



Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton

Today, 28 August 2024, our Kapa Haka Roopu will be travelling to Greymouth High School to perform in the Te Ahurei Kapa Haka Festival 2024. After watching their dress rehearsal on Sunday afternoon I know they will be amazing, and represent our school fantastically. Good luck to the team. Thank you to everyone who has made this happen and supported the team so well. We will share the results in our next newsletter.

On Tuesday 3 September our Year 7 and 8s are travelling through to Westport for the Winter Field day. We have two mixed teams going and they will join all the other Buller schools for a day of Basketball, Football, Ultimate Frisbee and Netball. Congratulations to our Year 5/6 teams who travelled through to the Year 5 and 6 Winter Feld Day last week. They came 1st and 2nd in the Sportsmanship Fairplay Awards. It is so awesome that the teams were acknowledged for displaying our school values in this setting.

Next week our senior PE students are organizing a daily House Challenge. Each day a different group of students will be involved in an activity. These activities include an Obstacle Course for the Year 1s and 2s and Ultimate Frisbee for the Year 9s - 11s. The week culminates on Friday with the Year 11 - 13 students challenging the staff to Paper, Scissors, Rock, Run!! We had a group of University of Otago Medical students visiting earlier this week and they were the guinea pigs for a game of Headless Chickens against our seniors, which they really enjoyed!



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School Values



Respect - Manaaki

Aspire - Wawata

Self Manage -  
Tu Tangata

Mel Caddie  
Chairperson  
Wayne Wright  
Principal  
Sue Bass  
Deputy Principal

RAS Enviroschool  
Silver Award  
We work together with  
the school community to  
look after all the things  
and people in our  
environment.

**Year 7/8 Winter  
Field Day**  
Tuesday 3 September  
8.30 departure

**Trades Academy  
Information Evening**  
Tuesday 10 September  
5.00 pm  
In the hall

**Teacher Only Day**  
  
Friday 22  
November

## PB4L Focus - Respect our School Environment

- Put your rubbish in the bin;
- Make our school environment a place we can be proud of;
- Pick up rubbish if you see it.

### Attendance

We have been looking at our attendance and we were quite shocked that we have 26 students whose attendance is below 80%. We thought it might be timely to include some reminders in a newsletter.

**Parents are legally required to enrol their children at school if they are under 16, and make sure they attend school every day.**

- Parents play a big role in helping their children do well in school. You can do this by making sure your child goes to school every day and letting the school know if they're sick.
- If your child is unable to attend school you must let the school know the reason why.
- Family holidays or taking time off for recreational or work activities are not acceptable reasons for being absent, and are recorded as Unjustified.
- If you do not let us know why your child is absent from school they are recorded as Truant. Future employers often ask the school about a student's attendance records.

**You should keep your child home from school if they are:**

- Too sick to learn and need time to rest and recover;
- Have symptoms of concern including fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, sore throat, skin infections such as school sores, a new rash or difficulty breathing;
- Have tested positive for COVID-19;
- Have an infectious illness and have been advised to stay home by their local public health team or their healthcare provider.

### Common Assessment Activities

This is just a reminder about the dates and times for the Common Assessment Activities. If you are not sure if your child is enrolled in any of these assessments, or want to discuss anything about them please contact Sue.

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| <b>Writing</b>     | Thursday 12 September  | 9am |
| <b>Reading</b>     | Wednesday 18 September | 9am |
| <b>Mathematics</b> | Friday 20 September    | 9am |

### Teacher Only Day

This is a very early heads up that we will be taking a Teacher Only Day on Friday 22 November. This will be our second Ministry of Education allocated day which is for staff to upskill around changes in Curriculum and Assessment. We will be joining with the Buller schools to learn about the new English and Mathematics curriculums.

