



Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton



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We have a group of 20 senior students away in Murchison for the Top of the South Island Area School's Tournament. They left on Sunday and return on Thursday. They take part in a range of sports and cultural activities during the week, along with the six other area schools in the Top of the South Island.

Due to the number of senior students away this week the Year 11 students will not be having their usual day at the farm on Tuesday 26 March.

Our school is closed for Easter on Friday 29 March, Monday 1 April and Tuesday 2 April. The holidays start on Friday 12 April and school will reopen for term 2 on Monday 29 April.

Our students have been invited to take part in the ANZAC Day Citizens Parade which leaves the Reefton Workingmen's Club at 9.55am on Thursday 25 April. This is during the holidays but we would appreciate students attending in school uniform.

We just wish to give our community a heads up that Wayne Wright is working reduced hours at the moment. If you have any business that you would normally talk to Wayne about please contact Sue Bass.

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

School Closed

Good Friday 29 March

Easter Monday 1 April

Tuesday 2 April

No Farm

Tuesday 26 March

ANZAC Day

Citizens Parade

9.55 am

25 April

Cellphones and Other Digital Devices Consultation:

Thank you to all the parent and caregivers who completed the consultation about the use of cell phones at school. The Board of Trustees have taken your thoughts into consideration in developing the revised policy which is included below. This policy comes into effect from the start of term 2 and will be implemented rigidly. Please discuss this with your children. If a bus student in Years 1 - 10 requires their phone after school for any reason their caregiver can ring the school office and organize for it to be held in the office during the school day.

We appreciate your support in ensuring all students have a clear understanding of this policy.

Cellphones and Other Digital Devices

A personal digital device is any privately owned digital device that is not part of any school-approved Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme.

- Reefton Area School does not allow students in Years 1 – 10 to bring personal digital devices to school.
- Reefton Area School does not recommend that students in Years 11 – 14 bring personal digital devices to school, but they can be brought if they are turned off and left in their bags for the duration of the school day.

We discuss the school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed. Any changes to our school rules are communicated to students and our school community.

Parent/Caregiver and student responsibilities:

Students should not use smartwatches for communication during school hours. If a parent/caregiver needs to contact their child during the day, they should call the office.

If a student brings a personal digital device to our school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen devices brought to the school but investigates any issues as appropriate.
- Students in Years 1 – 10 must not bring phones to school.
- Students in Years 11 – 14 must turn their devices off and keep them out of sight during school hours.
- Devices may not be used at break times.
- Students may be able to take devices on EOTC events, but should check with the teacher or person in charge whether the device is allowed before the event starts.

Inappropriate use

If a student uses a personal digital device inappropriately (including using a cellphone when it is not allowed) the student must hand it to a staff member immediately when asked. If possible, students should lock their device before handing it to staff. The device will be kept in the office and can be collected by the student at the end of the day. If this happens a second time the digital device will need to be collected by a parent/caregiver. If this happens subsequent times a meeting will be called which will include the student, parent/caregiver and senior management to decide on the next step.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:

- Using the device when not permitted;
- Any sort of bullying;
- Taking photos or videos of other people without their permission;
- Forwarding inappropriate messages or content.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device is managed through the school Behaviour Management, Responding to Digital Incident, and Surrender and Retention of Personal Digital Devices policies and procedures, as appropriate.

PB4L Focus

A Place for Everything and Everything in Its Place.

Respect: Take care of the school environment, Be considerate of other people and their property, Look after class equipment.

Self Manage: Have correct equipment with you, Look after your own gear, Maintain a positive school image.