



Ward School

leading our learning together for our future

Arahi tahi tatou akoranga mo to tatou heke mai

Newsletter: Week 8/ Term 4 2018

Kia Ora Parents/Caregivers,

And, the winners are Reef! Despite being rained out of camp last week, tummy bugs and colds they came out smiling! Dealing with disappointment is not easy but character building and they did lots of it. Many thanks to the parents who were all set to support their camp also. Candi is working through refunding camp money. If you would like to discuss this, please call her.

Well done also to Rock Pool students for a very successful trip to Picton to see the Nigel Brown exhibition. We cannot wait to see your paintings! Thank you to the amazing team of helpers we had with us for the day.



New Students

Welcome to our new students Julie-Ann and Janie-Lee Kruger. Both girls have settled in well and it is great to see how welcoming the Ward students have been. Well done also to our newest Rock Pool students, Paddy Archie and Angus. You are all working so hard and are already making huge steps in your learning!

Vandalism

Sadly we have recently had vandals in the school breaking play areas and taking items. Please be on alert if you are around the school after school and at the weekend as it is very upsetting for the children to find their belongings and play areas disturbed. Thank you to everyone who uses our school respectfully.

Year 6 Marlborough Technology Centre Orientation Day

The Y6 students will be going to the Marlborough Technology Centre next Monday 10th of December for their orientation day. Buses will leave at 8.30am and will depart Blenheim at 12.20pm to return to Ward. Students need to wear covered shoes and have long hair tied back. They will also need to take food for morning tea and a drink. If you would like to go with your child, please let me know.

Library and Reading Books

Please have a hunt at home for library and school reading books. There are a number missing and we're wondering if they are hiding at home!



Sit and Be Fit Visitors

Next Tuesday morning Margy Crosby a Blenheim self-defence and fitness educator is visiting along with the Sit and Be Fit group who are going on an outing to Kaikoura. Not only are they going to teach us some of their fitness moves we are going to share some waiata and kai with them. All welcome to join us at around 10am Tuesday 11th of December.

Bus Travel

Please notify Ben Judge if children are not being picked up or dropped off on the bus. We understand that sometimes plans change in which case you can phone to school and we will pass on the information. We have recently carried out a bus audit to ensure that we are able to offer a safe service and this is reviewed regularly by the Board. Please ensure that your child has a high-viz vest and that they wear it. Well done to Archie Booker who is very good at remembering his vest!

Dates for 2019

Term 1: Wednesday 30th of January - Friday 12th of April

Term 2: Monday 29th of April - Friday 5th of July

Term 3: Monday 22nd of July - Friday 27th of September

Term 4: Monday 14th of October - TBC (There will be at least 1 Teacher Only Day in 2019)

Public Holidays:

Waitangi Day: Wednesday 6th of February

Queen's Birthday: Monday 3rd of June

Labour Day: Monday 28th of October

Marlborough Anniversary Day: Monday 4th of November



Pet Day Cups

It's taken a while to have the cups and children at school on the same day but I'm sure you will agree they all look very proud of their Pet day Cups.

The Critchley Cup: Best Cared For Animal Senior: George Roberts Corriedale or Halfbred Pet Lamb Taylor Bros. Cup: Charlie Booker
The Critchley Cup - Best Cared For Animal Junior: Amelia Throssell
Home and School League Cup - Best Pet Lamb: Harry Booker

Kiwi Can

Next Tuesday 11th of December will be the last day of Kiwi Can.

We will be having a 'Wet 'n' Wild' theme!

Students will need to bring hats, sunscreen, suitable togs (rash shirts etc, are best for greater protection from sun), towels and goggles if they don't like the spray from sliding on a water slide. We will need to be informed of students who are allergic to dishwashing liquid (as we will be using it on the water slide) and bee stings. Also if you are happy for the children to bring their own water toys, they can.

Touch Rugby Players

Please pay your fees of \$15 per child to the school office as soon as possible.

LIONs Speech Competition Cup

The cup finally arrived at Ward and Zoe was very happy to have it in her hands!



Kai Shack lunches this Friday. Put your order and money in an envelope and post in the order box in the office.



Respect

Means treating people, things and places as important.

The Kiwi Can Corner

This term we have done lots of learning about respect. We've been exploring what respect means and what showing respect might look like. We've identified things about ourselves that make us feel proud, and celebrated self-respect. We've explored ideas of empathy, and practiced having, and showing, empathy for others. We've learned about, and practiced, communicating with others respectfully.

Here are some ideas to talk about at home this week:

- If someone treats you with disrespect, you don't have to treat that person with respect. Do you agree? How should we respond to someone who is disrespectful of us?
- How do you think respect affects your community? The world?
- Does *everyone* deserve respect? Why / why not?



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