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Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton

Principal's Comments

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are currently experiencing an upsurge in COVID-19 cases in school. A good number of students and staff are isolating at home as they are unwell. As a result of this we have had to make some changes

Year 11/12/13-14 students are rostered home on **Friday.** They will do home learning. Trades and Gateway will go ahead as normal. On Monday school will resume as normal.

Any seniors coming to school will be supervised.

School athletics will now be on Thursday March 9.

School photos will now be on May 8.

Three-way conferences were to be held Tuesday / Wednesday next week. They will now be held towards the end of Term One, most likely on March 27/28.

W. Wright - Principal

Tuesday March 7 Safe Walking Junior Classes	Tuesday March 8 West Coast Secondary Athletics	Thursday March 9 Reefton Area School Athletics 9:00 am start

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School Values

Respect-Manaaki

Aspire-Wawata

Self Manage-Tu Tāngata

Mel Caddie
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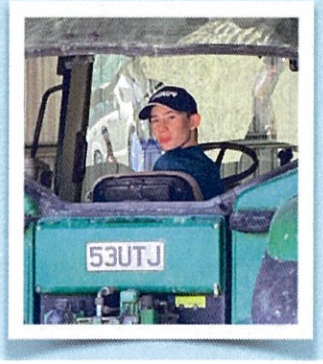
Deputy Principal

RAS Enviroschool Silver Award

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

ENVIROSCHOOLS

We hope to get underway a project that has been planned for a number of years. Students are keen to get a bike track established in the grounds.
We are exploring the costings of this and hope to get our school community in behind the venture.



Summer of Reading

Over the holiday break we ran our Summer of Reading Challenge. Students who took part are in a special prize draw. This will happen at Junior Assembly on Friday March 17.

New Bed Alarm for Reefton Children.

The Inangahua children's Trust have brought a new Ramsey Coote Bed Alarm for the Reefton Community.
In New Zealand statistics suggest 8-15% of 7-9 year olds and 5% of over 10 year olds are bed wetter's. This bed alarm will help children who are bed wetter's to become dry at night.
If any families in the Reefton area have a child who is age 7 years or older and wetting the bed please phone Lynley Pratt Public Health Nurse Ph 027 520 8444 for more information.

COVID-19

Just a reminder for our school community to put in place the steps to reduce the chance of infection. Sanitise hands frequently, keep social distance, keep rooms well ventilated, practice good hygiene care and stay at home if unwell.

Should you or your whānau experience difficulty with COVID in your household there are community supports available.

Safe Walking / Safe Cycling

We are about to start safe walking, safe cycling programmes over the next two weeks. Students will be working with Paul Gurney, the education officer from the Greymouth Police. Class teachers will be in touch when the programmes are operating.

West Coast Secondary Athletics

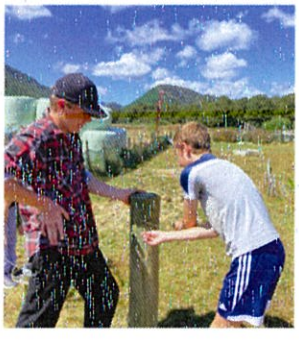
We have a small team of athletes taking part in the West Coast Secondary Athletics on Tuesday March 8. Permission forms will need to come in prior to leaving.

Reefton Area School Athletics

Our school athletics will be held on Thursday March 9. Events for all students will start just after 9:00 am on the school field.
Parents, caregivers and community members are most welcome to attend.

PPTA Industrial Action.

One of the teacher unions that operate on our site have notified that they make take strike action on Thursday March 16. At this point we intend to keep the school open on that day.

REEFTON AREA SCHOOL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our current PB4L focus is on polite appropriate behaviour. Students are asked to use polite language with other people both in and out of school. This is especially when younger students, adults and visitors are around them.