



Reefton Area School - Te Kura Takiwa o Reefton

Our seniors have now finished their exams. We hope they are all happy with their results when they come out in January.

Our primary staff had a very successful teacher only day on Friday. We travelled to Westport and combined with several Westport schools. In the morning we attended two sessions run by Ministry of Education advisors on the new Mathematics and English curriculums which will start to be implemented in 2025. In the afternoon we attended a He Ruru Mātauranga session. This was again a great learning experience with all of the teachers coming away with ideas to use in their classes straight away.

On Thursday evening at 7pm we have our 2024 Celebration of Learning happening in our school hall. This is an opportunity for our younger students to present items that they have brought together in their homerooms, and for students in the more senior part of our school to be acknowledged with a variety of awards. Students may need to be here earlier to dress for their parts. Teachers will be in contact if this is the case. You will be invited to join us for supper in the staffroom afterwards.

Class	% Attended
B5	92.50%
B2	90.43%
B4	89.80%
Year 7/8	89.61%
B3	88.86%
Yr 9/10	82.96%

Term 4 Attendance

Here is the attendance for the term 4 to date. It is great to see all classes averaging above 80% for the term, and so many close to our 90% target. Only a couple of weeks to go so keep it up.

Celebration of Learning
7pm
Thursday 28
November

EPIC Experience
Wednesday 27
November

Last day of 2024
Wednesday 11
December



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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 - Respect Others and their Property

- Be considerate towards other people and their property;
- Be considerate of school equipment in order to prolong its life;
- Prevent bullying through the misuse of personal property.

Pertussis or Whooping Cough

Pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious respiratory disease. It causes severe bouts of coughing, which may be accompanied by vomiting and a whooping sound. Pertussis can last up to three months and is sometimes referred to as the 'hundred day cough'. The symptoms are more obvious in children, because infants and adults are less likely to 'whoop'.

The Ministry of Health have declared the early stages of a Pertussis (Whooping Cough) epidemic in New Zealand. Pertussis is vaccine preventable. Some cases have already been identified in the Buller region and they seem to have been mainly pre-school and school based.

If you have any questions or concerns you can ring Healthline 24/7 on 0800 611 11 6

Headlice

These critters are about in all areas of the school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary.

Bike Track

Remember students can bring their bikes to school to use the Bike Track now the weather is improving, and we do have a couple of bikes available at school to use. Students need to bring their own helmets though. The roster for use of the Bike Track is:

Monday	B5
Tuesday	B4
Wednesday	B3
Thursday	B2
Friday	Year 8/9

Summer Reading Challenge 2024/2025

Our Year 1 - 8 students will bring home a bag of six reading books towards the end of the term, they will have the opportunity over the summer break to come and exchange their reading books. Data shows that many students' reading levels drop over the summer break. We want to overcome this by encouraging students to continue reading over the holidays. When your child exchanges their books they will get a Duffy's Book to add to their home library, and they will be entered into the Summer Reading Challenge prize draw which will be made early in 2025.

Their books can be exchanged for new ones on the following days between 11 am and 1pm in the library:

- Monday 23 December
- Monday 6 January
- Monday 20 January

EPIC Experience

On Wednesday we have a small group of Year 7, 8 and 9 students being given the opportunity to take part in a Virtual Reality experience through EPIC in Westport. EPIC is a technology and gaming development hub in Westport and creates innovative products used worldwide. This is an opportunity for our young people to have the chance to meet inspirational developers in our own community. We are grateful to Liane from Homebuilders West Coast Trust for making this opportunity happen for our students.