



Newsletter: Week 9/ Term 4 2018

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Wow, what an exciting end of year we are having! **Year 8 Camp** was a great escape for our Year 8 girls who visited Pix's Peanut Butter Factory, Trampoline World, Appleby Berry Farm on the way to Kaiteriteri for a beach break where they did stand up paddle boarding, swimming and biking (see photos). I think a highlight was waffles for breakfast!

The **Year 6 students** had their first taste of technology on Monday and it was wonderful to get feedback about how well behaved everyone was and the great attitudes to learning our Ward students have.

Rock Pool students have created some beautiful paintings (below right) inspired by the artist Nigel Brown whose work they saw at the Diversion Gallery in Picton on their Big Day Out. Their art features the native birds they have been learning about as part of the Kaitiakitanga inquiry.

Reef learners have impressed me with their Kaitiakitanga inquiry learning and the concepts they have explored including sustainability. They have also collated work in a fabulous yearbook.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the **Prize Giving this Friday**. It will be a special time for celebration and acknowledgment as well as a farewell to those who are moving on. It starts at 5.30pm and may finish at 6.45 as the programme is full. Please bring a plate for supper. If you would like your child to stay at school on Friday let us know.

Just a reminder that **school finishes at 12noon on Tuesday 18th December**. The bus will be running on Monday. If your child is NOT going to be at school on Monday or Tuesday, please let us know by the end of the week.

Welcome to Ward School

Next year we welcome Miss Deborah Klenner and Mr Alistair Dalziel to Ward School. Miss Klenner will be teaching in Rock Pool and Mr Dalziel in Reef. Both teachers are looking forward to meeting everyone and have written about themselves in the attached pages. We are holding our **Meet the Teacher Evening 2019 on Friday 1st of February at 5.30pm** so that we can catch up with everyone after the holidays and share our learning programmes with you.



New Ward School Vision, Logo and Uniform

We are excited to share with you that we will be phasing in a new uniform over the next 2 years that features our new logo which will be embroidered onto some of the items. Changes to the logo reflect work the Board of Trustees, staff and children have done. It incorporates a TRACK on one of the hills which depict our revised values: Together, Respectful, Adaptable, Creative and Kind. The students have created a logo mural with our Kiwi Can leaders, Moni and Gemma, which we will unveil at the Meet the Teacher Evening next year. The uniform is being produced by NZ Uniforms (www.nzuniforms.com) and will be available to purchase online. Product and prices are being finalized and items will be on display at the Prize Giving this Friday. It is expected that every child will have a new polo shirt by the end of Term 2 next year so that when we go on visits all children are wearing the correct uniform. Sports tops will be purchased for the school and will be available for individuals to buy.

Stationery

Stationery lists will be coming home with reports this week. Stationery will be available from Paper Plus in Blenheim from January the 7th. The stationery packs do not include a book bag so if your child requires a new one, please purchase this also. We have worked hard to keep the cost down, if you have any issues with providing stationery please contact me. Please ensure your child is ready for learning with all their stationery at the beginning of Term 1.

Library and Reading Books

Please have a hunt at home for library and guided reading books over the break. Kids, clean up your rooms! Start your house points tally this week... if you bring back a book you will get 20 points per book.

Shaking Change for Good

Wednesday sees the launch of Shaking Change for Good - a fundraiser to rebuild the early childhood facilities in Seddon (damaged or destroyed in the 2016 quake) to cater for the South Marlborough communities. Visit www.shakingchangeforgood.com to find out more about our campaign - some great gift ideas there too. We're asking New Zealanders to share their change with us and help us rebuild the facilities for our youngest members of the community. 180kms of ruptured faultline covered in 20c pieces will rebuild our ECE Hub!

To kick things off SBS bank have offered a great deal... Open a SBS Bank Everyday or Savings Account before 31st January, Mention 'Shaking Change for Good' and SBS Bank will give YOU \$50 to kick start your account and OUR Fundraiser \$50 too! An awesome Christmas present for the kids (or yourself). See www.sbsbank.co.nz/get50 for more details.



TEAM UPDATE



Thanks to all for your support this year. Looking back... we continued our great work cooking up a storm at the Ward Show BBQ, and treated the Lions to several delicious dinners. Special mention to Kate Shadbolt for heading up the October speech dinner, many compliments were received. It has been awesome how quickly responses come in to calls for food donations for the dinners, makes organising a breeze and is much appreciated. Thanks also to the few parents who took calendar orders and to the

Flaxbourne Tearooms for selling these on our behalf. Team will receive \$560 from this initiative + any other sales made between now and February 2019. This year Team have contributed to our school by funding \$10,000 towards teaching staff, subsidising the ski trip, uniforms for Kiwican Jam dance, and funding the Inspire event in Nelson for years 6-8. Looking ahead... At our last meeting Ally Avery volunteered to take on the role of Team Chairperson from 2019. Ang Loe will be our new Lions Dinner Coordinator and Pip Todhunter will take over the role of treasurer from Anna Trolove. These roles will become official at the first Team meeting/AGM in Term One. 2019 will see us straight into organising the Ward Show BBQ and February Lions Dinner, with a Trail Ride scheduled to take place at the Taylor property in April (likely first weekend of the school holidays), perhaps another garden event later in the year... watch this space. Merry Christmas to all and here's to an awesome 2019 of fundraising for Ward School!

Nadine Hickman - Team Chairperson

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 Charlie Todhunter who is very good at remembering his vest!

Sit and Be Fit Visitors

On Tuesday morning Margy Crosby (pictured) visited along with the Sit and Be Fit groups from Wairua and Waikawa. They brought



an amazing morning tea to share with us and taught us some tumeke/awesome waiata. One of the group members used to go to Ward School around 70 years ago and the oldest group member was 96! What an inspirational group.



Dates for 2019

Term 1:

Monday 28th of January - Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 29th of January - Teacher Only Day

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 **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



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

Kiwi Can Wet and Wild

Everyone had great fun at the Wet and Wild Day. Thanks to Gemma and Moni for their great leadership.



Year 8 Camp Fun!

