



Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton

It's very exciting to be starting a new year and I have felt very welcome since arriving in Reefton. I have met many people and I'm starting to learn the names of all the students but this will take some time.

The new lunches are meeting a mixed response from the students and given the choice we would have loved to have continued with the lunches we had last year but unfortunately this option was not available to us. These lunches are very healthy and filling and are still vitally important to many of our students.

At the teacher only day last week the staff decided that it will be a requirement for all the students to wear a hat in the sun this term. It is important that the senior students set a good example for the younger students and the sun is just as damaging no matter what age they are. We are happy for students to stay in the shade if they have forgotten a hat or choose not to wear one.

There are a lot of things happening this term with all sorts of opportunities for the students to follow their passions. They are already talking about Tournament at the end of the term and this is obviously something that they are very excited about.

Next week is going to be a bit of a mucky week because of the two days that the school will be closed. We have Buller Anniversary Day on Monday the third of February and Waitangi Day is on Thursday. This will give everyone a good opportunity to get their breath back after an energetic start to the year.

Buller Anniversary Day
Monday 3 February

Waitangi Day
Thursday
6 February

RAS Swimming Sports
Monday
17 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

Uniforms

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform each day.

We are currently running short of second hand uniforms so if you have any uniform items at home that you would be prepared to donate these would be gratefully appreciated.

Term dates for 2025

Term 1

Monday 27 January—Friday 11 April

Public Holidays—Buller Anniversary Day 3 February

Waitangi Day 6 February

Term 2

Monday 28 April—Friday 27 June

Public Holidays—Kings Birthday 2 June

Matariki 20 June

Term 3

Monday 14 July—Friday 19 September

Term 4

Monday 6 October—TBC

Public Holiday—Labour Day 27 October

Stationery

If you would like to pay for your child's stationery online you can do this directly into our bank account—02 0880 0054786 00. Alternatively you will receive an invoice at a later date.

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.

They will need to bring their own packed lunch on these days

