



**Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton**

We are really pleased with the positive way our students responded to the big changes in their classes at the start of term. Students from Year 2 through to Year 10 have had to adjust to new teachers, new teaching spaces and new class mates and they have all done it with very little disruption. Well done to everyone.

We have unfortunately been notified by the Ministry of Education that as of the end of term 3, 2024 the Blacks Point bus will no longer run. This is because currently there are only a small number of eligible students catching the bus. We have been assured by the Ministry that if this situation changes in the future they will consider reinstating the bus.

Our Kapa Haka performance group is busy practicing for the festival which is being held at Greymouth High School this year, on Wednesday 28th August. Thank you to the team who are preparing the group for their performance - they are sounding awesome. It is always great when we get a combination of our oldest students working with younger students.

We have four students travelling to Greymouth each Thursday at the moment for Gateway workplace placements. Miley, Taylah and Jordan are working at the Warehouse, and Maclane is working in the New World Butchery department. The students will earn over 20 credits towards their NCEA qualification, as well as getting practical workplace experience. Both employers have spoken very highly about the students' commitment to, and interest in the jobs they are doing. We are so proud of them.



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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.

## PB4L Focus - Move quietly between classes - Respect people's space

- Keep left on verandahs;
- Keep doorways clear—especially on verandahs;
- Move promptly to the next class;
- Walk on verandahs;
- Move quietly between classes.

### Family Challenge

Our first big event for the term is our rescheduled Family Challenge which is happening next week on Thursday 8 August at 7pm in the school hall. This is an evening of fun and high seas adventure led by Captain Florence and her band of pirate misfits. Enter your pirate team at the school office, find your eye patch and parrot and come along.



### Teacher Training

We currently have two student teachers working in our school. Watchful Stedfast is in B3 for two days a week, and Mathew Pilgrim is completing a four week placement in B5. Mathew is at the end of his training and will be undertaking most of the teaching in B5 over the next two weeks.

Also, Zie Rosanowski, who is our Arts Coordinator and a Teacher Aide in our junior school, is undertaking her teacher training and is currently on placement at Awahono School for four weeks. We are looking forward to her being back in week 5.

### Attendance

Below is our attendance for week 1 of term 3. Fantastic work from our newly formed Year 7/8 class. It is so good to see four classes above 90% attendance - keep it up.

Please remember to contact the office if your child is staying at home. Also if your child is not going home on the bus let us know so that we are not having to look for them or try ringing you at the end of the day.

Class	% Present
Yr 13/14	78.65%
Yr 9/10	81.41%
B2	85.31%
B3	88.49%
Yr 12	88.64%
B5	90.91%
B4	93.56%
Yr 11	93.75%
Year 7/8	97.39%

### Secondhand Uniform

Please remember we have a really good stock of secondhand uniform that you are welcome to take uniform from for your child/children. There is also a good supply of both new and used shoes. There is no charge for this uniform. We also really appreciate donations of uniform.