



Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton

Happy New Year and welcome back to 2025 . We are very excited to start the 2025 school year fully staffed.

Yvonne Catherwood our new Principal has made the move to Reefton and will be here permanently next week.

Jaime-Leigh Dredge is returning from maternity leave and will be our Curriculum Team Leader of Science. Jaime will be teaching NCEA and Year 10 Science.

Rebecca Turnbull is also returning from maternity leave and will be taking up her position as Curriculum Team Leader of Physical Education and Health. Rebecca will be teaching NCEA and some Year 10 PE. Rebecca will also be helping to prepare our Tournament team for the TOSI Tournament at South Westland Area School at the end of term 1.

We have two new staff members starting at the beginning of term 1. Mike Davey has come to us from Buller High School. Mike will be the Year 9 home room teacher and will also be teaching Year 7/8 and Year 10 PE. Mike and the Year 9s will be based in Room 4.

Brigitte Holmes has come to us from Paparoa Range School where she has been in charge of the Blackball site. Brigitte will be the Year 7/8 homeroom teacher and they will be based in Room 2.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school in the next week.



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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.

First Day 2025

Monday 27 January

Book Exchange

Monday 20 January  
in the Library

Subject Selection

22 January  
23 January  
2025

## **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

### **Final Book Exchange**

The final Book Exchange for Year 1—8 students will be happening in the Library on Monday 20 January from 11 am - 1 pm.

### **Subject Selection**

Students in Years 11 - 13 will need to come in to select their subjects for 2025 on Wednesday 22 January or Thursday 23 January. We will be available from 10am to 2pm both days.

### **School Office Opening Hours in January**

The school office will be open from 10am to 2pm the week before school opens - Monday 20 January to Friday 24 January. Students in Years 1 - 9 will have their stationery delivered to their classes so they are ready to start work on the first day. Parents and caregivers will be sent an account for their children's books etc.

### **Teacher Only Day**

This will be held on Friday 24 January.

### **First Day of School**

School will start on Monday 27 January for the 2025 year. In week 2 there will be two holidays:

Monday 3 February is Buller Anniversary Day and school will be closed.

Thursday 6 February is Waitangi Day and school will be closed.

### **Year 11 Farm**

The Year 11 students will have the opportunity to spend a day a week at the Tai Poutini Farm in Reefton. Students will gain lots of practical experience on the training farm. They will learn about tractors, quad bikes and LUVs as well as farm machinery. They will carry out farm maintenance like fence repairs and understand health and safety and how to identify risks. The students will have the opportunity to earn 20 level 2 credits. The students will go to the farm each Tuesday in terms 1 and 2.

