



Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton



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Just a quick newsletter before the term break to celebrate our attendance for term 1 2024. 13% of our students had 100% attendance in term 1 and 40% had attendance of 95% or above. We celebrated these students with a 100% draw and a 95% draw at both the junior and senior assemblies. The prizes for the 100% draw were \$50 Prezzy cards and the prizes for the 95% draw were \$30 Prezzy cards. Our overall attendance for the term is 88%. We would like to thank all our parents and caregivers for supporting our students in improving their attendance.

A reminder that school will close at 3pm on Friday 12 April and will reopen on Monday 29 April for term 2. We hope all our families have a relaxing break.

We would love our students to attend the Citizens ANZAC parade on Thursday 25 April. Students are asked to meet at 9.45 am at the Reefton Workingmens’s Club to be ready to march to the Cenotaph. Students are asked to wear school uniform for the parade.

Potfolios will be going home with primary students this Friday and some students in their first three years at school will have reports posted out early next week.

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.

School Holidays

Closes

3pm Friday 12 April

Reopens

Monday 29 April

ANZAC Day

9.55 am

Thursday 25 April

Dental Therapists

Onsite from

Monday 29 April

# Buller District Attendance Services

## Every Day Of School Matters

**1 day off per fortnight = 1 year of education lost**

As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

**You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent** for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

## Attendance Services

We are here to support tamariki aged 6 to 16 and their whanau to **engage regularly** in school.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us and/or your school! Your school is committed to supporting your child to attend and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whanau
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating and progressing in their education.



## Attendance Officer

*Ameena McBride*

Ameena's role focuses on students with attendance rates under 70% and non-enrolled students.

School will evaluate which students need referring to her. From there she works with the whanau, student and school on the best plan for getting back to regular attendance.



## Engagement Officer

*Kylie Kennard*

Kylie's role is focusing on the attendance data and working with schools on strategies they can use to increase the student's engagement. This is primarily based around students with attendance rates between 70-90%.

If you have any questions regarding attendance and engagement, please email Kylie:  
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