



Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton

We were delighted to announce the appointment of our new principal this week. Yvonne Catherwood comes to us with over 10 years experience as a principal. Her most recent position was six years as principal at Longford Intermediate School in Gore. Yvonne is excited to be joining Reefton Area School as principal from the start of the 2025 year. She and her husband Mike are planning to move to Reefton over the summer break. We are hoping Yvonne will be in Reefton during term 4 to meet our wonderful students and community.

Our annual Repertory for Kids performance is planned for the evening of Wednesday 25 September with a start time of 7pm in the school hall. We will start the evening with some of our Kapa Haka Roopu's winning items from Te Ahurei Kapa Haka festival . This will be followed by plays presented by students from B3, B2 and our Year 7/8 class. Please check with you child/ren if they are committed to a role in this performance and please let us know if they will be unable to make it. This will avoid the rest of the group being let down by someone not turning up. Please come along and support our performers.

This Thursday we have members of the Defence Force coming to present a careers information talk to our senior students. They will then do a team building exercise with our Year 12 and 13 students. Students interested in a career in the Defence Forces will also have an opportunity to catch up with members of the visiting team one to one.

School ends for term 3 at 3pm on Friday 27 September, and will reopen on Monday 14 October. For any urgent business over the break please contact Sue.



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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.

Repertory for Kids
Wednesday 25
September
7pm
In the hall

**Common Assessment
Activities**
Numeracy
Friday 20 Septemeber

School Holidays
start at 3pm on
Friday 27
September.

PB4L Focus - Respect our School Environment

- Put your rubbish in the bin;
- Make our school environment a place we can be proud of;
- Pick up rubbish if you see it.

Blacks Point Bus

A reminder that the last day of the Blacks Point bus run is Friday 27 September. This bus has been stopped due to a lack of eligible students on the bus. The Ministry of Education has assured us that it will be reinstated if more students move into the area.

Numeracy Common Assessment Activity

Just a reminder that a number of students in Year 10 and Year 11 are entered into this assessment which is scheduled to take place at 9am on Friday 20 September. If your child normally goes to Trades Academy on a Friday but is entered in this assessment they will remain at school for the day on Friday. The Trades Academy has been notified that they won't be there.

Reporting to Parents

NCEA updates will be posted to parents of students in Years 11, 12 and 13 before the end of term.

Some students in Years 1 - 3 will receive an anniversary report at the end of term. These will also be posted out.

Students in the B block will receive a Portfolio containing this term's Learning Stories to bring home before the end of term.

If you have any questions about any of these please do not hesitate to contact your child's form or homeroom teacher.

Group Leadership Course

Our Year 12 and 13 PE students will have the opportunity to complete a Group Leadership Course run by The Learning Place next week. The course will run for two days on Tuesday and Wednesday. The students will learn how to work cooperatively in small groups to plan interactive activities. They will also learn how to give clear instructions, accept constructive feedback and how to overcome any potential barriers. They will also get the opportunity to lead some fun activity sessions. The students will have the opportunity to earn 15 NCEA level 3 credits over the two days.

Year 5, 6 and 7 Hanmer Trip

B2 had an awesome time in Hanmer, despite starting one day with snow on the ground! Thank you to Caroline Wright for organizing the trip and to the other helpers for making it a successful trip.

