



Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton

We are three weeks into the year now and life back at school is starting to settle down. The classroom programmes are all well underway and our new teachers have settled in very well.

There was recently a meeting for the JJ Mulligan and Inangahua Miner’s Educational Trust which supports young people in our community. A further explanation of the criteria for young people to apply for funding will be appearing in next weeks Clarion but they are looking at supporting more funding applications so please keep this in mind. If you would like any more information feel free to contact Lisa Morris at lisamorris@ras.school.nz.

The year 12’s and 13’s are getting ready for their rafting trip next Wednesday. These outdoor experiences are very important for students as they end up doing things that they may never do again. The weather forecast is a bit inclement next week but lets hope that the settled weather continues for a bit longer.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) this term is “Calm Classrooms.” There are a couple of ways that parents and caregivers can support their tamariki in this. One of the obvious ways is to ensure that your child has everything they need for the day and making sure that your child leaves home in the correct uniform. We know that pens and pencils have a way of disappearing with an annoying regularity, but learning cannot happen without them and it can be very disruptive to the flow of a lesson so please check in with your child to make sure they have everything they need.

**RAS Swimming Sports**  
  
Monday  
17 February

**RAS Athletics Sports**  
  
Wednesday  
5 March

**Yr 12/13 Rafting Trip**  
  
Wednesday  
19 February



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School Values



Respect - Manaaki

Aspire - Wawata

Self Manage -  
Tu Tangata

Mel Caddie  
Chairperson  
Yvonne Catherwood  
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.

## PB4L Focus - The Reefton Area School Way - Calm Classrooms

- Polite appropriate behavior - be a good role model
- Be on time for class
- Have correct equipment with you
- Move promptly to your next class
- Look after your own gear
- Plan to meet deadlines
- Make positive decisions about your learning

### Attendance

Attendance is a very difficult subject for schools to talk about because families often feel that the reason for their tamariki to be absent but the Ministry of Education are promoting the position that; ***“Your child is legally required to be at school every day, unless they are sick. Whānau | family holidays or taking time off for extra activities are not acceptable reasons for being absent.”***

For this reason we are required to closely monitor the attendance of each child and will be contacting the Whānau if we have any concerns.

Class	% Attended
B4	95.03%
Year 12	92.31%
B2	91.67%
Year 11	91.16%
Room 4	91.06%
B3	90.76%
B5	88.66%
Room 2	86.09%
Year 10	85.20%
Year 13/14	83.33%



### Ikamatua Bus Run

There has been a slight change to the Ikamatua Bus Run. All students now need to be dropped off on the outward trip to Ikamatua. In the past the students up MaiMai Valley Road were dropped off on the way back to Reefton. This means that every second week students who live between MaiMai Valley Road and Ikamatua will be dropped off approximately 10 minutes later. If you have any queries about this please contact Sue Bass at school.

### Sun Hats

Just a reminder that ALL students are expected to wear hats if they are outside in the first and fourth terms. Junior students are given one sunhat when they start school. Please check that your child/children have a named sunhat to wear

### Bike Track

Remember that the students are allowed to use the bike track on the following days

Monday B5

Tuesday B4

Wednesday B3

Thursday B2

Friday Year 7 & 8

