March 2017, the school got 6 cubic meters more sand for the sand pit. You might not be interested but don't go away yet. If you saw what I saw you would of been amazed, Thank you Mr Roberts for organising it. The students were over excited and made a dam filled with water. It was really fun. We appreciate GILLS Blenheim for delivering this to Ward School. The children really appreciated it.



By BK

FLAXBOURNE A & P FUNDRAISER- MARCH 26th

There is a Roster in the office for the BBQ at the Show. We also have a mystery bottle running and hamper raffle. Donated items can be left in the bind provided at School. We are all "TEAM", so your support is required at our fundraising events. All our children benefit from proceeds, so please show your support to our School. Thanks Candi

TEAM MEETING - Friday 10th March @ 1pm - School Library (prior to assembly) All parents welcome

Thursday 9th March	Last day of the extra swimming lessons ;(
10th, 24th March 7th April	Assemblies - All parents Welcome 2:15pm
10th March	Marlborough Primary School Swimming Competition
Sunday 26th March	Ward Show
Thursday 13th April	Last day of Term 1 (Good Friday on the 14th April)
Tuesday 2nd May	First Day of Term 2 (All schools in Marlborough closed for PD on Monday)

Medication at School - Regular Policy Review

The staff at school have just reviewed our practises around the administration of medicine at school. Applying the school policy around medicine requires us to secure any medicine that comes to school and insure that an adult supervises the administration. (Students are permitted to retain an asthma inhaler for self medication when required)

If you are sending along medicine to school please notify the school with a note or email (Teacher, Office or Principal) and ask your child to give the medicine to a staff member. The medicine will either be stored in the staff fridge or in the locked medicine cabinet. The only medicine we can administer with verbal approval is paracetamol. These precautions and procedures are designed to keep both your child and others safe. Many thanks for your support.

Bible in Schools

Will be starting Bible in Schools again on the 20th March. The programme will be delivered to both classrooms in the afternoon. We will be organising an alternative programme (Library Club) to the Bible in Schools sessions. Please contact your student's teacher if you would like to request the alternative.

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