

NEWSLETTER

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Our School Values -
Respect - Manaaki Aspire - Wawata Self Manage - Tu Tangata

Principal's Message

We are very excited to embark on somewhat of a refresh of how our school looks and is presented to the wider public. We have a very proud history of the birth of Reefton Area School and in no way want to change that but it has been 20 years since the school was formed and we are looking at refreshing our image. The best place to start with this is to refresh our logo. To do this we will be consulting with the community, whānau, students and staff to relook at what is important to us as a school that reflects the special place that Reefton is on the West Coast. You will hear more on this in the near future.

We know that many members of our school community are very concerned about bullying and we are listening. Our school leaders have met with Jason Johnson from the Ministry of Education who has the responsibility for facilitating the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme that we follow here at school. He will be working with the staff and will also be holding a whānau meeting in term 2 to speak about bullying and how the PB4L programme works to make our procedures clearer for whānau. The date for the meeting has been set for **Wednesday 21 May at 6pm**. We will provide some kai and welcome all whānau. The term is speeding towards the end but we have some very excited students about to represent us at the TOSI tournament that starts in just over a week.



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Important Dates	
31 March	Buller Primary Athletics
6 April	TOSI Tournament SWAS
11 April	End of Term 1
28 April	Start of Term 2

PB4L Focus - Rubbish

- ☐ **Respect our school environment;**
- ☐ **Put your rubbish in the correct bin;**
- ☐ **We want our school environment to be a place we can be proud of;**
- ☐ **This is everyone's responsibility.**



SchoolDocs

You can access all the policies and procedures of Reefton Area School on the **schooldocs** website. The web address is schooldocs.co.nz. You simply search for Reefton Area School and use the username **ras** and the password **victorystreet**.

Science Field Trips

In Week 6, the students from Year 10 to Year 13 conducted an investigation on local stream health. Year 11 was looking at the effects of deforestation/lack of riparian vegetation on the water quality and species of macroinvertebrates that could survive there. Year 12 and 13 conducted a range of sampling methods to identify a relationship between Biotic (bugs) and abiotic factors (water quality, temperature, nutrients). It was so fantastic to see all students conducting themselves in an efficient and professional manner while out in the field. We found lots of interesting and unexpected specimens; we found plenty of high scoring creatures in the forested stream!



edge
caregiver

The edge app allows you to view school information about your child or children, including NCEA achievement, timetables and attendance. To help you download the app please follow this youtube link - <https://youtu.be/qaGOK6mDTIg>

Lunches

We are aware that some children are not enjoying the lunches being provided at the moment but want to give a few reminders about the food being sent from home. We are a Health Promoting school so encourage you to send healthy snacks. We are seeing a lot of chips, sugar rich muesli bars and biscuits which are not providing the energy your child needs for giving their best to learning. Also a lot of these snacks are pre-packaged and we are noticing a big increase in rubbish around the school. Our current Positive Behaviour for Learning focus is rubbish because of this.

Remember that we still have Breakfast Club from Tuesday to Friday and fruit is coming into the school each day.

Class	% Attended
B4	95.29%
B2	93.40%
Room 4	92.06%
B3	91.66%
Yr 11	90.96%
B5	90.07%
Room 2	88.27%
Year 13/14	87.14%
Yr 12	83.27%
Yr 10	82.90%

Student Leadership Conference

A number of our senior students attended the inaugural Student Leadership Conference in Hokitika this week. They listened to three different speakers - Ashley Cassin (Deputy Mayor for Westland), Zac Shaw (Nature Economy Lead), and Ariel Hodgson (Student Volunteer Army). This was an opportunity for them to network with other students throughout the West Coast and also listen to people who are leading great initiatives and making a difference in our world. The students enjoyed the day and have started thinking about the possibility of having a day later in the year where they could volunteer out in the community.



The Group of students at the Leadership Conference this week